

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NEWSLETTER



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Why Boards & Commissions?

Ask yourself, how serving on a board or commission creates a foundation to change the narrative, and how to become more involved in your neighborhood to uplift your voice in the decision making process. It takes the determination of one voice to create an idea for change.

Become part of a diverse group of individuals with the same mission. If you come from an underrepresented group or a marginalized community, learn how to make your voice heard.

With the recent change in voter identification rules in North Carolina, it is now more complicated for you to practice your constitutional right and participate in voting practices. Maybe you fall into a category of a somewhat disenfranchised group--residing in a gerrymandered district or falling into another group of individuals. If you do, a program like the Board and Commissions Fellowship Group may be the group for you, giving you the necessary knowledge to be heard.

By participating in the Boards and Commissions Fellowship Program, you are provided the tools needed for you to make a difference within your community.



B&C FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM KICKOFF 2024



This year, 2024 fellowship kick off was a success! The event was held at Volta Space/A Taste of West Africa in Fayetteville, NC. We are so excited and honored our new candidates were able to be a part of this fun and informative event before the start of the program. A huge shoutout to Volta Space for providing a great venue and catering for our guests, and also a shoutout to Tip Top Snapshots, LLC, David Cooper, and 2 girls and party for our photos and decor! Enjoy some of the pictures from the event below.



B&C FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM KICKOFF 2024



Thank you to Tip Top Snapshots & David Cooper for our photos!



OUR FELLOWSHIP CLASS OF 2024



Capricia George



Cathy Leake



Earlean Rivers



Emerald Bowman



Evan Dixon



Ivis Romero



Jevon Thomas



Kelly Dixon



Lynette Addison



OUR FELLOWSHIP CLASS OF 2024



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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

DAN CRAWFORD



Dan joined NCLCV in 2008, after serving for several years on our Conservation PAC committee. Before joining NCLCV, he lobbied for ElectriCities of NC, a non profit governmental agency that represents cities and towns that operate their own electric distribution systems—bringing a unique perspective to his advocacy efforts on energy issues. Prior to this, he worked for Congressman Brad Miller (NC-13) for nearly five years. In this capacity he worked as finance coordinator, field director, and campaign coordinator across three campaigns, and as district liaison in his congressional office. Fresh out of college, he worked for the Senate sponsor of the NC Clean Smokestacks Bill that gave NC some of the most stringent clean air rules in the nation in 2002. Dan brings a particularly political perspective to his work at NCLCV, which makes him well suited to enforcing a strong cycle of accountability. Dan graduate from NC State University with a BA in Political Science. A native North Carolinian from Asheville, Dan emphasizes that he is an environmentalist by birth, but with two little girls at home, he is committed to holding our legislators accountable for protecting our environment.





IMPORTANT MESSAGE: KEEP YOUR COMMITMENTS



Serving on a nonprofit, association board, or advisory committee is often unpaid volunteer work. Acknowledging this factor, the work is still vital, and your organization depends on you. A commitment is not a task you can forget about, rather it is a promise you make to do something for the betterment and assurance of your coworkers or fellow board members.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



At times I must pinch myself to make sure I am not dreaming. As the Boards and Commissions Fellowship Program enters our 3rd year, I often find myself reflecting on our inaugural class, which was not that long ago. I am elated by the growth this program has experienced in a brief period, empowering fellows in 12 NC counties and growing.

As the work of Boards and Commissions grows, so does our team. We have gone from a staff of one to a team of three. I am thrilled to welcome Maraim Rivera, a previous fellow from the inaugural class and Ivis Romero. With this new addition, I have every confidence we will increase local and state board appointments, expand the number of counties, residents, and stakeholders we engage, as well as increase those seeking public office., I have every confidence we will increase local and state board appointments, expand the number of counties, residents, and stakeholders we engage, as well as increase those seeking public office.

If you would like more information on NCLCVF Boards and Commissions Fellowship Program, visit our website or follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

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NEW OFFICE LOCATION & STAFF UPDATE

The Boards & Commissions office space has relocated, to the *University Commercial Center located at 7990 North Point Blvd Suite 210 Winston-Salem, NC 27106*



PowerUpNC and Boards & Commissions have merged offices!