
Profile

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Applications are accepted for the calendar year only. The Olympia City Council's General Government Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and interviews of qualified candidates.

The City of Olympia values participation from all perspectives and life experiences and looks for equity and inclusion in advisory board appointments.

Three absences from meetings in a year may result in removal from an advisory board.

Questions? Contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder.

The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

Architect (retired)

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Design Review Board: Appointed

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If you applied for multiple boards or commissions, please rank them in order of interest below.

Select Your Neighborhood (you must live within Olympia City limits to serve on a board or commission) *

Other

If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

Tumwater

Interests & Experiences

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Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume.

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1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.

I am currently a member of the DRB having been initially appointed in 2011). I served as Chairperson of the board for 4 years. When I retired and moved to Olympia, I wanted to use my experience to the new community in which I lived. The DRB offered that opportunity. Being on the DRB has allowed me to understand, appreciate and participate in the development of the City.

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2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.

I have been a registered architect in 5 states as well as being certified by the NCARB (a National certification that allowed me to be registered in multiple states). The projects types that I designed included Educational (elementary through University), Judicial and Law Enforcement, Association Headquarters and Multifamily Residential architecture. I also practiced Interior Architectural interior Design in NYC and Atlanta. My attached resume describes the type of work I practiced in the each firms

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I have served on the Design Review Board since 2011 including serving as Chairperson for 4 years. I represented the DRB as a committee member for the Project for Public Spaces. I also served on the Committee for the Artesian Well Artist Selection. I am an active member in the Olympia Mountaineers and serve on the Program Committee. I support the Olympia YMCA . I served on a Committee to "Save Monarch Sculpture Garden" I have been the president of my HOA neighborhood for 6 years.

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4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.

Educational: University of Virginia School of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture degree Professional: See attached Resume/Biography for my professional experience.

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5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

As many hours as necessary to meet my commitment to the DRB.

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6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:

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6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?

Yes No

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6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?

Yes No

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6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?

Yes No

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If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committees you would be interested in being considered for in order of interest.

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7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?

Yes No

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8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.

Do you agree to comply with this expectation?

I Agree *

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9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?

I am a current member of the DRB

[Biography JOSEPH SAMUEL LAVALLE.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Question applies to Design Review Board

10. Describe your experience, training, or education in architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, or development (residential, commercial, or other).

I am a graduate of the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia and became a registered architect in 5 states. My career included the design, construction documentation and construction administration of a variety of architectural projects. As my career developed, I became project manager responsible for the management and coordination of landscape architects, planners and engineers used on my projects; I took University courses in these disciplines to understand their design input and to insure that their work was in accordance with the design concept of the building.

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11. What do you consider influences on building and/or site design?

There are many influences on architectural design: the client's program and budget, the existing environment on and surrounding the site, the city's zoning and building codes and the feelings of neighborhood citizens.

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12. What does "good design" mean to you?

A "good design" is one that reflects the time we live in, meets all of the client's program and budget requirements and is considerate of its surroundings

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13. Describe your experience reading site plans and design drawings.

I am well versed in reading site plans and design drawings. My chosen profession as an architect required me to produce design understandable drawings for use by clients, design consultants, city building authorities and contractors.

JOSEPH SAMUEL LAVALLE

Biography

EXPERIENCE

May 1, 2010-present Retired from Active Practice

- **City of Olympia**
 - **Design Advisory Committee:** appointed August 2011
 - **Currently Chairman of Committee**
 - **Project for Public Spaces:** committee member
 - **Artesian Well Artist Selection Committee**

June 2007-April 2010 Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio Atlanta, Georgia
Associate

- Interior Architecture
- Architectural Design

Aug 2004-June 2007 Truisi Design Group New York City
Principal

- Interior Architecture
- Architectural Design

1996-June 2004 Farrington Design Group Atlanta, Georgia
Vice President for Architecture

- Architectural Studio Director

1992-1996 Ellerbe Becket Los Angeles, CA
Project Director

- Director for Governmental, Corporate and Institutional architectural projects for the Western Region Office.

1987-1992 Dewberry and Davis Fairfax, Virginia
Associate

Architectural Department Director

- *Director of Institutional Architecture*
 - Director for Governmental and Institutional architecture

1966-1987 VVKR Alexandria, Virginia
Vice President for Architecture

- Principal-in Charge of the VVKR Maryland office in Baltimore, Md. (1983-1987)
- Studio Director of 25 architects responsible for educational, corporate, commercial and institutional architecture
- Director of interior design subsidiary, Design Collaborative

Joseph Samuel LaValle

- Director of VVKR “Design Board”, an internal committee to insure the quality of design of all architectural projects in the headquarters office and the 3 branch offices.

EDUCATION

- 1961-1966 University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA
- Bachelor of Architecture

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Retrospective of Courthouse Design, National Center for State Courts/ AIA Justice Committee
- 2nd International Conference on Courthouse Design, Court Facility Planning, National Center for Justice
- Planning for New Institutions (PONI), National Institute of Corrections
- National Institute of Corrections Facility Planning
- GSA Value Management Course

REGISTRATIONS / CERTIFICATIONS

- Virginia
- Maryland, California, Florida, Georgia (inactive registrations)
- NCARB (inactive)
- LEED AP (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- The American Institute of Architects
- SW Washington Chapter / Emeritus