

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION



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Please complete the following information in full and return with your current resume or biography to the address below.

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Board or Commission you are applying for: DOSP

Last Name: Richter First Name: Erika

Occupation/Employer: Owner Hope Tank

Work Address: 64 Broadway City: Denver Zip: 80303

Work E-mail Address: Erika@hopetank.org

Work Phone: 303 413 8473 Work Home Fax: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: 303 413 8493 Cell Phone Pager: SAME

Home E-mail Address: Erika@hopetank.org

Are you a registered voter? Yes No If so, what county? Denver

Colorado ID or Driver's License Number: 03-269-0462

Denver City Council District No: 1 Jurisdiction: _____

Highest Level of Education or Degree Earned: BSW Year Completed: '01

Memberships/Organizations/Volunteer Activities (include past or present):

Access Gallery - Teach Entrepreneurship

Art District on Santa Fe - Board Member

Art of War Project - Volunteer

References (Last three persons, not related to you, whom you have known at least one year):

Name Address Phone Number

Jade Baranski Denver 303 460-0468

Margaret Dingae Denver 120-261-2054

Janna VandeBerg Denver 303-477-4896

Special Information:

Is there anything that would adversely affect public confidence in your appointment or service? Yes No

If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

Erika Richter 8/8/17
Signature Date

Return Completed Form to:
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Erika Righter is the founder of Hope Tank, a social enterprise boutique in Denver, Colorado. Born and bred in Boston, Massachusetts, raised by an entrepreneur and an inner-city educator, Erika had Social Enterprise in her DNA. From an early age, Erika knew she wanted to help people in her community, and in 2001 she received a Bachelor's of Social Work from the University of Vermont. During her college years, Erika's focus was on homeless and incarcerated teens, and it was there that she was first exposed to the youth who had come out of the foster care system.

Generational poverty would be a repeating theme in her work as a social worker and continued as she moved to Colorado, where she worked with adults in need of emergency case management. She went on to serve low income senior citizens, and then licensed foster care homes and adoptive families. While working for various nonprofits, Erika faced the challenges that come with trying to introduce creative solutions within often understaffed and underfunded agencies.

In 2011, Erika won a scholarship to attend the South By Southwest Interactive Conference, thanks to a proposal for how to use technology to have impact in the community. It was at SXSW, that she met like-minded professionals who agreed that thinking outside of the box was the only way to really help underserved populations. It was there that the idea of starting a for-profit Social Enterprise really became a concrete goal.

In 2012, the adoption/foster care agency that Righter was working for closed down suddenly, and she found herself at a crossroads. She could either continue as a nonprofit worker, or become a bridge for the nonprofit world to the rest of the community. She decided to take the plunge and established Hope Tank, a gift store with a social mission. While growing Hope Tank, Erika continued to work in the social work field as a Chafee worker, with youth aging out of the foster care system.

Erika relocated the store in 2013 to an up and coming neighborhood in Denver, and she committed herself full time to building the business to its full potential. Erika sees Hope Tank as a platform to engage the community in giving back in meaningful ways. The power of Hope Tank is that it is accessible to people of all ages, backgrounds, and socio economic status. Hope Tank breaks down barriers between the average person and their perceived lack of ability to affect change.

In addition to running the store, Righter consults with for-profit businesses about their giving plans, conducts workshops for all ages to learn about how they can affect positive change in their communities, and also mentors diverse populations to help them achieve financial success through commerce. Erika credits unique collaborations with other businesses as key to the success of the work she does. Erika believes that Social Enterprise is here to stay, and that *all* types of businesses, whether small or large, need to look at their impact in the community in order to grow to their full potential.

Entering the sixth year in operation, Hope Tank has become a hub for change makers, students, dreamers, business owners, as well as those who are underserved like our veterans, disabled artists, and at-risk youth. The store sees around 40,000 customers come through the doors annually, and that means 40,000 touch points for our awesome nonprofit partners which have the potential to turn into donors, volunteers, and allies.

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| Board Name | Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships | Status | In Process |
| Salutation | Ms. | Type | Appointment |
| First Name | Allison | Preferred Email | aladsit2@gmail.com |
| Last Name | Adsit | Other Email | |
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| Middle Name | | Other Phone | |
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Work and Home Address

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| Work Address | 9029 E Mississippi Ave #P204 | Home Address | [REDACTED] |
| Work City | Denver | Home City | [REDACTED] |
| Work State | CO | Home State | [REDACTED] |
| Work Zip | 80247 | Home Zip | [REDACTED] |

Additional Information

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| Are you a registered voter? | Yes | Gender | Female |
| If so, what county? | Denver | Other Gender | |
| Denver City Council District No | 5 | Ethnicity | Caucasian |
| Occupation/Employer | Development Manager/Empowered | Other Ethnicity | |
| | | Objection to appointment? | No |
| | | Special Information | |

Reference Details

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Alison Adsit

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Education

- University of Denver | Denver, CO June 2017
Master of Social Work
Concentration in Organizational Leadership & Policy Practice
- Colorado State University | Fort Collins, CO May 2015
Bachelor of Social Work
Minor in Philosophy

Professional Experience

- MSW Program Intern | Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships | Denver, CO Sept 2016-June 2017
- Developed training curriculum, facilitated and evaluated workshops focused on cross-sector collaboration
 - Developed and executed communication plan utilizing Constant Contact, CiviCRM and social media
 - Created donor recognition policy as part of a Denver city wide fundraising policy
 - Researched and stayed up-to-date on current local and federal policies affecting nonprofit sector
 - Advocated for the power and importance of nonprofit organizations in the community
- Research Assistant | University of Denver | Denver, CO Dec 2016-May 2017
- "Understanding the Factors Affecting Health Outcomes Among Children Exposed to Maltreatment"
 - Principal Investigator: Samantha Brown, PhD
 - Involved in Systematic Search and Manuscript Preparation utilizing various databases and MS Office
- Grant Associate | The Matthews House | Fort Collins, CO Feb 2015-Feb 2017
- Managed and developed streamlined grant tracking process utilizing MS Office and Salesforce CRM system
 - Developed three-year strategic grant fund plan to include private and corporate foundations, as well as contracts
 - Researched and applied for suitable grant and funding opportunities, successfully awarded at a wide range of giving levels
 - Recruited and supervised volunteer committee for silent auction, yielding over \$15,000 in donations
 - Advocated for disadvantaged populations through communications with grantors, donors and community members
- Administrative and Development Intern | The Matthews House | Fort Collins, CO Jan 2014-Dec 2014
- Researched, prepared and applied for suitable grant opportunities
 - Developed curriculum and facilitated Life Skills group for youth in foster care and/or juvenile justice system
 - Advocated for and connected youth to community resources
 - Assisted with silent auction development and donor communication for annual fundraising gala

Volunteer Engagement

- Panel Reviewer | Domestic Violence Program – CDHS | Denver, CO April 2017-May 2017
Life Skills Groups Facilitator | The Matthews House | Fort Collins, CO Aug 2014-Jan 2015
Campus Corps Mentor | Colorado State University | Fort Collins, CO Sept 2013-Dec 2013