



Community Advisory Group

2017 New Member Application

The Equality Illinois (EI) Community Advisory Group helps inform and develop the public policy agenda that advances full equality and inclusion for LGBTQ individuals and families. The Group brings together an inclusive cross-section of LGBTQ voices from across Illinois.

Objectives of the Community Advisory Group:

- Engage grassroots LGBTQ individuals and allies in the policy work and agenda building to advance LGBTQ equality and social justice in Illinois
- Ensure the LGBTQ policy agenda is crafted with input from an inclusive coalition of stakeholders from across Illinois
- Offer professional development and leadership training for grassroots LGBTQ individuals
- Identify individuals who can be surrogates or advocates to public officials, local media, and other organizations on LGBTQ issues

Responsibilities of Group Members:

- Participate in monthly calls to inform and give feedback on EI's legislative agenda
- Participate in reactive calls, as necessary, to respond to situations facing LGBTQ Illinoisans
- Meet at least twice a year at meetings or receptions in Illinois (subject to available resources)
- Act as a surrogate to public officials, other organizations, and local media (when authorized by EI staff)

There will be opportunities for professional development (as requested by members of the Community Advisory Group and based on available resources):

- Media training
- Issue presentations
- Fundraising training

People of color, women, and transgender people are strongly encouraged to apply to be members of the Community Advisory Group.

Final decisions about EI's policy agenda will be made by EI staff and our Board of Directors. The Community Advisory Group will provide critical insight.



If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ziri, Director of Public Policy, at mziri@eqil.org or (773) 477-7173.

BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017, RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Mike Ziri, Director of Public Policy
Equality Illinois
17 North State, Suite 1020
Chicago, IL 60602

Or by e-mail to: mziri@eqil.org

APPLICATION

Please feel free to attach additional pages as needed.

Name _____

Gender Pronouns _____

Home Address _____

City _____, ILLINOIS Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

May we leave a voicemail about Equality Illinois and the Community Advisory Group at this number? _____

Email _____

Are you registered to vote in the State of Illinois? _____

Please describe your previous engagement with policy development, advocacy, and lobbying.

Please describe any experience with communications and messaging.



Are you in a leadership role of an existing LGBTQ advocacy or social service organization? If so, which organization? What is your role?

Please describe your civic engagement, including any volunteer work you have done or currently do.

Please describe your interest in LGBTQ policy.

Why would you be a good fit for the Community Advisory Group?

Please provide any other information you think would be relevant and useful to advance an LGBTQ policy agenda in the State of Illinois.



We hold ourselves accountable to cultivating diverse pools of high-quality talent for the Community Advisory Group. Sharing this information with us lets us know how well we have reached out to a variety of stakeholder communities to inspire high-quality candidates to apply.

Gender _____

Race and/or Ethnicity _____

Do you publicly identify as a member of the LGBTQ community? If so, how?

Age _____

Educational Background _____

Current Occupation and/or Student Status _____

SIGNATURE

I state that I personally drafted or approved these responses.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____