

METRO COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION FORM

KRS 67C.103(6) provides that a person must satisfy the following criteria) to serve as a member of Metro Council:

No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of a consolidated local government council unless he or she is at least eighteen (18) years old, a qualified voter, and a resident within the territory of the consolidated local government and the district that he or she seeks to represent for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the person's election. A council member shall continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected throughout the term of office.

Please provide the following information:

Full Legal Name * Brian Alexander Arbenz

Date of Birth * [REDACTED]

Current Residential Address * 
1830 Eastern Parkway Apt 2
Louisville, KY 40204
United States

Length of residence at current address * 6 years exactly

Attach your resume *  [brian_a_arbenz_resume.docx](#) 3.88 KB • DOCX

Name * Brian Arbenz

Email * [REDACTED]

By submitting this form, I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct, and I meet all the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the vacant office for which I am applying.

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Brian A. Arbenz

Objective: To represent residents of Louisville Metro Council District 8 and engage them in assertive and innovative efforts to solve our community's worsening problems.

Personal: [REDACTED] I live at 1830 Eastern Parkway Apt 2, Louisville, Ky. 40204. I have lived there since March 2017.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

My legal name was George Morrison until 2014, when I changed it through Jefferson Circuit Court to Brian Alexander Arbenz.

Profile

I am a citizen activist who has reported trash piles, broken pavement, and unsafe intersections in District 8, prompting former district Councilmember Cassie Chambers Armstrong to take quick action to fix these hazards.

I believe in grass-roots communitarian organizing and monitoring by citizens to make better policies and see that they are implemented properly, including Restorative Justice, mass transit, car sharing, racial justice and economic equity.

I have served as an activist/alternative journalist working for police reform, educational equity, LGBTQ+ rights, and equal opportunities for marginalized parts of Louisville for 36 years.

Experience

Activist/Editor of FORsooth, the monthly progressive newspaper published by the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, from 1990 to 2011. I continued writing for the publication and serving as assistant editor until 2016. I covered rallies, workshops and marches, and did on-the-street interviews of residents of Louisville neighborhoods from Shawnee to Crescent Hill about police reform, jobs, LGBTQ+ equality, media fairness, fair trade, tax reform, and peace.

Spoke at colleges and high schools in Louisville and before church groups in the area about all these issues.

Journalist, on independent contractor basis, 1985 through 2002, writing profiles on the work and lives of residents and leaders in Louisville neighborhoods, particularly in the African-American community, for the Courier-Journal, Third Force magazine, Louisville Magazine and the Louisville Eccentric Observer.

Volunteer Mediator, 1980s, conducting face-to-face meetings between offenders and victims through the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP), working to achieve agreements to repair damage and heal suffering caused by criminal offenses, with the aim of helping victims to mend emotionally and offenders to become accountable for their actions.

I have promoted the Restorative Justice Methods of VORP and other initiatives through intermittent writing and speaking since the 1990s.

Survey Interviewer and Statistical Clerk, since 1999, for the U.S. Census Bureau, working at the Jeffersonville Contact Center in Jeffersonville, Ind., helping U.S. residents by phone fill out various surveys, conducting phone surveys, and doing initial categorizing of data from survey responses. I have been intensely involved in the American Time Use Survey, the American Community Survey, and the Current Population Survey.

Education: Studied Political Science and Journalism at Indiana University Southeast from 1976 to 1982, earning an Associate Degree in Journalism. Nearly completed work on a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. I also completed non-credit courses on the Middle East conflict and hands-on courses on the operation of the United Nations.