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Application for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions - City Council Appointment

This application will be utilized in considering you for appointment to a City Council board, authority, or commission. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 119, all information provided on or with this form becomes a public record and is subject to disclosure, unless otherwise exempted by law.

Completed applications will be kept on file for a period of one (1) year from the date received in the Office of the City Clerk.

It is necessary to contact a member of Council to obtain a nomination in order to be placed on the ballot for consideration. Please go to cityofpensacola.com/council for Council Member contact information. If you have any questions, contact the City Clerk's Office.

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Personal Information

Name Jena Melancon

Home Address 914 N Baylen St

Business Address 150 W Maxwell St

To which address do you prefer we send correspondence regarding this application? Home

Preferred Contact Phone Number(s) 8503773176

Email Address jena@gulfcoastdiplomacy.org

Upload Resume (optional) [Resume Melancon July 2021.pdf](#)

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Details

Are you a City resident? Yes

If yes, which district? 6

If yes, how long have you been a City resident? 16

Do you own property within the City limits? Yes

Are you a registered voter in the city? Yes

Board(s) of interest: International Relations Advisory Board

Please list the reasons for your interest in this position:

Gulf Coast Diplomacy is bringing Northwest Florida from local to global through international exchange and education. We collaborate with the US Department of State to host professional exchange participants via its prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). The IVLP brings up-and-coming young leaders to the US on short-term exchanges. Past participants include Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi, and Tony Blair. Pensacola is one of 84 communities in the nation trusted to host these visitors.

Prior to 2020, each year, the State Department sent around 300 international visitors and interpreters to Pensacola via Gulf Coast Diplomacy. These guests stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores and downtown boutiques. They make presentations in schools, spend time in classrooms at UWF, and network with area professionals. Currently, we host the IVLP virtually for the State Department and are planning to return to in-person IVLP in 2022.

We also work with State Department youth exchanges and these have helped us expand our educational offerings to area teens. Having a representative from our organization on the International Relations Advisory Board (IRAB) demonstrates to the US Department of State our region's commitment to promoting mutual understanding and diversity both at home and around the world. When I submit proposals for State Department youth exchanges, my participation on IRAB is always something I highlight.

In the past two years, three local teens were awarded four fully-

funded US Department of State exchange scholarships, three worked as virtual interns for the State Department, and teens from eight regional high schools have participated in our in-person and virtual youth programs. I view serving on IRAB as a way to serve those youth in our community who are interested in languages, foreign affairs, and leadership.

Participating on the board also makes it easier for our office to promote Pensacola to international visitors and to coordinate marketing efforts and educational opportunities with fellow board members and City of Pensacola staff through the exchange of timely information.

Do you currently serve on a board? Yes

If yes, which board(s)? International Relations Advisory Board

Do you currently hold a public office? No

If so, what office? *Field not completed.*

Would you be willing to resign your current office for the appointment you now seek? N/A

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Diversity
In order to encourage diversity in selections of members of government committees, the following information is required by Florida Statute 760.80 for some committees.

Gender Female

Race Caucasian

Physically Disabled No

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