

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG

LIBRARY

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Mark Jerrell
Chair, Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners
600 East 4th Street, 11th Floor
Charlotte, NC 28202-2835

Dear Chairman Jerrell,

As the incoming Chair and a member of the Governance Committee of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees, I am writing to formally request that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) permit Charles Thomas, the current Library Board Chair, to remain on the board for one additional year after his term expires at the end of June 2025.

Extending Mr. Thomas's tenure would uphold the Library's tradition of retaining former chairs to assist the incoming chair, support the CEO, and serve on the Governance Committee. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Thomas has provided invaluable leadership, serving on the Executive, Governance, Finance, ImaginOn Management, and Technology Advisory Committees. His extensive knowledge and experience will be instrumental as the board transitions leadership and finalizes the opening and fundraising efforts for the New Main Library.

We understand that the BOCC will consider appointments to the Library Board of Trustees at its May 6th or 20th meeting this year, with applications due in April. For the purposes of board succession planning, we respectfully request that the BOCC determine in advance of the April deadline whether Mr. Thomas may continue serving through June 30, 2026.

Reappointment of Current Library Trustees

Additionally, on behalf of the Library Board, I would like to submit our recommendation for the reappointment of three current trustees in preparation for BOCC action at its May 6th or 20th meeting. The Board requests the reappointment of three trustees, one whom filled an unexpired term in 2023 and is eligible for the first of two four-year terms on June 30, 2025, and two of whom will complete their first of two eligible four-year terms on June 30, 2025, and are eligible for reappointment:

Tracy Montross

Ms. Montross has been a dedicated and distinguished member of the Board since her appointment in 2021. She has agreed to serve an additional four-year term, expiring June 30, 2029, if reappointed. In her role as Managing Director of Government Affairs for American Airlines, Tracy has brought a valuable perspective to the Board, enhancing its engagement, advocacy, fundraising, and governance efforts. Additionally, as a parent of school-

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aged children, she provides an important voice in shaping Library services. Tracy currently serves on the Executive Committee and chairs both the Governance and Advocacy Committees, which oversee trustee nominations, the annual CEO review, and the Library's advocacy initiatives.

Jon Buchan

Mr. Buchan has been a valuable member of the Board since his appointment in 2021. He recently retired as an attorney with Essex Richards, P.A., where his litigation practice focused on media law, First Amendment issues, and business disputes. Mr. Buchan currently serves as Chair of the Board's Real Estate Committee and has agreed to serve an additional four-year term, expiring June 30, 2029, if reappointed.

Preethi Srinivasan

Ms. Srinivasan is a senior vice president with Bank of America, serving as finance executive for the bank's digital banking division. Srinivasan boasts an extensive resume in financial budgeting, risk management, digital technologies and innovation. She plays a critical role in our fiduciary oversight, serving as a member of our Finance Committee. Ms. Srinivasan joined the board in 2023, filling an unexpired term. She has agreed to serve a four-year term, expiring June 30, 2029, if reappointed.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees is a fiduciary, governing board responsible for overseeing the county's twenty-branch library system, with generous support from Mecklenburg County. The Board meets monthly, and members serve on various committees, including Finance, Real Estate, and Governance. The BOCC appoints ten of the eleven Library Board members, while the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education appoints the eleventh.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Amy Hawn Nelson

Vice Chair

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees

Library Board of Trustees

At-A-Glance

One (1) One-year term extension expiring June 30, 2026

Name	District	Gender	Ethnicity
Thomas, Charles	1	Male	African American

Three (3) Four-year terms expiring June 30, 2029

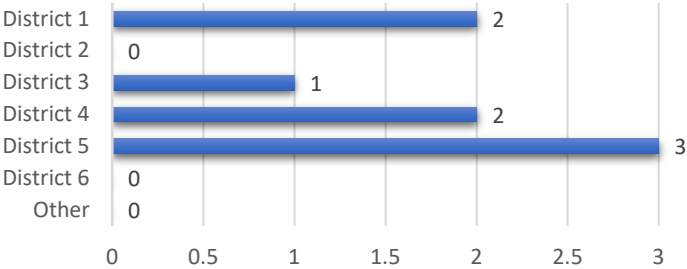
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Buchan, Jr., Jonathan	5	Male	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
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Srinivasan, Preethi	6	Female	Asian or Pacific Islander

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES DEMOGRAPHICS

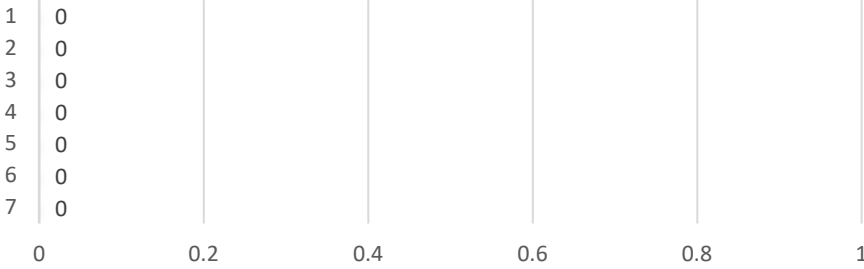
Districts

	Members	Applicants
District 1	2	0
District 2	0	0
District 3	1	0
District 4	4	0
District 5	3	0
District 6	1	0
Other	0	0
Total	11	0

Members by District



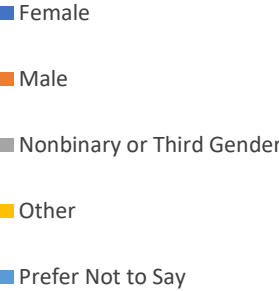
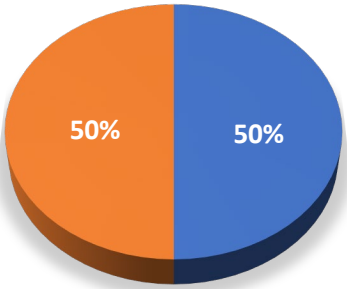
Applicants by District



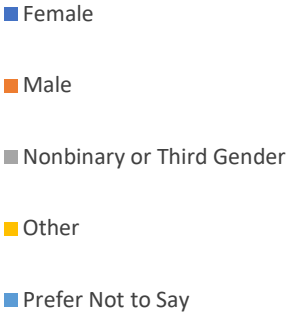
Gender

	Members	Applicants
Female	7	0
Male	4	0
Nonbinary or Third Gender	0	0
Other	0	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	0
Total	11	0

Members by Gender



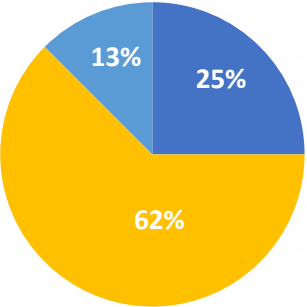
Applicants by Gender



Ethnicity/Race

	Members	Applicants
African-American	3	0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	0
Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	6	0
Hispanic	1	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
Total	11	0

Members by Ethnicity/Race



Applicants by Ethnicity/Race



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Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
- **Name:** Charles Thomas
- **Home address:** 2742 Daleview Dr.
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28214
- **Home Phone:** 7049755384
- **Work Phone:** 7049755384
- **E-Mail:** Cthomas@queencityforward.org
- **Occupation:** Economic Development & Entrepreneurship
- **Place of employment:** Queen City Forward
- **Race:** African American
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 41
- **Hours per month available for position:** 4
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** B.A. Economics
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Lee Keesler, President & CEO of the Library
- **Business and civic experience:** Charles Thomas, an entrepreneur, artist and educator, is the Executive Director of Queen City Forward. As a social innovation accelerator and incubator, Queen City Forward's mission is to unleash the potential of high growth, high impact social entrepreneurs in Charlotte to create sustained economic and social impact that spurs economic development, improves the lives of citizens and drives a new model for sustainable growth. Prior to leading Queen City Forward, Charles served as the Director of Education for The Light Factory Contemporary Museum of Photography and Film. During his tenure he expanded the Museum's community outreach, increasing impact and earned revenue. Charles recently co-published a book of photography and stories with author Valaida Fullwood called GIVING BACK: A Tribute to Generations of African American Philanthropists. He is also the owner of Sankofa Photography. After graduating Duke University with a degree in Economics, Charles started his career with Andersen Consulting (Accenture). He is active in the community and currently serving on the advisory boards of the New Generation of African American Philanthropists (NGAAP), the Knight Foundation and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library. He is a former member of the TEDxCharlotte steering committee.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Social entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship, innovation, non-profit administration, art (photography), education and youth development.

- **County Commission District:** 2
- **Signature of applicant:** Charles W. Thomas, Jr
- **Date:** 10/06/2014

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Library Board of Trustees: Submitted

Jonathan E Buchan, Jr.
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

What other names have you used? (includes, legal names, aliases, maiden names or professional monikers) NOTE: If none, please note N/A

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What Mecklenburg County District do you live in? Please verify below. *

☒ 5

How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County? Please include months, or years.

45 years

My age range is (please select one): *

☒ Over 55

Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Male

Interests & Experiences

Education

Princeton University, A, B., 1972 Duke University School of Law, 1978

Retired

Employer

NA

Occupation

Business and civic experience

Business: For four years of my post-undergraduate career, I was a journalist covering politics and government in South Carolina, part of that time for The Charlotte Observer and later that newspaper's Government Editor. After graduating from Duke Law School in 1978, I came to Charlotte and worked as an associate, then as a partner, with Helms Mulliss & Johnston and its successor firms until 2016, when I joined Essex Richards, P.A. My legal practice focused on commercial litigation and First Amendment related issues, assisting clients in resolving difficult disputes and representing them in court when they could not resolve them. I have represented North Carolina and national newspapers and broadcasters in a range of media law issues for several decades, including libel matters, access to courts and court records, prior restraints on speech and subpoenas to news media organizations and reporters for sources and documents. I have been involved in both Bar and civic boards, including the following former roles: president of the Mecklenburg County Bar; Board Chair, WFAE 90.7; president and board member of Hospice of Charlotte, Inc. (now Hospice & Palliative Care, Charlotte Region); board member of Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, the N.C. Humanities Council, the Mecklenburg Bar Foundation, the N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors, and the North Carolina Open Government Coalition. I am currently a member of the UNC Press Advancement Council.

Area of expertise and interests/skills

I have significant experience and interest in First Amendment issues involving free speech and free press matters.

Additional Comments

Having practiced law actively in Charlotte for over four decades and been actively engaged in civic and Bar activities, I have a strong network of folks in this community who have been similarly engaged, which I think would help me provide outreach to, and input from, community leaders. I am a devoted believer that democracy depends on educated and informed voters, and I have a history of involvement in organizations that are engaged in that mission. I believe that good journalism and transparent government are the oxygen of democracy, and I believe that public libraries are a critical role of that public education regarding public affairs.

Additional Information

If you are or have ever served on a Mecklenburg County board/commission, please answer yes or no. If yes, please disclose the Board and term-end date.

Have served on term on Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees

Why are you interested in serving on the board(s) to which you are applying?

I grew up in Mullins, South Carolina, a small town in a rural, agricultural county. The small public library was an important part of my young life, providing me a window to a larger world that fascinated me. I confess that while much of my early teen years reading involved sports and science fiction, it grew to include history and biography. Most important, that quiet sanctuary offered the chance for the exploration of any topic about which I was curious, and the librarians encouraged those bigger horizons. I know many small town folks who have shared with me their similar library experiences, and I would like very much to pay back to others the benefits I have had from libraries in Mullins, in college, and in Charlotte.

Have you attended a meeting of the advisory board(s) to which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

Whatever it requires.

How did you learn of the vacancy? *

☒ Other

If you answered other - Where did you learn of this vacancy?

Former trustee Ed Williams, whom I have known well for decades through his role at The Charlotte Observer, and who succeeded me as Board Chair at WFAE a few years ago, has shared with me the energy and creativity behind the Mecklenburg County Library's current new visions for its space and its mission. I also worked a good bit with Lee Keesler when I was on the WFAE board as we looked for ways to partner together, perhaps even sharing work and "convening" space. I think the libraries of the future will be exciting places for gathering and learning well beyond the traditional role of providing access to books (and videos and music). I believe I would enjoy being part of that critical change and would have some meaningful contributions to offer.

[Jonathan_Buchan_-_Resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Disclosure

Are you a Mecklenburg County resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a current Mecklenburg County employee? (Mecklenburg County employees are prohibited from serving on any board where appointments are made by the Board of Commissioners. If you are a current, county employee who is to serve in an ex-officio and/or non-voting capacity on any board when required by law, please email clerk@mecknc.gov before submitting an application.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

• Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed? If yes, please explain the conflict.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Disclaimer

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☒ I Agree

Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

Jonathan Buchan Buchan, Jr.

Board Specific Questions

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JONATHAN E. BUCHAN, JR.

EXPERIENCE

MEMBER, ESSEX RICHARDS, P.A. - CHARLOTTE, NC

2016 - Present

Litigation attorney in mid-sized law firm, handling business, trademark/copyright and media law matters for various national and North Carolina media organizations.

PARTNER, MCGUIRE WOODS, PLLC - CHARLOTTE, NC

2008 - 2015

Litigation partner in large national law firm, handling commercial, banking, trademark/copyright and business litigation, with a focus on representing *The Charlotte Observer* and various national and North Carolina media organizations in a range of media law issues and disputes.

PARTNER, HELMS MULLISS & WICKER - CHARLOTTE, NC

2000 - 2008

Litigation partner in large law firm, handling commercial, trademark/copyright and business litigation, with a focus on representing *The Charlotte Observer* and various national and North Carolina media organizations in a range of media law issues and disputes. Responsible for various firm management roles.

PARTNER, SMITH HELMS MULLISS & MOORE - CHARLOTTE, NC

1985 - 2000

Litigation partner in large North Carolina law firm, handling commercial and business litigation, with a focus on representing *The Charlotte Observer* and various national and North Carolina news organizations in a range of media law issues and disputes. Responsible for various firm management roles.

GOVERNMENT EDITOR, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER - CHARLOTTE, NC

1984 - 1985

Managed staff of 12 journalists reporting on government and politics in Charlotte and Raleigh.

ASSOCIATE, HELMS, MULLISS & JOHNSTON - CHARLOTTE, NC

1978 - 1983

Litigation associate handling commercial and business litigation.

**NEWS REPORTER AND BUREAU CHIEF, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER -
COLUMBIA, SC**

1974 - 1975

Reported on South Carolina issues, focusing on statewide politics and government

CO-PUBLISHER AND WRITER, OSCEOLA NEWSWEEKLY, COLUMBIA, SC

1972 - 1973

Assisted with starting alternative weekly newspaper.
Reported on South Carolina politics and government

EDUCATION **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, A.B.**

A.B. 1972, *magna cum laude*

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D. 1978

**CIVIC AND
PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

President, Mecklenburg County Bar – 2004-2005

Board Chair, WFAE 90.7 (2015-2016); Board Member, 2011-2016

Board Member, Mecklenburg Bar Foundation, 2006-2009

Board Member, N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors, 2005-2008

Board Member, Legal Services of Southern Piedmont

Board Chair (and board member) Hospice of Charlotte, Inc. (now Hospice and Palliative Care of Greater Charlotte Region)

Board Member, North Carolina Humanities Council 2014-2017

Board Member, North Carolina Open Government Coalition, 2005 – present

Board Member, UNC Press Advancement Council, 2020 – present

**HONORS AND
RECOGNITION**

William C. Lassiter First Amendment Award - NC Press Association, 2000

E. Osborne Ayscue Professionalism Award Mecklenburg County Bar, 2019

Named in The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation – First Amendment, Woodward/White, Inc., 1991-2020

Named in “North Carolina Super Lawyers,” Business Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, First Amendment/Media/Advertising, Thomson Reuters, 2007-2021

Selected for inclusion in America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: First Amendment, North Carolina, Chambers USA, 2007-2020

RECENT
SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS
AND
PUBLICATIONS

Author, "[GateHouse Media and Fayetteville Observer Win 2-Year Battle to Unseal Files in Abuse Case](#)," Media Law Resource Center MediaLawLetter, November 2019

Author, "[Lessons from our Roots](#)," Mecklenburg County Bar Newsletter, May 2019

Author, "[Blanket Sealing Order Violates First Amendment and NC Open Court Rules](#)," Media Law Resource Center MediaLawLetter, December 2018

Speaker, "[Freedom for the Thought We Hate – A Current Look at the First Amendment](#)," Queens University Senior Scholars Program, May 2018

Author, "[Books of Significance – Simple Justice](#)," North Carolina State Bar Journal, September 2017

Speaker, "[Free Speech Under Siege: The Importance of Freedom of the Press in a Free Society](#)," Wake Forest University, Constitution Day Lecture September 14, 2017

Author, "[Myths of Mediation – Three Dangerous Myths About NC Superior Court Mediations](#)," North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, May 24, 2016

Author, "[Sullivan's Ongoing Import](#)," *The Charlotte Observer*, March 8, 2014

Co-author, "[50-State Survey of Libel Law](#)," Media Law Resource Center, North Carolina Chapter, 1983-present; Fourth Circuit Chapter, 2003-present

Author, "[The News Reporter's Privilege](#)," The North Carolina Media Law Handbook, July 2012 (UNC School of Journalism/NC Press Association)

Author, "Judge John J. Parker profile," [The North Carolina Century. Tar Heels Who Made a Difference 1900-2000](#), University of North Carolina Press

Author "[Code of the Forest](#)," novel published by Joggling Board Press, 2012

Statement to Applicants

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library Board of Trustees: Submitted

Tracy E Montross
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

What other names have you used? (includes, legal names, aliases, maiden names or professional monikers) NOTE: If none, please note N/A

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

What Mecklenburg County District do you live in? Please verify below. *

☒ 3

How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County? Please include months, or years.

17 years

My age range is (please select one): *

☒ 30 to 45

Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Female

Interests & Experiences

Tracy E Montross

Education

Masters in Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2010) Bachelors in Political Science and Broadcasting, Appalachian State University (2005) James Madison High School, Vienna VA (2001)

American Airlines

Employer

Managing Director of
Government Affairs

Occupation

Business and civic experience

Public policy professional, skilled at managing successful and strategic community partnerships. Responsible for advocacy and policy communications, including formal letters, talking points, issue briefs, and presentations. Representation with state and local governments and elected officials, airport authorities, economic development agencies, chambers, and industry associations to advocate for corporate and customer interests.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES & AWARDS • Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Board of Trustees, 2021 - present • Charlotte Regional Business Alliance - Board of Trustees • Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority - Chair, 2019; Vice Chair, 2018; Board Member, 2014 - 2020 • UNC Charlotte Foundation - Board Member, 2017 - present • Women Executives • UNC Charlotte MPA Alumna of the Year - 2018 • Carolinas Aviation Museum - Board Chair, 2016 - 2018 • Charlotte Business Journal's 40 Under 40 - Class of 2017 • Mecklenburg Times' 50 Most Influential Women - Class of 2016 • Charlotte Regional Partnership - Executive Committee, 2014 - 2018 • Charlotte Chamber of Commerce - Board Member, 2014 - 2018 • Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Public Servant of the Year, 2014 • Delta Zeta Sorority - Chapter President, 2003-2004; ASU Sorority President of the Year, 2004

Area of expertise and interests/skills

Skilled in public administration, public policy development, grassroots advocacy, and political communications. I enjoy spending time with my husband and two children, family and friends; plus, traveling, reading, attending live music and playing golf.

Additional Comments

I'm a fan of non-fiction. The last three books I've read are The Art of Power by Nancy Pelosi, The Way Forward by Malcolm Graham, and Lovely One by Kentanji Brown Jackson.

Additional Information

If you are or have ever served on a Mecklenburg County board/commission, please answer yes or no. If yes, please disclose the Board and term-end date.

Yes, currently serving in my first term with the CML Board of Trustees. This term expires this Spring 2025.

Why are you interested in serving on the board(s) to which you are applying?

I have enjoyed serving in leadership with the CML Board. As Chair of the Governance Committee, we've developed an annual CEO Performance Evaluation, Board development program, Advocacy Action Plan, new Strategic Plan, and we've amended our by-laws to bring public comment to all Board agendas. I take seriously my responsibility to the taxpayers and the Library's constituents across Mecklenburg County, as well as CML's role defending intellectual freedom.

Have you attended a meeting of the advisory board(s) to which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

15 hours per month

How did you learn of the vacancy? *

☒ Other

If you answered other - Where did you learn of this vacancy?

I've been endorsed by the Library's Board of Trustees for a second term.

Disclosure

Are you a Mecklenburg County resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a current Mecklenburg County employee? (Mecklenburg County employees are prohibited from serving on any board where appointments are made by the Board of Commissioners. If you are a current, county employee who is to serve in an ex-officio and/or non-voting capacity on any board when required by law, please email clerk@mecknc.gov before submitting an application.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

Tracy Elizabeth Montross

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Preethi Srinivasan
First Name Last Name

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☒ 6

How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County? Please include months, or years.

12 years

My age range is (please select one): *

☒ 30 to 45

Ethnicity *

☒ Asian or Pacific islander

Gender *

☒ Female

Interests & Experiences

Education

Masters in Management, Georgia Institute of Technology Masters in Quantitative Finance, London School of Economics and Political Science Bachelor of Technology in Chemical Engineering, India

Bank of America

Employer

Finance

Occupation

Business and civic experience

Senior leader at Bank of America with over 16 years of experience in finance and risk management

Area of expertise and interests/skills

Technical skills - finance and budget management, Risk management, reporting and presentations, MS Office Suite Other - 10 years of management / leadership experience, active in mentoring and diversity programs within Bank of America Interests - varied interests including travel, Indian music and dance, languages

Additional Information

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No

Why are you interested in serving on the board(s) to which you are applying?

As an immigrant to the United States, I have found the public library system a fantastic example of equal opportunity. We are a family of avid readers with a deep appreciation of the role of libraries, not just as a place to borrow books but a source of information, training and materials. It is a place that is truly for everyone and has managed to stay that way without the benefit of big budgets to support the cause. A robust public library system is truly key to a healthy community. I have in the past done my part to support the library through monetary donations but would like to expand on that by also giving my time. As an immigrant (now a citizen) representing the growing Indian community in Charlotte, I am confident I can bring a unique perspective that will benefit the library and the community. In the process, I look forward to connecting with people outside my network and developing new skills.

Have you attended a meeting of the advisory board(s) to which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

As required

How did you learn of the vacancy? *

☒ Other

If you answered other - Where did you learn of this vacancy?

On the Charlotte Library website

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Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

Preethi Srinivasan

Board Specific Questions

Preethi Srinivasan



Mecklenburg County, NC

Library Board of Trustees

Board Details

The Library Board of Trustees was created by the North Carolina General Assembly and has full control and supervision of the Public Library System. It employs the staff and makes the rules governing the library. The Library Board of Trustees is an eleven member board with ten members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and one by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

Appointments are made for four-year terms with no one serving more than two consecutive full terms. Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County.

Overview

- ☐ **Size** 11 Seats
- ☐ **Term Length** 4 Years
- ☐ **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Contact

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- ☐ **Phone** -

Additional

Qualifications

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Advisory Board Details

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Meeting Dates/Times

Monthly - 3rd Monday at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Main Library - Francis Auditorium 310 N. Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28202

Time Commitment

4 hours per month

Stipend

No

Special Notes**Job Description**

Library Board of Trustees

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