



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Redevelopment Authority

GCRA meets at 12:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Joanna Searcy Reese	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Ms.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Entrepreneur + Realtor
Employer:	Self	School Attended:	
Highest Degree Earned:	Bachelor, some work on MBA	Field of Study:	Business, Marketing, + Spanish
Year of Graduation:	2010	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

NA

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Woman-Owned Small Business Owner

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

I have volunteered for a wide variety of nonprofits, including local food banks, United Way, community centers, and more. I also served as the Executive Director for a nonprofit for 2 years with the goal of economic empowerment for women through establishing sustainable microbusinesses.

My interest in serving on the Redevelopment Authority is:

I am passionate about finding solutions to the inequities that hold back those in poverty. As a young mother, I remember needing food stamps to get by. But now I own multiple businesses! I want to see more individuals be equipped with tools to rise above their economic situation.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

I will serve for three years on a committee that seeks to improve the quality of life for low-income citizens of Greenville County through improved affordable housing and revitalization of our community.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Redevelopment Authority:

I have worked with various nonprofits, such as United Ministries, over the past few years. Along with my business acumen and passion for advocating for those in poverty, I believe I can contribute a lot to the community in this position. I am also a Realtor, so affordable housing is an important issue for me.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Redevelopment Authority are:

Affordable housing is my top concern. I believe that when people have steady, safe housing, they are better equipped to overcome poverty.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No
If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Additional Questions

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check? Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Redevelopment Authority? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Redevelopment Authority? Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions? Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position? Yes No

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Does your employer receive direct services from this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Statement of Agreement and Understanding

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Signature: Joanna Reese

Date: 9/6/2024

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.