



# Community Advisory Group

## 2018 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 policy agenda
- Participate in reactive calls, as necessary, to respond to situations facing LGBTQ Illinoisans
- Act as a surrogate to public officials, other organizations, and local media (when authorized by EI staff)
- Attend and participate at EqualityCon in Springfield (September 28-29, 2018) and/or at LGBTQ Advocacy Day at the State Capitol (spring 2019, specific date TBD) and/or host an LGBTQ policy-oriented house party (with an EI staffperson as the keynote presenter) that is attended by at least 10 other people who are not EI staff or other members of the Community Advisory Group. House parties should be scheduled and organized with EI staff in order to ensure participation by an EI staffperson.

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](mailto:mziri@eqil.org) or (773) 477-7173.



**BY AUGUST 10, 2018, RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

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Or by e-mail to: [mziri@eqil.org](mailto:mziri@eqil.org)

**APPLICATION**

Please feel free to attach additional pages as needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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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?

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Do you publicly identify as a person living with HIV? \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Occupation and/or Student Status \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SIGNATURE**

I state that I personally drafted or approved these responses.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_