

Application Form**Profile**

Daniel

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Riegel

Last Name

Preferred Name

Email Address

500 E. Riverside Drive

Home Address

Apt. 228

Suite or Apt

Austin

City

TX

State

78704

Postal Code

Residency and District Information

Are you a City of Austin Resident? *☒ Yes**Are you, or your employer, a registered lobbyist with the City or have you, or your employer, been registered as a lobbyist with the City Clerk within the past three years?**

No

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Cell Phone**Home Phone****Business Phone****Select Your District**☒ District 9

Richards Rodriguez & Skeith

Employer

Partner

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve on a board or commission

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

In May 2019, I graduated from the Leadership Austin Essential Class. During our class year, we studied and discussed local issues, ranging from urban planning to public health to education to racial justice. I loved every minute of it. I enjoy getting into the weeds of policy and working together in a collaborative fashion. By serving on a board or commission, I hope to build on my Leadership Austin education and help bring about real-world solutions to practical problems. I also want to serve on a board or commission to give back to the city that I love. I first moved to Austin in January 2005. I enrolled in Austin Community College, worked at the University Co-Op, and volunteered as an English as a Second Language teacher at Literacy Austin. I eventually transferred to UT, completed my degree, and served as an AmeriCorps volunteer at the local education nonprofit, College Forward. I loved my life in Austin, but in 2010, I moved to Washington, DC to attend law school at George Washington University. After graduating from GW and launching my legal career in DC, I followed my heart back to Austin. In 2016, I joined the law firm, Richards Rodriguez & Skeith LLP, where I am fortunate to work on local government issues, including some matters involving the City of Austin. Outside of work, I co-founded the nonprofit, Austin Triathlon Club, which is focused on providing an accessible, fun, and safe place for Austinites to swim, bike, and run. I also joined the Board of Directors of College Forward and currently serve as a community member on several AISD committees. Austin is in my soul, and I want to do whatever I can to give back. Finally, I believe community service is particularly important at this moment in our lives. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has brought a new range of challenges for all of us, especially those most vulnerable populations. I hope that by serving on a board or commission, I can do my part to contribute. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Upload a Resume

Resume

I have uploaded a PDF copy of my resume.

Qualifications

AmeriCorps Volunteer; J.D., Highest Honors from George Washington University School of Law; B.A., Mathematics with High Honors from UT-Austin; 7 years of experience as an attorney focused on government and public affairs; 3 years of experience in education and nonprofit sectors working with low-income communities; Board Member, College Forward; Travis High School Campus Advisory Council Member; Austin ISD Strategic Plan Advisory Committee Member Leadership Austin Essential Class of 2019

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Sexual Orientation

☒ Straight/Heterosexual

Date of Birth

Disability or Impairment Information

Do you have an auditory/hearing disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a visual disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a mobility disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a cognitive disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have another disability or impairment you'd like to share?

Board Requirements

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Austin Travis County Food Policy Board: Submitted
Commission for Women: Submitted
Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission: Submitted
Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board: Submitted
Electric Utility Commission: Submitted
Library Commission: Submitted
Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities: Submitted
MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee: Submitted
Municipal Civil Service Commission: Submitted
Public Safety Commission: Submitted
Resource Management Commission: Submitted
Water and Wastewater Commission: Submitted
Zero Waste Advisory Commission: Submitted
Zoning and Platting Commission: Submitted

Some boards have additional requirements for appointees. Additional requirements will appear below as they apply to each board.

Question applies to Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board

Please select the requirements you have met (Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board): *

☒ Representatives of the downtown business and public service community

Question applies to Electric Utility Commission

Please select the requirements you have met (Electric Utility Commission): *

☒ Persons from within the service area of the City's electric utility

Question applies to Municipal Civil Service Commission

Please select the requirements you have met (Municipal Civil Service Commission): *

☒ Experience or knowledge in labor/employment law.

DANIEL J. RIEGEL

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SUMMARY

Daniel is an **attorney, non-profit founder, and community organizer**. Daniel has a proven track record of serving the community through **collaboration, creative problem solving, teamwork, and relentless positivity**. A graduate of Texas public schools and the first lawyer in his family, Daniel has dedicated his career to social justice and public service.

ATTORNEY EXPERIENCE

PARTNER

2016-PRESENT

Richards Rodriguez & Skeith

Austin, TX

- Won court judgments for local cities, school districts, and public school educators in state and federal court.
- Provided regular counsel to local businesses and nonprofits on regulatory and employment law issues.
- Successfully represented community residents in the areas of labor rights, fraud, and breach of contract.
- Law firm received Joseph H. Hart Award for outstanding pro bono service in 2017.
- Selected by peers as a Texas Rising Star for 2019 and 2020.

JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

2015-2016

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Washington, DC

- Provided direct legal counsel to the Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on her civil and criminal dockets.
- Drafted orders and opinions, and managed multiple trial proceedings, including international drug cartel case.
- Worked on several high-profile cases, including *Bernie 2016 Inc. v. Democratic National Committee*.

ASSOCIATE

2013-2015

Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Washington, DC

- 3-time winner of firm's pro bono award for work in refugee law, prisoner rights, and DNA exonerations.
- Law firm regularly ranked in top 10 in the country for client service and excellence.

NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT, CO-FOUNDER

2017-2019

Austin Triathlon Club

Austin, TX

- Created 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to making the sport of triathlon fun, safe, and accessible for all Austinites.
- Chaired 9-person board of directors and grew organization from 0 to 300+ members within 2 years.
- Managed all facets of organization, including website, communications, PR, workouts, races, and social activities.
- Served as public face of the organization and built partnerships with over 40 local and national businesses.

PROGRAM MANAGER

2007-2010

College Forward

Austin, TX

- Led team of AmeriCorps volunteers to deliver college access and persistence program for low-income students.
- Program received highest honor in field as most "Outstanding College Access Organization" in the country.
- Individually recognized as a Finalist for National AmeriCorps Spirit of Service Award.

EDUCATION

J.D. WITH HIGHEST HONORS (2013)

GPA: 3.935/4.000

George Washington University Law School

Class Rank: 7 out of 559

- **Honors:** Notes Editor, GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW; Order of the Coif, Writing Fellow; Pro Bono Fellow.
- **Experience:** Summer Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges (2012); Intern, U.S. Department of Education, Equity and Excellence Commission (2012); Intern, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Honorable George W. Miller (2011).

B.A., MATHEMATICS WITH HIGH HONORS (2007)

GPA: 3.910/4.000

University of Texas at Austin

Top 10% of Class

- **Honors:** 4.0 GPA in Major; Certificate of National Service; Worked full time during college.
- **Experience:** Intern, Austin Parks Foundation (2005), AmeriCorps Volunteer, College Forward (2006-2007), Peer Academic Tutor for Undergraduate Math and Logic Courses, UT Learning Center (2005-2007).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Travis High School Campus Advisory Council Member (2020) • AISD Strategic Plan Advisory Committee Member (2020) • College Forward Board Member (2019-Present) • Travis County Democratic Party Sustaining Member (2019-2020) • Leadership Austin Essential Class (2018-2019) • Beto for Texas Office Manager (2018) • Volunteer Legal Services Attorney (2017-2018) • Austin Parks Foundation Volunteer (2005-2010) • Volunteer Healthcare Clinic (2009) • Foundation Communities Volunteer (2008) • Texas Exes Life Member (2007-Present) • Literacy Austin Night School Teacher (2005).