

Application Form

Profile

Aran Belani  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Preferred Name

aranb29@gmail.com  
Email Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Home Address Suite or Apt

Austin TX 78705  
City State 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

Mobile: (346) 332-5180  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Cell Phone

Home Phone

Business Phone

Select Your District

☒ District 9

The University of Texas Undergraduate Research Assistant, Peer Ambassador  
Employer 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?

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I am interested in serving on a board or commission in Austin because I believe in the power of community involvement and the importance of giving back to the place I now call home. As a college student at UT Austin majoring in public health, I have learned about policy changes that could potentially improve the health and safety of Austin's citizens. I believe that serving on a board or commission in Austin would provide me with a unique opportunity to utilize my knowledge and skills to make a positive impact on the lives of our residents. My academic background in public health, combined with my practical experience as an EMT, equips me with a comprehensive understanding of the healthcare system and the policies that can lead to better outcomes for our community. Moreover, my interest in public policy has motivated me to actively engage in discussions and initiatives aimed at addressing critical issues such as access to healthcare, emergency response, water safety, and overall public well-being. Serving on a board or commission would allow me to actively participate in shaping the policies that influence these areas.

[Aran\\_Belani\\_Resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

## Resume

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## Qualifications

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Licensed EMT in Texas, studying public health and public policy at UT Austin

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## 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

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☒ Asian or Pacific islander

### Gender

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☒ Male

### Sexual Orientation

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☒ Straight/Heterosexual

06/09/2005

Date of Birth

Disability or Impairment Information

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## Do you have an auditory/hearing disability or impairment?

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☒ 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?

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## Board Requirements

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

HIV Planning Council: Submitted

Some boards have additional requirements for appointees. Additional requirements will appear below as they apply to each board. They may not necessarily exclude a individual from service.

Question applies to HIV Planning Council

**Please select the requirements you have met (Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council): \***

☒ Not applicable or Other

Question applies to Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Please select the requirements you have met (Commission on Immigrant Affairs): \***

☒ Not Applicable or Other

Question applies to Early Childhood Council

**Please select the requirements you have met (Early Childhood Council): \***

☒ Not Applicable or Other



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## Texas Open Records Act

City of Austin Officials are able to choose whether or not their home address, home telephone numbers, emergency contact information, social security number, and information that reveals whether they have family members are available to the public on request. The Texas Public Information Act is a State law that requires the City of Austin to disclose this information to anyone who requests it. The only exceptions are for: 1) commissioned peace officers; and 2) Official who file a written request to withhold this information. Officials who are not peace officers and who do not submit such a written request will have this information made available to anyone who requests it. Do you choose to have your home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, social security number and information that reveals whether you have family members withheld from the public?

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☒ Yes ☐ No



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**Q1**

Name

Aran Belani

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**Q2**

Contact Information

Street	[REDACTED]
City	Austin
Zipcode	78705
Phone	346-332-5180
Email	aranb29@gmail.com

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**Q3**

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County of residence (please check one)

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**Q4**

Employer (if applicable). This Information is used for Conflict of Interest purposes.

The University of Texas

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**Q5**

Occupation/Job Title

Undergraduate Research Assistant/Peer Ambassador

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**Q6**

AustinTexas.gov

How did you hear about the HIV Planning Council?

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**Q7**

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Planning Council members are required to attend the monthly Business Meeting, as well as additional scheduled Planning Council meetings, including but not limited to monthly Sub-Committee meetings. Planning Council members may expect to commit a minimum of five hours per month to HIV Planning Council-related activities and meetings. A member who misses one third of all assigned regularly scheduled committee meetings in any rolling twelve month period, including the current month shall be ineligible to continue as a member.

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**Check this box to indicate your understanding of and intention to adhere to the membership requirement described above.**

**Q8**

Please check any of the following categories that represent your current professional and/or personal affiliation(s)

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**Health care provider (including Federally Qualified Health Centers)**

**Q9**

Describe your interest in becoming a member of the HIV Planning Council.

As a young adult in Austin working in the medical field, I have seen how AIDS/HIV affects individuals and their communities in both my personal and professional lives. I chose to major in public health because I want to use policy and advocacy to improve the health of our communities and further promote equity and social justice. I want to use my current knowledge to help serve the HIV/AIDS community in Austin and further my knowledge by serving on the Council.

I believe that by being a member of the HIV Planning Council, I will help make decisions and plan funds that hopefully change lives for the better. Since HIV is a preventable virus, it is possible to manage and treat it relatively easily. I also believe that there is still a stigma around HIV when there should not be, and I believe the Council can change that. I think that becoming a member of the HIV Planning Council will help me better understand the HIV community and allow me to develop practical public health initiatives that will increase awareness about the reality of HIV.

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**Q10**

The mission of the HIV Planning Council is to develop and coordinate an effective and comprehensive community-wide response to HIV. Based on your knowledge of the HIV Planning Council, what skills and experience do you have that will help support the Planning Council's mission?

As a public health major at UT Austin, I have learned and am learning various public health strategies and initiatives that have been implemented in the past and could be implemented in the future. In addition to my major, I am minoring in Healthcare Reform, in which I have taken accounting courses and will be taking management courses shortly. In high school, I managed over \$90,000 as the Vice President of Student Council and distributed it for homecoming, prom, and various student organization travel fees. I am proficient in statistics and budgeting, and I have experience with data collecting through my research projects and as an officer in TxVotes, an organization that promotes voting on campus. I believe that my knowledge of accounting, budgeting, and statistics will be of use to the Planning Council regarding allocating Ryan White funds.

I also have significant experience planning outreach events in both high school as Vice President of Student Council and as an officer in TxVotes. I table every week for TxVotes and register students to vote and I used to give presentations that were over 30 minutes long for student council about various topics such as college affordability and sexual health. In addition to my planning experience, I have a background in effective communication from my time in Student Council and now in college as a member of the Academic Senate of College Councils.

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**Q11**

Do you have any current or previous volunteer/community service experience?

I volunteered for over 400 hours at the Houston Food Bank during my time in high school. I have over 100 hours of volunteering at HCA hospitals in Houston and 50 hours of volunteering with the Houston Red Cross.

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**Q12**

Please list any training and/or education related to HIV/AIDS or public health that you have received.

I am a student at UT Austin majoring in Public Health and I am a licensed EMT in Texas.

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**Q13**

**Not Applicable**

Please list any accommodations you need to access or participate in meetings. (Example: internet accessibility, wheelchair accessibility, hearing impairment, language other than English, etc.)

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**Q14**

Please upload a letter of recommendation. If you are representing an organization, submit a letter from someone within this organization.

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## Membership Application

**Q15**

**No, I don't receive benefits from any of these agencies**

Do you work for any of the listed agencies? If yes, you would be considered an applicant with a conflict of interest.

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**Q16**

**No**

According to the Conflict of Interest information provided, do you have a Conflict of Interest?

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**Q17**

**No**

Do you or your employer have any business dealings with the City of Austin that might present a conflict of interest?

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**Q18**

**No**

Have you been a Lobbyist or worked for a Lobbyist or lobbying firm in the last 3 years?

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**Q19**

**No, I don't receive benefits from any of these agencies**

Do you receive any benefits (such as receiving clinic services) from any of the listed agencies?

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## **HIV Planning Council Letter of Recommendation**

Dear HIV Planning Council,

I am writing to highly recommend Aran Belani as a member of the HIV Planning Council in Austin, Texas. For all of the years I have known Aran Belani, I have known him to be a compassionate and driven leader in his community. In high school, he was well known as a leader in the student council who was driven to make a positive change in our community. In his service as Vice President of Student Council, he ran initiatives in not just our school, but our school district to advocate for more nutritious school lunches and for more programs to allow families of students on free/reduced lunch to receive weekly groceries through a food drive he helped to implement. He also advocated for the families of students who passed away by rallying school and community support and advocating for their parents to have the option to walk for them on graduation day. He was also a Student Hero leader at the Houston Food Bank, which he volunteered for every weekend.

He has continued his efforts in community service as we have entered college together, as he regularly continues to volunteer for the student organizations he is a part of and continues to push for and make community-wide change on campus as a member of the UT Austin student senate. He is also a dedicated student who is motivated by the pursuit of knowledge as seen by the numerous research labs he is an assistant in. Furthermore, he works as a student leader in the College of Natural Science, helping other students find research they are passionate about to further scientific knowledge overall. He is also a regular blood donor. In addition, on a personal note, Aran is known as a kind and compassionate friend who is always willing to lend a helping hand to people in need, whether it's a friend with car troubles or a friend who just needs a listening ear. He is also the type of person to pick up shattered glass on a street when he sees it just to make sure other people don't accidentally step on it - I know this because he did it when I was walking in West Campus with him.

Thus, it is clear to see through his numerous actions that Aran is dedicated to the improvement of his community, that he consistently puts others before himself, and that he has the skills and integrity to contribute meaningfully to the HIV Planning Council.

**Arjun Raghavan**



# ARAN BELANI

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Austin, Texas 78705

## EDUCATION

<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b>	Bachelor of Science, Public Health Minor: Healthcare Reform Overall GPA: N/A - Freshman	May 2027
<b>Cypress Ranch High School</b>	High School Diploma Overall GPA: 3.95 Graduated Summa Cum Laude	May 2023

## EXPERIENCE

<b>CNS Office of Experiential Learning</b> - <i>Peer Ambassador</i> ; Austin, Texas	January 2024 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pinpointed markers on skulls of different species of <i>anole</i> lizards using Slicer</li><li>Coordinated with other lab members to get assigned samples done promptly</li><li>Planned coffee meetings for our lab</li></ul>	
<b>The Kemp Lab</b> - <i>Undergraduate Research Assistant</i> ; Austin, Texas	September 2023 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pinpointed markers on skulls of different species of <i>anole</i> lizards using Slicer</li><li>Coordinated with other lab members to get assigned samples done promptly</li><li>Planned coffee meetings for our lab</li></ul>	

## ACADEMIC PROJECTS

<b>Obstetrics Research Project</b> - <i>UTMB - Dr. Sangeeta Jain</i>	Summer 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzed data from Cesarean Section patients in an attempt to determine a possible correlation between antibiotic prescription and infection rates one month after surgery</li><li>Evaluated patient chart data using R</li><li>Summarized that antibiotic prescription and infection rates appear to correlate with Cesarean section deliveries</li><li>The research project is currently being edited</li></ul>	

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

<b>TxVotes</b> - <i>Civic Engagement Alliance Vice Chair</i>	Fall 2023 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilitated presentations and voter drives for classes and organizations on campus</li><li>Compiled an email and social media database of student organizations to contact for registration drives</li><li>Introduced a program to automatically remind members 24 hours before their presentation of the time and location</li></ul>	
<b>Senate of College Councils</b> - <i>Undergraduate Research Committee (URC) Member</i>	Fall 2023 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oversaw and hosted the "All About REUs" event by URC, made the presentation, and was the main speaker at the event</li><li>Planned and monitored the Undergraduate Research Symposium by URC</li><li>Informed professors and students alike about URC events</li></ul>	
<b>Longhorn EMS</b> - <i>Responder 1</i>	Fall 2023 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Worked UT events as a certified EMT and gave support to paramedics at site such as parades, football games, etc</li><li>Led public health workshops such as Take10 (CPR training) and Stop the Bleed (</li><li>Organized and led drug safety training such as dispersing nasal naloxone (Narcan) and instructing students on how to use it</li></ul>	

## HONORS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AP Scholar with Distinction</li></ul>	2023
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Computer Skills:** MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Canva, Google Suite, Python, HTML, R, Slicer  
**Certifications:** EMT - Basic in Texas, Volunteer Deputy Registrar in Travis County, SAS (in progress)  
**Languages:** Fluent in Hindi, Basic Knowledge in Spanish  
**Interests:** Public Policy, Medicine, Effective Communication, Pickleball, Fantasy Football, Guitar, Coffee, Trying new food and drinks  
**Work Eligibility:** Eligible to work in the U.S. with no restrictions