

PLANNING COMMISSION

Vote on Nominees listed below, nominated at the May 15, 2018 meeting

One (1) appointment for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2021

See attached letter of recommendation from the Board's Ad Hoc Committee

Nominees	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Manuel Betancur				
Richard P. Black				
Rajahm Sellers				

Current District Representation: District 1 (1) – District 2 (2) – District 3 (2) – District 4 (6) – District 5 (1) – District 6 (2)

***Note: Melissa Lefko was nominated but currently serves on the Women's Advisory Board.**

BOCC

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Letter of Recommendation



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Board of County Commissioners

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Commissioner Vilma Leake, Ad Hoc Appointment Committee Chair

Date: June 4, 2018

Subject: Report of the Planning Commission Ad Hoc Appointment Committee

On Monday, June 4, 2018 the BOCC Planning Commission Ad Hoc Appointment Committee interviewed three candidates for appointment consideration for one vacant seat on the Planning Commission. The Committee was comprised of myself, Chair Ella Scarborough and Commissioner Trevor Fuller.

The Committee interviewed the following candidates who were nominated at the May 15, 2018 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners: Manuel Betancur, Rajahm Sellers, and Richard Black. Melissa Lefko was nominated, however, she currently serves on the Women's Advisory Board and was not eligible for consideration.

After interviewing the candidates, the committee voted 2 -1 to recommend to the full Board, the appointment of Rajahm Sellers to fill a three-year term expiring June 30, 2021 on the Planning Commission.

The Board is scheduled to make an appointment to the Planning Commission at the June 5, 2018 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

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Nominees



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Manuel Betancur
- **Home address:** 5816 Wallace Ave
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28212
- **Home Phone:** 980-213-8507
- **Work Phone:** 704-568-2120
- **Email:** manolobetancur@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Bakery Owner
- **Place of employment:** Las Delicias Bakery
- **Race:** Hispanic
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 41
- **Hours per month available for position:** 5
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Bachelor's in Language from King College also Engineering Degree from Colombian Naval University
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- Recommended by current planning commission member, Michael Sullivan
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Owner Las Delicias Bakery, Manolo's Bakery and Charlotte's Angels, Small Business Administration Charlotte Emerging Leaders Program Active, Participating Member of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce, Former President Hispanic American Democrats of Mecklenburg County, Former President Hispanic American Democrats of North Carolina, 2014 Latin American Chamber of Commerce Small Business Spirit Award Winner, Former Member Charlotte Business Advisory Committee
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Very active and connected with the Charlotte area immigrant community, Seeing the big picture and making connections, Skilled negotiator/mediator and public speaker
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 4
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this**

application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request. I agree

- **Signature of applicant:** Manuel "Manolo" Jose Betancur
- **Date:** 04/25/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Richard P. Black
- **Home address:** 2030 Kilmonack Lane
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28270
- **Home Phone:** 704-846-8149
- **Work Phone:** 704-292-2580
- **E-Mail:** rblack7@carolina.rr.com
- **Occupation:** Planning Director
- **Place of employment:** Union County, NC
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 71
- **Hours per month available for position:** 24
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** N/A
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Master's Degrees in City and Regional Planning & Management
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Planning Director Union County NC (2001- Present), Interim County Manager Union County NC (2007-2008), Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission (1981 2000), Senior Planner Catawba Regional Council (1978-1981)
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Planning Director Union County NC (2001- Present), Interim County Manager Union County NC (2007-2008), Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission (1981 2000), Senior Planner Catawba Regional Council (1978-1981)
- **County Commission District:** 6
- **Signature of applicant:** Richard P. Black
- **Date:** 4/9/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Rajahm Sellers
- **Home address:** 3924 Providence Road Apt L
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28211
- **Home Phone:** 646-294-8152
- **Work Phone:** 704-323-8927
- **E-Mail:** rajahmsellers@hotmail.com
- **Occupation:** Finance Associate
- **Place of employment:** SiteHands, Inc.
- **Race:** Biracial
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 37
- **Hours per month available for position:** 15-20
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** N/A
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** MA in Urban Studies, working on Ph. D.
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I have worked with the NYC Department of City Planning doing GIS work and attending community boards. I have worked with the Charlotte Department of Planning doing GIS work for land use maps and area planning.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Geographic information systems, city planning, and public policy.
- **County Commission District:** 5
- **Signature of applicant:** Rajahm Sellers
- **Date:** 7/12/2017

Mecklenburg County

Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

Board Appointments Due

Renewals From 6/1/2018 To 6/30/2018

PLANNING COMMISSION

Number of BOCC Members: 7

Term Length in Years: 3

Purpose

The Planning Commission was established to make studies of resources, possibilities and needs of the City, particularly with respect to conditions which may be injurious to the public welfare and make plans for the development of Mecklenburg County, including the City of Charlotte but excluding all other incorporated towns in the County. To consider the desirability, from time to time, of the extension of the limits of Charlotte and when found desirable, to prepare and present to Council a program of extension with statement of the reasons for the same. Appointments are made for three-year terms with no one serving more than two consecutive full terms. The Board appointments will be the following: six (6) by the BOCC, six (6) by the City Council and two (2) by the Board of Education but with approval of the BOCC and City Council respectively.

Qualifications

Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County.

The Planning Commission is a jointly appointed Board, administered by the City of Charlotte. Persons appointed to the Planning Commission must comply with the City of Charlotte's attendance requirement. Members are required to attend 65 percent of all regular, special and assigned subcommittee meetings from the time their term begins until the end of the calendar yr. and each subsequent yr.; and persons cannot miss three consecutive regular meetings. Failure to meet either of these two requirements results in automatic removal from the board. Persons must attend 50% of each meeting in order to be counted present.

Special Notes

APPOINTMENT NEEDED FOR:

One (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2021

Note: This is one of several boards that require an interview process conducted by an ad hoc committee of the Board, with the exception of persons being reappointed. This is one of the seven advisory boards that receive compensation. The Chairperson and Members receive \$125/month. See attached list of other compensated boards.

1 Appointment(s) For 3 Year Term:

Name	Qualifications	Appointed:	Expires	Eligibility
Ryan, Deborah	(BOCC)	1/18/2012	06/30/2018	Not eligible for Reappointment

PLANNING COMMISSION Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Betancur, Manuel	4		H / M
Black, Richard	6		W / M
Parson, Brenda	3		B / F
Sellers, Rajahm	5		BR / M

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PLANNING COMMISSION Members:

Name (* = Chairman)	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Fryday, John	4	(MAYOR)	W / M	8/12/2015	7/30/2018	EL	
Gussman, Phillip	4	(MAYOR)	W / M	8/14/2017	7/30/2020	EL	
Ham, John	1	(BOCC)	B / M	8/3/2016	6/30/2019	EL	
Majeed, Nasif	3	(BOCC)	B / M	7/1/2015	6/30/2021	NE	
McClung, Bolyn	6	(BOE)	W / M	7/1/2015	6/30/2021	NE	
McMillan, Elizabeth	4	(CITY)	W / F	7/1/2016	6/30/2019	EL	
Nelson, Dionne	2	(CITY)	B / F	7/1/2016	6/30/2019	EL	
Nwasike, Victoria	6	(CITY)	B / F	7/1/2017	6/30/2020	EL	
Ryan, Deborah	3	(BOCC)	W / F	1/18/2012	6/30/2018	NE	<==
Samuel, Keba	2	(BOCC)	B / F	8/2/2017	6/30/2020	EL	
Spencer, Sam	4	(CITY)	W / M	1/11/2016	6/30/2019	EL	
Sullivan, Michael	4	(BOCC)	W / M	7/1/2013	6/30/2019	NE	
Watkins, A. Cozzie	4	(CITY)	B / F	7/1/2015	7/30/2018	EL	
Wiggins, Nancy	5	(BOCC)	W / F	3/18/2014	6/30/2020	NE	