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## CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

### Application for Charlottesville City Council Appointed Member

*Applications must be received in the Office of the Clerk of Council*

*no later than 5 p.m. on January 30, 2023*

In accordance with City Charter Sec. 8, the City seeks qualified applicants for appointment to the Charlottesville City Council to fill the unexpired term of departing Councilor Magill. Pursuant to state and local law, qualified applicants must be a resident of the City of Charlottesville for at least thirty days prior to appointment to fill the vacant seat. All persons who are qualified voters of the City of Charlottesville shall be eligible for appointment to fill the unexpired term until December 31, 2023. The appointed council member shall, before entering upon the duties of their offices, take the oaths prescribed for all City Councilors under Virginia law and qualify before the Charlottesville Circuit Court.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name Lisa D. Larson-Torres

Home Address [REDACTED] Charlottesville, VA 22901

\*You must be registered to vote in the City of Charlottesville. You can determine this by checking your voter card or by calling the Voter Registration Office at 434-970-3250.

Phone [REDACTED] Cell Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

### QUALIFICATIONS

1. How long have you resided in the City of Charlottesville? 23yrs.
2. Have you ever been elected or appointed as an Officer or Commissioner for the City of Charlottesville? yes If so, please explain.  
Charlottesville City School Board member (current-2nd term)
3. Please indicate why you are interested in serving on City Council:  
(see attachment)

4. Please indicate areas of your experience and knowledge that you see as important for consideration of your application for appointment:  
(see attachment)

5. Please list any relevant leadership skills or educational training:  
(see attachment)

Indicate if you are attaching additional information pertinent to this application.



Attachments are provided



No attachments were necessary

Signature



Date

January 30, 2023

**Please be advised that upon submission, this application and supporting documents becomes a public record and may be published by the City of Charlottesville.**

Return application to:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council  
605 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

OR

Clerk@charlottesville.gov

**3. Please indicate why you are interested in serving on City Council:**

I have been a resident of Charlottesville City for 23 years. My daughter graduated from CHS in 2020 and attended Charlottesville City Schools 2nd-12th grades. I am a home health care physical therapist. I have had the honor to meet and provide medical care for many Charlottesville families in their homes. My time spent with community members has provided me insight and awareness into the ongoing challenges and disparities many of the people in our community face on a daily basis.

I am currently on the Charlottesville City School Board and was gratefully re-elected to my second term in November 2021. I am proud of the ongoing work of our school board and feel I have been an integral part of that work. Councilor Magill's seat becoming available opened an unexpected door and if appointed, I feel that I have something that I can offer the City of Charlottesville *now*. Whether on the school board or council, I am committed to advocating and holding space for those who may feel left behind.

**4. Please indicate areas of your experience and knowledge that you see as important for consideration of your application for appointment:**

My 5+ years on the school board are extremely relevant and a definite asset. Our board works closely with council and other government elected officials (Delegate Hudson, Senator Deeds, U.S. Senator's Kaine and Warner and our Congressman). The experience and knowledge I have gained through this work includes balancing and approving budgets, setting policy and advocating for legislation affecting Charlottesville citizens. I have quickly learned that this type of work is far from easy especially when trying to weigh all interests at hand. I am passionate, dedicated and willing to do the work.

Other pertinent experience/service:

- Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) member x 3yrs
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) member x 3yrs
- CATEC Center Board member x 1yr
- CCSchools Equity Committee member
- VSBA Delegate Assembly rep. x 3yrs
- CCS PreSchool Steering committee member x 5yrs
- Gifted Advisory Committee member
- Special Education Advisory member x 8yrs
- CCS rep. for Cville Plans Together committee
- Bennett's Village Board member x 2yrs
- African American Teaching Fellows board member x 5yrs

**5. Please list any relevant leadership skills or educational training:**

My recent 2 years as school board chair exemplify my ability to lead and collaborate by tackling critically important topics such as:

- Charlottesville City Schools return to learn during COVID
- leading the board through a Superintendent search process
- providing ongoing support and collaboration with the community and stakeholders
- successfully moving forward and receiving council CIP funding for our middle-school reconfiguration project
- co-lead in work sessions with CEA/VEA on our collective bargaining resolution

I remain humbled and committed to work in whatever capacity I can to address the ongoing and at times escalating challenges within our great city. Thank you for the opportunity to apply.