

Contact Information

* Name
Nate Lawrence

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Qualifications

* **How long have you resided in the Commonwealth of Virginia?**
Since 2003

* **How long have you resided in the City of Staunton?**
Since 2009

Have you ever been elected or appointed as an Officer or Commissioner for the City of Staunton?
No

* **Please indicate why you are interested in serving on City Council:**

I have been a resident of Staunton for 14 years and my wife has lived in the area her entire life. We're raising our two children here and are very invested in the community. For the last 9 years I have been a teacher at Staunton (previously R.E. Lee) High School. I feel very fortunate for all that Staunton has given me and I always encourage my students to invest in their community, especially when it comes to civic matters. This is a perfect opportunity for me to demonstrate outside the classroom the type of engagement I encourage within it. From the current budget season to long-term projects such as Staunton Crossing, I look forward to continuing my work to improve Staunton for all its citizens.

* **Please indicate areas of your experience and knowledge that you see as important for consideration of your application for appointment:**

In my current job it has been my goal to educate the students in my Ecology and Environmental Science classes on a variety of city-related topics including public works, city planning, and local government. I also possess a large amount of knowledge on the workings, successes, and needs of Staunton City Schools. Working in education one becomes well versed in the need for open communication and thoughtful consideration of issues. I pride myself on the fact that my colleagues often refer to me as objective and impartial. In addition I have experience through my teaching and other professional duties with sustainability and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). In working to better understand what makes Staunton a successful community I stay abreast of current and future safeguards, including reviewing our budgets and expenditures. Finally, my degrees and work in anthropology give me unique insight into cultural communications and relationships, specifically with regards to race, economics, and public policy.

* **Please list any relevant leadership skills or educational training:**

would consider my work in various capacities such as a coach and leader of the Equity Team at Staunton High School to demonstrate my work ethic, adaptability, and desire to take on new challenges. While stressful, a positive result of the COVID-19 pandemic was that it served as an opportunity for me to innovate my classroom as well as dialogue and support my colleagues through initiatives such as serving on the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Committee. Given my previous work with and service to the city, I would be an excellent Councilperson. My knowledge of city departments such as Public Works and Planning, background in sustainability, and ability to interface across multiple work forces will be an asset in working with the departments, organizations, and communities that serve Staunton.

Indicate if you are attaching additional information pertinent to this application.
Attachments are provided

Attachment
Lawrence Resume.pdf

* **Digital Signature**
Nathan D. Lawrence

* **Date and Time**
01/18/2023 7:50 AM

Be advised that upon submission, this application and supporting documents become a public document and will be published by the City of Staunton.

TEACHER

Nate Lawrence

PROFILE

My goal is to use my knowledge and experience to improve the lives of the citizens of Staunton. A healthy and thriving city exists at the intersection of environmental, economic, and social concerns. I believe my past work speaks to the better future I hope to participate in creating.

EXPERIENCE

2017-Present: columnist for News Leader

2014-Present: High School Earth Science, Ecology, and Astronomy Teacher, Staunton High School (formerly Robert E. Lee High School), Staunton, VA

2014-2021: Cross Country and Track Coach

Additional Contributions:

2018-2019 – Member of rebranding committee for Staunton High School

2018-2022 – Member and subsequent leader of high school Equity Team

2019-2022 – Member of Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Committee

2021-2022 – Kindness Matters Initiative liaison for high school

2010-2014: High School Earth Science, Ecology, and Astronomy Teacher, Cross Country and Track Coach at Nelson County High School, Lovingston, VA

2002-2007: Archaeologist, James River Institute for Archaeology, Williamsburg, VA

EDUCATION

Summer 2009 - May 2010: PBTL Program through Mary Baldwin College, certification in Middle School Science, Secondary Earth Science, and Biology May 2010.

May 2007 - MA in Anthropology from the College of William and Mary.

May 2003 - BA in Anthropology and Minor in Geosciences from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA.