

**TOWNSHIP OF EDISON
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Please read and complete both sides of this application.

Personal Information

Name MICHAEL J. COMBA

Address of Residency: _____

City EDISON

State NJ

Zip 08830

Home Phone _____

Other Phone _____

Email _____

Are you 18 or older? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Experience and Education

Civic Activities (include other boards/commissions/committees): ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT

Degree and school attended: M. P. A. P. EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL OF PLANNING + PUBLIC
POLICY

Resume attached ☒ (optional)

Statement of Interest

For which board, commission or committee would you like to be considered?
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Please write a brief statement explaining your interest in the board, commission or committee for which you are applying. Include any experience, training, and/or qualifications you have relating to this board, commission or committee. I HAVE HAD THROUGHOUT OF SERVING ON THE
EDISON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SINCE FEBRUARY 2015. THROUGHOUT THIS
TIME I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TO WORK WITH RESIDENTS, APPLICANTS, FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS,
BOARD PROFESSIONALS, AND MUNICIPAL STAFF IN MY WORK ON THE BOARD. I
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COURSE
IN LAND USE LAW AND PLANNING IN DECEMBER 2015.

Please indicate any conflicts of interest you may have if chosen for this board, commission or committee: NONE AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, I WOULD RECUSE MYSELF
IF A CONFLICT WERE TO ARISE.

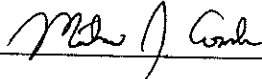
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Guidelines for Applying for Citizen Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees

- Please submit one application per board, commission or committee for which you are applying. The application will be kept on file for two years.
- Current board, commission or committee members must submit a new application at the end of their term if they wish to reapply. The deadline for applications from incumbents is the same as the deadline for new applications.

In accordance with the Local Government Ethics Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-22.1 et seq.) annual Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by certain elected and appointed officials. Financial Disclosure statements indicate the source of income but not the amount.

Information submitted on this application is public information. I verify that the information provided herein is true and complete. I understand that false or misleading statements may be cause for elimination from consideration.

Applicant Signature  Date 10/26/18

☐ Return completed applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to:

Township Clerk's Office
Township of Edison
100 Municipal Boulevard
Edison, NJ 08817

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Edison, New Jersey 08820
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EDUCATION

May 2009:

Masters in Public Affairs and Politics, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

May 2002:

Bachelor of Arts, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
Major: Politics; Subconcentration: American Government
Dean's List, Spring 2001

EMPLOYMENT

March 2008-Present: Vice President, Hoboken Strategy Group, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey

- Coordinate legislative and regulatory affairs for firm's clients. Shepherd legislative and grassroots outreach campaigns on behalf of major corporations, institutions or higher education, real estate developers, national associations and government entities.
- Manage public relations and social media outreach on behalf of counties, municipalities, county agencies, nonprofit organizations and political campaigns. Services include social media, website content development, monthly blog posts, quarterly newsletters and digital marketing.
- Coordinated charitable and corporate giving program for a major national corporation. Organized efforts between charitable giving campaign and public relations campaign to ensure public awareness of charitable efforts.
- Assist clients in exploring business development opportunities in the public and private sectors.
- Manage appropriations efforts and competitive grant opportunities for clients on the federal and state level.
- Oversee all financial operations including accounts receivable and payable, payroll, insurance and budgeting.

February 2006-February 2008: Chief of Operations/Government Affairs Associate, Mulroy, LiCausi & Gibbs, LLC., Trenton, New Jersey

- Oversaw corporate transition for the creation of firm composed of three principles and four employees.
- Directed all financial aspects including accounts receivable and payable, payroll, insurance, employee policies. Acted as liaison between employees and partners regarding personnel needs.
- Coordinated the rehabilitation of an over 100 year-old brownstone.
- Assisted in the coordination of the firm's legislative representation.
- Managed federal and state appropriations for the firm's clients.
- Coordinated state and local outreach efforts on behalf of clients.
- Managed grassroots efforts for major public infrastructure projects.

January 2004-February 2006: Associate/National Political Coordinator, KL Strategies, Incorporated, Hoboken, New Jersey

- Coordinated national travel for then-Congressman Robert Menendez, Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. Arranged National tours for the Chairman including major addresses to trade and political groups, campaigning on behalf of national, state and Congressional candidates.
- Oversaw all state legislative interests for clients.
- Assisted in providing federal, state and local appropriations for clients.
- Sought contract opportunities for development clients.
- Oversaw all corporate financial affairs including payroll, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

January 2003-December 2003: Assistant to the President, KL Strategies Incorporated, Hoboken, New Jersey

- Assisted in the establishment of a government relations firm. Coordinated all aspects of the development of a company from overseeing construction of an office to development of the firm's accounting system.
- Coordinated all federal and state legislative interests for clientele. Research pending legislation and inform clients of how measures will affect them. Communicate with elected officials and their staffs to site clients' concerns or praise for legislative initiatives.
- Assisted in working to provide federal and state funds for clients seeking to expand and improve their corporate interests.
- Handled all financial affairs for office including billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll.
- Assisted in the national outreach of the Chair of the House Democratic Caucus. Responsibilities included planning national travel for the Chairman to attend political events and campaign for congressional candidates across the country.

September 2002-December 2002: Legislative Director, Office of Assemblyman Peter C. Eagler (NJ-34), Clifton, New Jersey

- Coordinated all legislative affairs including drafting legislation for sponsorship, briefing legislator on upcoming legislative agendas, research ramifications for proposed legislation, established and managed a legislative agenda for the Assemblyman. Achievements include assisting the passage and implementation of New Jersey's Clean Communities Act.
- Directed statewide media outreach for Assemblyman.
- Established and conducted all constituent outreach projects.
- Coordinated all state grant opportunities for the district's five municipalities.
- Drafted the Assemblyman's legislative remarks for voting sessions.

HONORS/ACTIVITIES/CERTIFICATIONS

Township of Edison, Zoning Board of Adjustment, First Alternate Member, September 2016-Present

Township of Edison, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Second Alternate Member, February 2015-August 2016

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Basic Course in Land Use Law and Planning, December 5, 2015
Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park, Board of Trustees, April 2015-Present
North Edison Baseball & Softball, Volunteer Manager, April 2016-Present
New Leaders Council-New Jersey, Advisory Board Member
New Leaders Council-New Jersey, 2014 Fellow
Knights of Columbus, Carey Assembly #0677, Fourth Degree Member, Faithful Navigator, July 2014-June 2015; Trustee, 2015-Present
Knights of Columbus, Carey Council #1280, Third Degree Member, Grand Knight, 2010-11; Trustee, 2011-2015
Knights of Columbus, New Jersey State Council, Horse Shoe Tournament Chairman, 2011-13
Executive Board, Democrats 2000, 2004-09

References

Available upon Request.