

Contact Information

* Name
Jake Krug

* Home Address*
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*You must be registered to vote in the City of Staunton. You can determine this by checking your voter card or by calling the Voter Registration Office at 540.332.3840.

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Mobile Phone
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* Email
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Qualifications

* **How long have you resided in the Commonwealth of Virginia?**
10 years

* **How long have you resided in the City of Staunton?**
2 years

Have you ever been elected or appointed as an Officer or Commissioner for the City of Staunton?
Yes

If so, please explain
Commissioner, Staunton DEI Commission

* **Please indicate why you are interested in serving on City Council:**
I reside in Staunton's Ward 1 and while our area of Staunton is a vibrant and integral part of the City, we do not have representation on City Council. I want to see that change. Ward 1 is one of Staunton's most diverse both in terms of our residents and the businesses that line our streets. We're home to some of Staunton's most recognizable restaurants ranging from Wright's to Thai Staunton. We are proud of our public spaces including Montgomery Hall Park and the Betsy Bell Wilderness Park. Our neighborhoods are made up of working folks who haven't had one of their own representing them on Council in several years. Our city is rapidly changing and with the redevelopment plans underway at the old mall, Ward 1 has the potential to experience even more changes relative to the rest of the City. I want to make sure that everyone from Ward 1 has a seat at the table once again.

* **Please indicate areas of your experience and knowledge that you see as important for consideration of your application for appointment:**
I am a proud member of the Staunton Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. Being part of this Commission has given me the opportunity to meet with my neighbors from across the City and better understand areas of need and success. I have experience with citizen-lobbying at the Virginia General Assembly for a variety of community-based initiatives. I have also represented various groups at a number of government functions to advocate for folks who have felt ostracized or disconnected from the political system. While I am no stranger to community organizing, the pandemic shifted my organizing philosophy to seek more direct connections with community members. Politics do not exist in a vacuum and if policymakers are not constantly seeking input and advice from those whom they serve, then good governance is not being practiced. While seeking that level of input from the community is time consuming (and can oftentimes result in coming face to face with uncomfortable truths), it is an absolute necessity to ensuring that everyone can feel at home in the City that they reside or work in. My organizing work focuses on engaging those who have been disengaged and I plan to continue that should I be selected to serve on the City Council.

* **Please list any relevant leadership skills or educational training:**
I continue to serve as one of the co-founding organizers with Shenandoah Mutual Aid, a community centered program that provides hot meals to individuals experiencing housing insecurity and poverty. I have also served as a member of JMU's Presidential Task Force on Racial Equity. I am the current Secretary for United Campus Workers, a statewide organization that represents higher education workers from across Virginia. Professionally, I am an Executive Assistant at the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. I received an associate's degree from Blue Ridge Community College and a bachelor's degree from James Madison University with a concentration in Public Policy and Political Science.

Indicate if you are attaching additional information pertinent to this application.
No attachments were necessary

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*** Digital Signature**

Jake Krug

*** Date and Time**

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