2021 WA Board Candidate Application: Eligibility Confirmation & Optional Questionnaire

We are so glad you are part of the Whittier neighborhood. Thank you for your interest in sharing your time and talents through service on the Whittier Alliance (WA) Board of Directors! Please read all information carefully.

Before you complete this form, please take some time to review the WA Board Candidate Info Sheet and WA Board of Directors Job Description & Responsibilities: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DiyzLAPHiN_sXPjLDq0zoXu-fG2BoTlDvo_a_63BR1w/edit

As you move through this form, please reach out to the kaley@whittieralliance.org or 612-871-7756 if you need any assistance. Paper or digital PDF forms (non-editable) are available upon request.

There are five parts of the board application:
- Your Membership Info
- Membership Confirmation/Registration
- WA Engagement within 12 months of Annual Meeting Confirmation
- Board Seat Interest
- Optional Questionnaire

Your name, the Board seat you are seeking, and any answers provided in the Questionnaire section will be used for your profile on the public digital voter guide at http://www.whittieralliance.org/whittier-annual-meeting-2021; the earlier you submit this form, the more time voters have to learn about you as a candidate.

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Your Member Information (required)

1. Name (first and last) *

2. Date of Birth *

Example: January 7, 2019
3. Pronouns *

*Check all that apply.*

- [ ] she/her/hers
- [ ] he/him/his
- [ ] they/them/their
- [ ] ey/em/eirs
- [ ] xe/xem/xyr
- [ ] ze/hir/hirs
- [ ] Just use my name
- [ ] Prefer not to say

Other: _____

4. I am a... *

*Select all that apply.*

- [ ] Whittier Resident (rent or own)
- [ ] Whittier Business Owner
- [ ] Whittier Property Owner

5. Address *

Please provide the address that qualifies you as a member of the Whittier Alliance. This should be your home, business or property address inside the neighborhood boundary. EX: 10 East 25th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

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6. Preferred Language *

*Mark only one oval.*

- [ ] English
- [ ] Spanish
- [ ] Somali
- [ ] Other
In order to qualify as a board candidate, you must be a member on our registered list or prove membership eligibility. Please read carefully.

Have you voted at a Whittier Alliance meeting between now and the March 2019 Annual Meeting? Then you are on our registered membership list. Confirm your registration in the following question and move on to the next section.

Never voted at a WA meeting before? Have you not voted since 2019? Then you are NOT on WA's current registered membership list. You must provide proof that you live in or own a business/property in Whittier.

A resident can provide one of the following showing your Whittier address AND name:
- ID card (does NOT need to have a photo)
- Current residential lease or rent agreement, including sublease the term of which covers the date of voting, or student housing documentation
- Bill, account, or start-of-service statement due or dated within past 30 days for:
  a. Phone, TV or Internet
  b. Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
  c. Banking or credit card
  d. Rent or mortgage

*If you do not have any of the above, you can be vouched for by a registered WA member. Please email kaley@whittieralliance.org to coordinate.

Property owners must present documentation of ownership that matches the property’s Whittier address and your name with the name under which the property taxes are paid.

Owner of a business must provide documentation of ownership that lists the owner’s name, the property’s Whittier address, and the full business name.

Acceptable documentation includes:
  a. A current Secretary of State certificate of good standing; or,
  b. A current City of Minneapolis business license; or,
  c. A current utility bill; or,
  d. A current bank statement; or,
  e. The filed articles of incorporation

For full membership eligibility/registration info see WA Bylaws pages 2-3:

7. I have already completed registration by providing proof of residency or property/business ownership status. *

   Again, if you have not voted since before 2019, your membership is likely not confirmed. If you are certain you have already registered, mark “yes” to this question and move on to the section 4.

   Mark only one oval.

   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Unsure

8. If “No” or “Unsure” above, provide proof of residency or property/business ownership status. Please indicate how you completed this step:

   Mark only one oval.

   ☐ emailed proof to kaley@whittieralliance.org
   ☐ emailed kaley@whittierallianie.org to set up a time to bring my proof in person
   ☐ called Whittier Alliance office at 612-871-7756 to set up a time to bring my proof in person
In order to be an eligible WA Board candidate, you must be able to demonstrate attendance at a Whittier Alliance sponsored event, meeting or task force, or an individual meeting with Whittier Alliance staff or a Board Member within the 12 months before the Annual Meeting (May 27th 2020 - May 26th 2021).

Reach out to kaley@whittieralliance.org or 612-871-7756 if you are unsure whether your eligibility is confirmed.

9. Please select all that apply. Since May 26th 2020, I have: *

   Check all that apply.

   - [ ] attended a Housing Issues meeting.
   - [ ] attended a Community Issues meeting.
   - [ ] attended a WA Board meeting.
   - [ ] attended the January Special Meeting on the WA Bylaws proposal
   - [ ] met with a WA staff or board member.
   - [ ] volunteered on a specific project or initiative (please list in the "Other" field below)
   - [ ] participated in a different WA sponsored activity (please list in the "Other" field below)

   Other: ________________________________

Board Seat Interest (required)

10. What type of Board seat are you interested in running for? *

   "Resident" includes anyone who lives within the bounds of the Whittier neighborhood. “Property Owner” includes anyone who owns commercial or residential property in the Whittier neighborhood that they themselves do not live in (i.e. If you own the house or condo you live in, you would run for a Resident seat, not a Business/Property Owner seat. However if you owned other property in the neighborhood, you could choose to run for a Business/Property Owner seat).

   Check all that apply.

   - [ ] Resident - Homeowner, Renter, etc. (4 available seats, 3 year term)
   - [ ] Nonprofit Business (1-2 available seats, 1 year term)
   - [ ] For-profit Business / Property Owner (1-2 available seats, 1 year term)
   - [ ] Community Issues Committee Chair (1 seat available, 1 year term elected on June 9, 2021)
   - [ ] Housing Issues Committee Chair (1 seat available, 1 year term elected on June 15, 2021)

11. If you selected more than one type of board seat above, please rank your choices below with "1" being your top interest.

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This portion is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. You can answer all, some or none. All Questionnaire submissions will be used for candidate profiles on the public digital voter guide at http://www.whittieralliance.org/whittier-annual-meeting-2021.

We recognize that long answer responses are not accessible for everyone. Again, if you need any assistance to complete this form, please reach out to kaley@whittieralliance.org or 612-871-7756.

There is a 250 word limit on all answers.

12. Why are you interested in serving on the WA Board of Directors?

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13. What experiences, talents, or perspectives do you possess that you feel would be an asset to the Whittier Alliance?

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14. Describe any experiences you’ve had in serving the neighborhood and/or larger community. (Volunteer positions, committees, organizations, businesses, etc.)

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The Whittier Alliance represents a community of multiracial, multi-ethnic, and multilingual neighbors who are diverse in ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, faith, socio-economic, and immigration status. The Whittier Alliance strives to be inclusive in all its activities of all persons. All chairs, facilitators and participants of Whittier Alliance meetings seek to prioritize the voices of historically underrepresented people, populations and/or communities; will not promote or tolerate racist, xenophobic, sexist, misogynistic, homophobic, transphobic, or other violent comments or language; will seek to teach all members anti-racist, equity-driven and inclusive approaches to community and neighborhood work in Whittier.

15. Within a world riddled with injustices and disparities, the above is a big undertaking. As an organization, the Whittier Alliance is trying, failing, progressing, learning and growing in these pursuits of equity and inclusion. However big or small, how would you support these efforts as a board member?

The Whittier Alliance's current strategic plan consists of four main pillars: 1.) Community Engagement - Inspire and equip the Whittier community to be good stewards of the neighborhood and to make the change they'd like to see. 2.) Housing - Protect and expand the variety of housing options in Whittier, for people at every life stage and economic condition. 3.) Businesses, Institutions, and other Orgs. - Support the vibrant and distinctive mix of Whittier businesses, institutions, and other organizations. 4.) Organizational Sustainability - Develop the institutional power necessary to achieve our priorities and reliably serve the neighborhood for another 40 years.

Full strategic plan:

16. Please select one of the four strategic plan pillars, share why it is important and how you would contribute in this area as a board member.
17. Do you have experience in any of the following areas?
None of these experiences are required to serve on the board.

Check all that apply.

☐ Non Profit Governance
☐ Fundraising / Grant Writing
☐ Finances / Accounting
☐ Event Planning / Coordination
☐ Community Organizing / Engagement
☐ Anti - Racism / Anti - Oppression Work & Approaches
☐ Cross Cultural Relationship Building
☐ Residential / Commercial Development
☐ Urban Planning / Design
☐ Architecture
☐ Affordable Housing / Renter Advocacy
☐ Art / Music / Dance
☐ Volunteer Management
☐ Group & Meeting Facilitation
☐ Human Resources
☐ IT / Web Design / Technology
☐ Databases / Data Entry
☐ Conflict Mediation
☐ Trauma Informed Care
☐ Unhoused Community Members
☐ Somali (Language)
☐ Spanish (Language)
☐ Hmong (Language)
☐ Vietnamese (Language)
Other: ☐ ____________________________________________

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