

Application Form

Profile

phillip VanLear  
First Name Last Name

[Redacted] Email Address

[Redacted] Home Address Suite or Apt  
Aurora IL 60506  
City State Postal Code

What Ward in the City of Aurora do you live in? \*

☒ Ward 5

[Redacted] Primary Phone [Redacted] Alternate Phone

Self-employed Actor/Director/Producer/Spokesperson Pastor/Performing Artist/Writer/Pastor/Coach  
Employer Job Title Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Advisory Commission on Disabilities: Submitted

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How long have you resided in Aurora?

Nearly all of my life. 55 years. the other 20 plus years in Chicago while I was working.

How long have you been with your current employer?

55 years

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

## Ethnicity

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☒ African American

## Gender

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None Selected

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Date of Birth

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## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Have you ever been employed by a law enforcement agency, in a sworn or unsworn capacity? If yes, please identify the agency and provide your dates of service with that agency.**

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I was born and raised in Aurora. A graduate of West Aurora High School. I am blessed to have seven amazing children, and seven equally amazing grandchildren. I have been a member of the Riverfront Playhouse since 1978. I worked as a professional Actor/Director/Producer/Writer/Spokesperson for over 45 years. I was the founding Artistic Director of The Aurora Theatre Ensemble. I served with the late Fred Rogers for several years as his Artistic Advisor for Community Performing Arts. I taught in both School Districts 131 and 129. I spent over 50 years as a Track & Field Coach, 13 of those years at North Central College in Naperville. I now serve as a Legacy Coach for the Aurora Sundowners Track Club. Currently I serve as a Pastor/Teacher for Harvest Bible Chapel - Aurora Campus. I also serve as a Patient Advocate for the Glaucoma Research Foundation, and for the ALCON Corporation, along with Rabb-Venable. Since 2000 I have been living with Acute End-stage Open Angle Glaucoma. I have no vision in my left eye, and No. I have never been employed by a law enforcement agency. In any capacity have only 5% vision remaining in my right.

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**Do you have any family members who are currently employed by a law enforcement agency, in a sworn or unsworn capacity? If yes, please identify the agency.**

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No family members, nor have I ever been employed as an officer of the law. No to both questions.

**Please list volunteer community activities for the past decade.**

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Besides the history I outlined in my bio above; I have also served as a volunteer at our Fourth of July Parades. (Several years ago) Currently, I serve as a volunteer coach for the Fox Valley Flash Track Club. I also serve as a visiting Pastor at several area churches.

**Please write a brief statement concerning your interest in this board and your willingness to serve as a member.**

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I love Aurora. It is my home. I have been blessed with the gifts of teaching, encouraging, leading, and caring. At this season of my life it is all about how much I can give back to the city that raised me. I have been blessed to still be able to work my craft of acting/directing/coaching/and preaching, in spite of my visual impairment. I love the performing arts; it is how I made my living, and it is something I still do joyfully. I also know how difficult and challenging it can be for those of us with disabilities. I want to finish my race running full-speed across the finish line. Both of these boards will afford me the opportunity to do just that. I am excited about the myriad possibilities. And I look forward to getting started as soon as humanly possible.