

**Application Form****Profile**

NOTE: Each Applicant is advised to attend at least one meeting prior to applying for appointment.

Board Member applications must be received no later than **ten (10) business days** prior to the first City Commission Meeting at which the Commissioner is eligible to nominate and appoint the prospective board member.

The [City Commission](#) appoints members of the boards and committees. All positions are voluntary and members are not compensated for their time. However, the individuals who serve on the boards and committees provide an invaluable service to the city. Their advice and expertise on a wide range of topics assist the City Commission in its decision-making process.

In general, individuals may serve on only one board or committee at a given time, with the exception of ad-hoc committees or task forces. Most advisory groups meet at least once a month, however, there are varying degrees of commitment, depending on the board. Membership requirements vary with each board and committee

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Email Address

Diane

First Name

Colonna

Last Name

Middle  
Initial

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Home Address

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Delray Beach

City

FL

State

33444

Postal Code

Home: (561) 271-4830

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

n/a

Employer

Retired

Occupation

**Business Address**

971 Delray Lakes Drive

**Business Phone****Board Selection****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Delray Beach Housing Authority: Eligible

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## Qualifications

Please select all that apply: \*

- Delray Beach resident
- Own property in Delray Beach
- Land planner or land use attorney

Are you a registered FL voter?

- Yes  No

Are you a vendor or employed by a vendor that does business with the city?

- Yes  No

Are you a lobbyist or employed by a lobbyist, as defined in the Palm Beach County Registration Ordinance?

- Yes  No

Have you attended any Delray Beach Commission or Advisory Board Meetings?

- Yes  No

If yes, please describe and provide dates if possible.

I worked for the City of Delray Beach and the Community Redevelopment Agency for a combined 23 years. I attended countless commission and board meetings.

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served on a Delray Beach Advisory Board? If yes, please provide details and dates.

I was on the Delray Beach Community Land Trust board from 2017 to 2021

Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest (including, without limitation, any potential voting conflicts or potential prohibited conflicts) that may arise from your serving on the City board or committee to which you are seeking appointment?

- Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

Do you, any member of your immediate family, your employer or your business (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) currently have any contractual relationship with, or do business with, the City, or has there been any such relationship within the past 5 years?

- Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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**Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any delinquent accounts with the City or owe any monies to the City?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

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**Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any pending code enforcement cases or unpaid, certified code enforcement fines relating to property in the city that is owned or rented by you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest)?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

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**Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any pending code enforcement cases or unpaid, certified code enforcement fines for any other violations relating to other city codes?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

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**Have you ever been found to have violated, or had a complaint filed against you alleging a violation of, the Florida Code of Ethics for public officers and employees, Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (or any other ethics code)?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

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**If you lease property in the downtown area, do you pay taxes on the property as part of your lease agreement?**

Yes  No

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Please upload a copy of your lease

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**List any certifications or licenses which may further qualify you to serve on a board or committee.**

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During my working career I was certified as a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). I also served as board member and President of the Florida Redevelopment Association.

**Briefly describe why you wish to serve as a member of a board or committee and how your personal experience and background relate:**

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I am currently retired but have over 35 years of experience in public sector planning, development, and affordable housing program administration. In the 1980's I worked for the City of Hollywood's Housing Rehabilitation loan program and the Broward County Housing Finance Authority. In the 1990's I worked for the Delray Beach Planning and Zoning Department including as Executive Director. From 2000 to 2015 I was the Executive Director of the City's Community Redevelopment Agency. During my tenure with the CRA we did several projects in partnership with the Delray Beach Housing Authority and the Delray Housing Group. We also created the Community Land Trust which enabled many families to achieve the dream of home ownership. I have a strong interest in affordable housing and I believe my knowledge and experience can be of benefit to the DBHA.

**List any other community/civic involvement which you would like the Commission to consider:**

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I served four years on the board of the Delray Beach Community Land Trust. I am currently president of the Delray Beach Kiwanis club, and have been a volunteer for the Achievement Centers and the Delray Beach Playhouse. I've lived in Delray Beach since 1988.

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**University attended:**

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Florida Atlantic University

**Degree(s) received:**

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Master of Public Administration

**Major area of study:**

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Growth Management

[Diane Colonna - Bio.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

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**Terms of Acceptance**

Applications are kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for a period of two years.

Applicants may supplement their application with a resume or other information relevant to their qualifications.

**Declaration of Personal Information Exemption:**

Personal information provided in this application is public information unless the applicant qualifies for an exemption pursuant to Florida Statutes. You are encouraged to thoroughly read the applicable sub-sections of F.S. 119.0 71 ([Click here to view](#)). If you qualify for an exemption, please indicate below which statutory provision you are citing for the exemption. If you qualify, your address and phone number are protected information. You may contact the Board Liaison at 243-7056 if you have any questions.

**My address and telephone number are statutorily exempt from public disclosure:**

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Yes  No

**If yes, pursuant to which sub-section of F.S. 119.071?**

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**Please Agree with the Following Statement:**

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**I understand the duties and responsibilities of the board(s) or committee(s) for which I am applying. By signing below, I warrant the truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in this application.**

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I Agree

**E-Signature of Applicant:**

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Diane Colonna

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.**

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I Agree

## **DIANE R. COLONNA**

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### **Bio**

Diane Colonna has more than thirty-five years of experience in public sector planning and redevelopment in the south Florida area. Early in her career she managed the City of Hollywood's Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program, and later became Zoning Supervisor for the City's Growth Management Department. She was employed as Assistant Director of Broward County's Housing Finance Authority, coordinating bond issues and grant programs to create affordable housing opportunities. Ms. Colonna worked with the City of Delray Beach for 23 years, as Planning Director and later as Executive Director of the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency), and was a key player in the transformation of Delray's downtown from an economically distressed and blighted area to a thriving, popular urban center. She guided the redevelopment of the CRA's 2000-acre district, assembling property, negotiating development agreements, coordinating infrastructure projects, and implementing a variety of community-based initiatives. Under her supervision the CRA developed design guidelines for the central business district, established economic development incentives and arts-based initiatives, and created a nonprofit community land trust to provide permanently affordable housing.

As Senior Redevelopment Manager with Redevelopment Management Associates (RMA), Diane was assigned full time as Executive Director of the City of Margate's CRA. She and her team implemented grant programs, public infrastructure projects, business promotion activities and special events, and negotiated an agreement for the development of a 36-acre City Center at State Road 7 and Margate Blvd.

### **Education**

- MPA - Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida (Jesse Noyes Fellowship recipient)
- BS - Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania

### **Experience**

- Agency/Department management
- Organizational planning
- Preparation and management of budgets in excess of \$20 million
- Comprehensive land use planning and land development regulations
- Site plan review
- Creation and implementation of grant and incentive programs
- Creation and implementation of affordable housing programs, including a community land trust
- Public infrastructure projects such as street beautification, traffic calming, parks facilities
- Acquisition and disposition of property
- Negotiation and oversight of public private partnership agreements involving the redevelopment of CRA-owned properties
- Historic preservation projects
- Preparation/administration of RFQs and RFPs
- Inter-local agreements

### **Volunteer Work**

- Board Member, Delray Beach Community Land Trust (DBCLT)
- Delray Beach Kiwanis (President)
- Achievement Centers for Children and Families
- Delray Beach Playhouse