



# Richmond City Council

Boards & Commissions  
 Appointments & Reappointments

Formal Meeting of Richmond City Council  
 Monday, February 26, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve  
 02/26/2018

Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends appointment of the following applicant:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
<b>Economic Development Authority</b> (7 directors) (page 3)	Resident of the city who is a member of the residential, commercial or mixed-use development community	Nathan V. Hughes (page 4)  Appointed	02/26/2018 – 11/28/2021 <i>Succeeding Richard Johnson</i>

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee recommends appointment of the following applicants:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
<b>Safe and Healthy Streets Commission</b> (12 members) (page 7)	Qualified voter of the city who holds no office of profit with the city	Kathryn M. Benedict (page 8)  Appointed	02/26/2018 – 11/28/2020 <i>Succeeding Michael Shane Cusick</i>
	Expertise in transportation safety	Michael Todd (reappointment, page 10) Appointed	03/24/2018 – 03/23/2021



# Economic Development Authority

## Vacancy Chart

*As of*  
May 13, 2018

The Economic Development Authority shall be governed by a board of directors in which all powers of the authority shall be vested and which board shall be composed of seven directors. (Code of Virginia § 15.2-4904)

Each Director of the Economic Development Authority shall be a resident of the City...Of the authority's seven directors, one shall be a member of the residential, commercial or mixed use development community, one shall be a member of the banking, lending or financial services community, one shall be a member of the Virginia State Bar, and one shall be a certified public accountant licensed by the State. The remaining directors may but need not necessarily belong to one of the groups set forth in the previous sentence so long as their qualifications provide a positive benefit to the authority. (Code of the City of Richmond § 2-759)

(Assigned to the Finance & Economic Development Standing Committee)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Patron</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Eligible for Reappoint.</b>	<b>Interested in Reappoint.</b>	<b>Qualification</b>
Nupa Agarwal	All members of Council	03/22/2018	Yes	Appointment pending	Member of the Virginia State Bar
Richard Johnson	All members of Council	11/28/2017	No	Yes	Resident of the city who is a member of the residential, commercial or mixed use community

**Contact:**

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Economic Development Authority  
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City of Richmond, Virginia  
City Council

**Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces Application**

(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Title: *Mr.*

Name: *Nathan V Hughes*

Home Address: *001218 CLAREMONT AVE RICHMOND VA 23227*

Home Telephone: *804-349-1000* Home Fax:

Personal E-Mail Address: *nathan@sperityventures.com*

Employer: *Sperity Real Estate Ventures*

Job Title: *Principal Broker* How Long?

Business Address: *000215 E GRACE ST STE 100 RICHMOND VA 23219*

Business Telephone: *804-464-2898* Ext:  Business Fax: *804-545-5477*

Business E-Mail Address *nathan@sperityventures.com*

Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond  Yes

Is your Place of Employment Located in the County?  No If Yes, Which County?

Are You A City Resident?  Yes If Yes, Which City Council District? *3* Number of Years? *11*

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment?  No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

*VCU - BS in Finance in 1998*  
*Started my career in Accounting/Finance, various bookkeeping and financial administration roles, with small businesses and international corporations.*  
*Shifted to commercial real estate brokerage in 2005, quickly becoming a partner at my firm and 2 years ago left to start my own firm here in the City. We specialize in restaurants, churches, and mixed use development. We are a small business working with big deals, and my experience working with viewpoints from both sides will help guide my work on the Economic Development Authority.*  
*I have been very involved in the REALTORS association, on the local, state, and national levels, currently serving on legislative committees on the local and national levels, and serving as a Director on the Board for the state and national levels. Commercial work and legislative work have been my focus on all levels at the association.*

List other city of Richmond Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Task Forces you currently or have previously served on. Please give date(s) and office(s) held, if applicable.

*Served on the COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW from 2014-2017*



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**Other Community Involvement:**

*Worked for years doing fundraising and event planning for Over the Edge at Special Olympics of Virginia. Was a founding board member of Social Media Club of Richmond, where I handled sponsorships, helped with programming, and anything else that needed to be done to put on educational, fully catered events for hundreds of attendees on a monthly basis.*

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**(OPTIONAL) Please List Additional Information You Would Like Considered, or You May Copy and Paste Your Short Resume.**

*My time on the Commission of Architectural Review was a great experience. You can talk to any of the members that served at the same time, and with the staff, to see that I pulled my weight there and did the work required. That is a commission with a heavy workload, and we got a lot accomplished over my 3+ years there. I enjoy using my background experience and expertise to help Richmond move forward. There will always be a lot of work on that front, and I look forward to doing more of it with the Economic Development Authority.*

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**How Did You Hear About or Who Referred You to Apply for Appointment to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force?**

*Heard about the vacancy through Councilman Parker C. Agelasto's Facebook page. I have been encourage*

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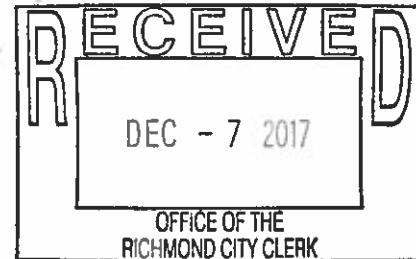
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December 5, 2017

Mr. Chris Hilbert  
Council President, Richmond City Council  
900 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219



RE: Letter of Recommendation for Nathan Hughes

President Hilbert:

On behalf of the Richmond Association of REALTORS®, it is my pleasure to recommend Nathan Hughes for the Richmond Economic Development Authority's Board of Directors.

Nathan has been a dedicated member of the Richmond Association of REALTORS® for over 10 years. He serves on multiple committees at the Association, including our Legislative Committee. As a Commercial REALTOR®, Nathan brings a unique perspective to our policy discussions and his expertise in retail businesses and property management make him an invaluable asset. And Nathan has a record of service on behalf of the City, having formerly served on the Commission on Architectural Review. Additionally, Nathan knows what it's like to be a business owner in Richmond and possesses a deep understanding of the City's business world.

But beyond his business expertise, perhaps what makes Nathan stand apart from his peers is his willingness to listen, learn, and lead. He is extraordinarily thoughtful in his decision-making process and hears out all sides equally before weighing in himself. Once he feels that all useful information has been shared, he does not hesitate to lead a group to a decision.

It is with these qualities in mind that I am pleased to offer RAR's endorsement of Nathan Hughes for appointment to the Richmond EDA Board of Directors. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Laura Lafayette  
Chief Executive Officer



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# Safe and Healthy Streets Commission

## Vacancy Chart

*as of*

May 13, 2018

The commission shall be composed of 12 members as follows:

- (1) A member of the Council.
- (2) Four qualified voters of the city who hold no office of profit with the city.
- (3) Three members with expertise in transportation safety.
- (4) The superintendent of the School Division of the city of Richmond.
- (5) The commanding officer of the Traffic Division of the Department of Police.
- (6) The traffic engineer of the city.
- (7) The director of Public Works.

*(Assigned to the Land Use, Housing & Education Standing Committee)*

<b>Member</b>	<b>Patron</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Eligible for Reappoint.</b>	<b>Interested in Reappoint.</b>	<b>Qualification</b>
Michael Todd	All members of Council	03/23/2018	Yes	Application included	Person with expertise in transportation safety
Michael Cusick	All members of Council	11/28/2017	Yes	No response received	Qualified voter of the city who holds no office of profit with the city

**Contact:**

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804-840-7609 (h)



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**Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces Application**

(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

**SAFE AND HEALTHY STREETS COMMISSION**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: *Kathryn M Benedict*  
Home Address: 002712 GROVE AVE APT 10 RICHMOND VA 23220  
Home Telephone: 4345097830 Home Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal E-Mail Address: benedickm2@vcu.edu  
Employer: Virginia Commonwealth University  
Job Title: Master's Candidate How Long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: 000907 FLOYD AVE RICHMOND VA 23220  
Business Telephone: 434-509-7830 Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business E-Mail Address benedickm2@vcu.edu  
Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond  Yes  
Is your Place of Employment Located in the County?  No If Yes, Which County? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are You A City Resident?  Yes If Yes, Which City Council District? 2 Number of Years? 7

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment?  No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

*I have a Bachelors degree from VCU in Urban and Regional Studies and Anthropology and am currently going through the Masters of Urban and Regional Planning program at VCU. In between my undergraduate and graduate studies, I had the opportunity to work with various companies within the Richmond region, constantly interacting with residents of the community. At this time I learned more about he Richmond community, and learned many of the values Richmonders hold close to their hearts.*

List other city of Richmond Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Task Forces you currently or have previously served on. Please give date(s) and office(s) held, if applicable.

*I am currently involved with Greater Richmond AgeWave, which had led me to gain a better understanding of some of the major planning and safety issues within the city. I have also worked closely with HOME- Virginia Chapter to leading me to gain a better understanding of the affordable housing crisis within the city.*

Other Community Involvement:

*I have volunteered regularly with Storefront Richmond and Six Point Innovation Center, Henrico County Operation*





**Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces Application**

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*Paintbrush*

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**(OPTIONAL) Please List Additional Information You Would Like Considered, or You May Copy and Paste Your Short Resume.**

*Experience*

*CarMax — February 2017-August 2017 Customer Relations Analyst*

*In this position, I was responsible for handling and responding to executive level complaints in a two hour time frame. I was also responsible for overseeing the resolution of the complaint and acting as a liaison between the local CarMax location and the customer.*

*Nordstrom — April 2016- February 2017 Salesperson*

*In this position, I was responsible for meeting and maintaining hourly, daily, and monthly sales goals to contribute to my overall goals, as well as the overall goals of the store. I was also responsible for maintaining a high level of customer service to build my personal book of business.*

*Nationwide Insurance — January 2014-April 2016 Claims Adjuster*

*In this position, I was responsible for handling a high daily volume of auto claims, and overseeing the claim through its entirety. I was also responsible for gathering all information and conducting a thorough investigation of the loss in order to determine accurate liability of the loss.*

*Education*

*Virginia Commonwealth University, Current*

*Masters Candidate in Urban and Regional Planning*

*Virginia Commonwealth University, 2011-2014*

*Bachelors of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and Anthropology*

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**How Did You Hear About or Who Referred You to Apply for Appointment to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force?**

*I heard about this Commission through another Board Member that I volunteered with*

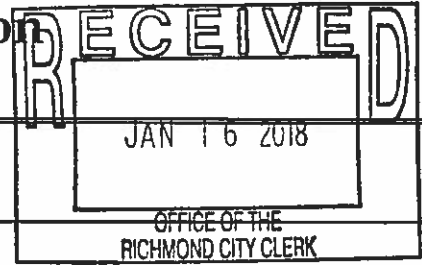
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Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces  
Reappointment Application

(Please Print or Type)



Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force: Safe and Healthy Streets Commission	
Title: Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Last Name: Todd	First Name: Michael
Home Street Address: 3921 Seminary Avenue	Home Telephone: 9084197322
Home City, Zip Code: Richmond, VA, 23227	Home Fax:
Personal E-Mail Address: mtodd@richmond.edu	
Employer: Commonwealth of Virginia - Department of Rail and Public Transportation	
Job Title: Transportation Planner	How Long? 2+ years at current position; 10 years as transportation planner
Business Street Address: 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102	Business Telephone: 8047861065
Business City, Zip Code: Richmond, VA, 23219	Business Fax:
Business E-Mail Address: mike.todd@drpt.virginia.gov	
Is your place of employment located in the city of Richmond? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is your place of employment located in the county? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which county?	
Are you a city resident? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, which City Council district? 3rd Number of years? 3yrs in 3rd District; 10+ years as a City resident	
Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.	
Signature: <u>Michael L Todd</u>	Date: <u>1/14/18</u>
(By signing, forwarding or otherwise transmitting this form, you certify that all information submitted for consideration is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.)	

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