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**Board/Commission/Task Force you wish to apply for:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board   | <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Area Fire & Rescue Services Joint Powers Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Park & Recreation Advisory Board                   |
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**Summarize why you are interested in serving:**

I have been a Northfield resident since 2006. At that time, I was relocating to Minnesota for personal reasons and had arranged to work remotely for my then employer Williams College in Williamstown, MA— so I had my choice of location in MN. I sought out a vibrant small town community that had a mix of culture, economic strength, authentic character, and sense of its own history. After visiting several Twin Cities metro area communities, I found Northfield to have all the attributes that I sought. Over the years that I have lived here I have come to appreciate and love this city and also realize its challenges and flaws. I am interested in serving on the Northfield Economic Development Authority to help my community capitalize on its potential and thrive into the future.

**Summarize your personal background and attributes you feel are relevant to consideration of your appointment such as community involvement, experience serving on governing boards, training, education, work history, or other personal values, experience or perspectives:**

I believe that I can bring a unique set of talents and experiences that can contribute

to the EDA most notably my leadership experiences in the military, private sector and higher-ed.

As the Vice President for Advancement at St Olaf College, my responsibilities include raising philanthropic support for the College, maintaining and enhancing alumni and parent relations, and overseeing the career center. A key focus of mine has been the current fundraising campaign which has achieved its \$200 million goal well ahead of the May 2020 end-date. As part of my duties, I serve on the President's leadership team along with other leaders of the College including the Provost and Dean of the College, CFO, VP for Enrollment and Chief Diversity Officer. As part of this group I support the development and implementation of the College's strategy and assist the president and my colleagues in making decisions about critical issues concerning the College including the budget, revenue strategies, public relations and crises communications, and risk-management. I graduated from the United State Naval Academy with a degree in Mathematics and served for eleven years as an Officer in the US Marine Corps including various leadership assignments on the West and East Coasts of the United States and deployments to multiple countries in Asia, Europe and the Middle East including the First Gulf War. After leaving the Marine Corps in the late 1990s, I worked for a management consulting firm in New York City. This firm transitioned into a web-based productivity applications provider—something that was quite new in the business landscape at the time—and I had the opportunity to “pitch” the business to fortune 500 clients and potential investors. This experience along with two subsequent entrepreneurial ventures that I was involved with, have given me a solid base of experience to the motivations, risks and opportunities of start-ups and business ventures.

My professional and personal travels have allowed me the opportunities to live or experience many small/medium sized cities. The ones that become vibrant communities combine their unique characteristics and provide opportunity to attract talent, businesses and culture. A few places that come to mind are Northampton, MA; Bozeman, MT; Salida, CO; and Monhegan Island, ME. I believe Northfield has the opportunity to enhance its prosperity and make itself a truly standout destination small city.

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Additional information regarding each group can be found on the City's website: [Boards/Commission page](#) or on each group's respective web pages linked below.

#### [Arts and Culture Commission](#)

The Arts and Culture Commission advises City Council on the development of arts and cultural activities, organizations, and facilities in Northfield.

#### [Charter Commission](#)

The Charter Commission is responsible for reviewing and revising the City Charter to ensure that it meets all State & Federal laws and meets the needs of the citizens of Northfield. The City Charter is the constitution of Northfield's city government.

#### [Economic Development Authority](#)

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) seeks to improve the economic condition of Northfield. Focusing on appropriate commercial and industrial development, the EDA works to establish a higher tax base and additional job opportunities for the citizens of Northfield.

#### [Environmental Quality Commission](#)

The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) advises on matters concerning environmental quality and natural resources, including the implementation of the environmental policy enacted by ordinance.

#### [Heritage Preservation Commission](#)

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) seeks to safeguard the heritage of Northfield by preserving sites and structure, which reflect elements of the city's cultural, social, economic, political, visual, or architectural history.

#### [Hospital Board](#)

The Hospital Board oversees the administration, operation and maintenance of all hospitals, convalescent homes, nursing homes or other medical facilities, now or hereafter owned and operated by the City of Northfield. The board may make such rules, regulations and by-laws concerning the same entities as it may deem for the best interests of such facilities.

#### [Housing & Redevelopment Authority](#)

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority's (HRA) mission is to provide a sufficient supply of adequate, safe, and sanitary dwellings in Northfield.

#### [Human Rights Commission](#)

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) seeks to secure for all citizens equal opportunity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, and education. The commission works to ensure full citizen participation in this community by assisting the State Department of Human Rights in implementing the Minnesota Human Rights Act and by advising the City Council on long range programs to improve community relations in the City of Northfield.

#### [Library Board](#)

The Library Board makes recommendations regarding the library administration, policies, annual budget, operations, and maintenance of all library facilities.

#### [Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention](#)

Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention seeks to raise community awareness about local youth substance use and to make recommendations for community interventions to reduce youth use.

#### [Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Services-JPB](#)

The Northfield City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement for fire protection and rescue services at their April 1, 2014 City Council meeting. The agreement establishes a joint fire department that will be called the Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service (NAFRS). The services will be governed by an eight member Joint Powers Board. Five board members will be appointed by the Northfield City Council. Additional information can be found on the [NAFRS website](#).

#### [Park & Recreation Advisory Board](#)

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) directly advises staff and officials regarding the public parks system and all public recreational facilities in the City of Northfield. PRAB assists with long-range planning for land acquisition for parks, natural areas and trails, as well as detailed plans for park development and use and recreational facilities.

#### [Planning Commission and Zoning Boards of Appeals](#)

The Planning Commission prepares and maintains the city's Comprehensive Plan, conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council on proposed changes affecting zoning and land use.

Questions: Contact Deb Little, City Clerk, City of Northfield, 801 Washington St., Northfield, Mn 55057  
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