



Tuesday, December 20, 2022

## City of Olympia Cultural Access Advisory Board Application

Advisory committees are a structured way for individual community members to share their opinions and perspectives, study issues, and develop recommendations in a focused small group. Their primary purpose is to provide judicious advice, from a community member's perspective, to the Olympia City Council.

The Olympia Cultural Access Program Advisory Board was established to ensure that the Cultural Access Program provides public benefits. The Board advises the City Council on the formulation of processes, procedures and criteria for carrying out the goals of the Cultural Access Program and ensures that the program's expenditures are invested based on the priorities and commitments made to Olympia voters.

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

To reduce barriers to community member participation the City offers stipends of \$25 per meeting attended to advisory committee members. Those members who certify as low income are eligible to receive stipends of \$50 per meeting attended. Advisory Committee members may waive the stipend upon request.

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 is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources. Questions? Contact Dawn Carvalho, 360.753.8065, [dcarvalh@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:dcarvalh@ci.olympia.wa.us)

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder. When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

**Name**

Mariella Luz

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Address**

[REDACTED]

**Select your neighborhood (Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. )**

Eastside



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

Primary Phone Number

[REDACTED]

## Interests & Experiences

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. You may attach a resume.

Attach a Resume



Mariella Luz Resume 2022.pdf

**Briefly describe why you wish to serve on Cultural Access Advisory Board.**

I am currently serving on the Ad Hoc committee of the Inspire Washington/Cultural Access funding and I am excited to continue to see this work through to it's next stage.

**Describe your experience, qualifications, and/or skills which would benefit the Cultural Access Advisory Board.**

I have worked in the Olympia arts community for over twenty years as an artist and administrator. In addition I have served on several boards of arts related non-profits. Not only do I bring experience as an artist, but as someone who cares deeply about our community and it's future.

**Share the ways you've been involved or have volunteered in the community.**

In 2008 I started an music an all volunteer arts non-profit called the Olympia All Ages Project, it closed it's doors in 2015 but I have since spent the last 8 years volunteering my service to arts non-profits as a board member. I also have volunteered at Arbutus as a ceramics instructor for their free BIPOC classes.

**Describe your experience with and knowledge of the communities and organizations meant to be served by the Olympia's Cultural Access Program.**

I served for six years on the ArtWA board and have been a grant panelist for them for several times. I currently serve on the Olympia Art Space Alliance board and launched their grants project. In 2022 I served as committee chair with the ODA for the Creative District. I am the Board President at Artist Trust and I am on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Olympia Cultural Access Program.

**List your educational and/or professional background and area of study.**

I graduated from the Evergreen State College with a bachelor of Arts. Since then I have taken many community arts classes and participated in several artist residencies. I am the Board President at Artist Trust, on the board at the Olympia Art Space Alliance. I have previously served on the ArtsWA board as well as participated in committees through the City of Olympia and the ODA.

**Appointment to an advisory committee will require your attendance at evening meetings, and undertake other work (reading, meeting preparation etc.). How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?**

## **If you are not appointed to the Board at this time:**

**Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another Board or Commission?**

No

**Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to your preferred Board or Commission?**

Yes

**Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities? You can find opportunities here:  
[https://www.olympiawa.gov/news\\_\\_information/employment\\_\\_volunteering/volunteer\\_opportunities.php](https://www.olympiawa.gov/news__information/employment__volunteering/volunteer_opportunities.php)**

No

**Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Olympia Advisory Committee!**

**Please hit the "submit" button below when you have completed your application .**

**Mariella Luz**

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**Education**

2000

**The Evergreen State College** - Bachelor of Arts

**Experience**

2016-Present

**m.bueno**

Owner

Pottery and ceramic business

2016-2022

**Arbutus Folk School**

Instructor & volunteer

2001-2017

**K Records**

General Manager

Managed the staff and artists of the record label including project management, A & R, accounting, and production.

2022

**City Of Olympia** - Inspire Washington Ad Hoc Committee

2016-Present

**Artist Trust**

Board member, President

2015-Present

**Olympia Artspace Alliance**

Board member

2014-2020

**Washington State Arts Commission**

Board commissioner and Advocacy Chair

2008-2016

**Northern, Olympia All Ages Project**

Founder & Executive Director

Gallery curator and events coordinator of non-profit/all ages art gallery, music and events space.

**Awards/ Workshops**

2019

**Washington Clay Arts**

Recipient of Summer Scholarship

2018

**Sou'Wester**

Artist In Residence

2016, 2017

**Penland School of Craft**

2019, & 2020

Participated in workshops & artist in residence

