

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Application for Appointment

This application form is for consideration by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners for appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Please return this application to: Escambia County Neighborhood & Human Services Department  
Neighborhood Enterprise Division  
Attention: Timothy H. Evans  
221 Palafox Place, Suite 200  
Pensacola, FL 32502



Applications must be received at the above address by 5:00 p.m., Nov. 10, 2021.

**Important:** Please fill in all items requested completely. All information will be Public Record if appointed.

By Florida Statutes, the committee must be made up of at least six people represented from the following different interests and professions (Note: The City of Pensacola will appoint two representatives). Please mark any positions that you believe you could represent on the Committee.

INTEREST	POSITION
	One citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing
	One citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage industry
	One citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing
	One citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing
	One citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
	One citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing
	One citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
X	One citizen who resides within Escambia County
	One citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction
	One citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency
	One citizen that represents essential personnel, which is defined as individuals permanently employed by a company or organization located within Escambia County, the City of Pensacola or the Town of Century as: *Local or State Law Enforcement; Fire, Rescue, & Emergency Services; Public Safety & Emergency Management *Teachers, Educators, and School District Personnel in the public, private, or university systems *Health Care professionals and support personnel *Tourism Industry professionals and employees *Judicial/Court System management and support personnel *Skilled building trades personnel

**PERSONAL DATA**

Mr.	Brenton	J.	Goodman
Salutation	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
5 Port Royal Way		Pensacola, Florida, 32502	
Street Address	City, State, Zip		
N/A	(850) 529-5297	brentongdmn@gmail.com	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address	

**EMPLOYMENT DATA**

Levin, Papantonio, Rafferty, Proctor, Buchanan, O'Brien, Barr, Mougey, P.A.

Name of Employer			
316 South Baylen Street	Pensacola, Florida 32502		
Street Address	City, State, Zip		
(850) 435-7171	bgoodman@levinlaw.com		
Work Phone	Work Email Address		

Which method do you prefer to be contacted? by cell phone

If you have ever held any Professional or Occupational Licenses, Registrations, or Certifications, please provide the Title, Issue Date, and Issuing Authority:

TITLE	ISSUE DATE	ISSUING AUTHORITY
Member of the Florida Bar	12/02/2016	The Florida Bar

Have you, members of your immediate family, or businesses of which you or members of your immediate family been an owner, officer or employee, held any contractual or had any other dealing during the last three years with any Escambia County agency, including the Board to which you seek appointment?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

The law firm that employees me has been involved in litigation concerning Escambia County and its commissioners.

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Name any businesses, professional, civic or fraternal organizations of which you are a member, and the dates of your membership:

DATE	ORGANIZATION
2018-2019, 2021	Pensacola American Inn of Court
2019-Present	Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association
2019-Present	Florida Justice Association
2011-Present	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
2019-2020	Friend of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Are you a resident of Escambia County? (*Members MUST be a resident of Escambia County*)

Yes     X     No                     

If yes, continuous resident since (year)   2016  

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on a board or committee?

Yes     X     No                     

If yes, please state the name of the Board or Committee and the dates served:

DATES SERVED	BOARD/COMMITTEE
2021-Present	Escambia County Sheriffs Foundation Board Member
2016-Present	Temple Beth-El Board Member
2017-Present	Davidson College Board of Visitors

Does your field of employment (or last employment) or any volunteer activities in which you engage (or have engaged) involve work or experience in the following categories? (Check as many as apply.)

- Agriculture and/or land-ownership interest
- Banking
- Business/Industry
- Building, Development and/or Real Estate
- Civic Activism
- Community Design, Planning, and/or Engineering
- Education and Academia
- Engineering/Surveying
- Environmental and/or Conservation
- Land Use Law
- Neighborhood and/or Civic Associations
- Planning
- Recreation
- Rural Development
- Transportation
- Water Resources

Please state your experience, interest, or elements of your personal history that you think qualify you for appointment to this committee:

I grew up and have lived in Escambia, County for the vast majority of my life and for that reason have had the fortune of making many friends and acquaintances. Whether it was from my time in a local private middle school, attending Pensacola High School, as an assistant to Mayor Hayward, coach of the Pensacola Rattlers, or through the volunteer events I was involved in, I have seen how many different people in this County have been and are affected by the local housing market. I've observed and spoken with individuals who are unable to pursue passions or even accept a job because they have no access to affordable housing. Alternatively, I have seen how families living in a house that is comfortably within their budget are able to invest more easily in their family's health and future. As a native of Escambia County with deep roots in it, I want to see all of its citizens succeed. I believe that success can only come from work with our County and City and other capable individuals to help every citizen live in housing that acts as a refuge and foundation for their family and not as a burden. I would use my relationships and what I've learned through them, to provide the AHAC with the experiences of Escambia's Citizens to make sure all policies are realistic and effective.

Can you attend meetings if they are held (check all that apply):

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Why do you want to serve on the Committee?

My family has a long history of civic engagement and philanthropy. My grandfather has given millions of dollars to local organizations in Escambia County and my mother was influential in bringing Gulf Coast Kid's House here. My father has been involved in many local organizations including at one time acting on the board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters. I grew up in a privileged manner and in a household that strove to convert that privilege into means of making our neighbors' and fellow citizens' lives better. I know of many people whose lives in this community are gravely affected by the availability of affordable housing and am a true believer in the idea that a rising tide lifts all ships. I want to see my fellow citizens of Escambia County succeed, and I feel that one of the best avenues to help them do that is to focus my time and energy volunteering for a committee, such as this Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, that looks for ways to develop affordable housing that serve as good shelter but more importantly can be an asset to a family and not a burden.

What do you hope to accomplish by serving on this Committee?

Escambia County, and especially Pensacola, has been grappling with a shortage of affordable housing. At a time where COVID restrictions are dwindling and society is ramping back up, there are new issues to address that only add to the already prevalent concerns that have been addressed by this Committee before. While we still must look for avenues that support and finance public and private initiatives that assist with closing costs, home repair, and rent assistance and that encourage developers to create more affordable housing units, the County must also look at problems unique in a post-COVID world. With supply-shortages pushing out timelines of housing projects, the price of materials sky rocketing, and the volatility of the housing market, it is important that the Committee look to known and novel ideas to address these issues. I want to be a part of a Committee that once the term is complete, has provided Escambia County and Pensacola with the best recommendations for addressing our current affordable housing issues while also supplying them with a realistic blueprint for how to incorporate each recommendation.

*Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary*

By submitting this form for consideration, I acknowledge the following: I understand the responsibilities associated with being a committee member, and I have adequate time to serve on the committee.

  
Applicant's Signature

11/10/2021

Date