



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No: 29759

**RESOLUTION**

**R - 2019**

*Introduced by the Administration on February 6, 2019*

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Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following appointment to the Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA) submitted to this Council by Mayor Ray O'Connell.

**ALLENTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ZONE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (ANIZDA)**

Adrian Shanker

520 W. Hamilton Street

#503

Allentown, PA 18101

**Term Expiration: 01/09/2024**

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota	X	
Courtney Robinson	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Roger MacLean, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

***THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 29759 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.***

  
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City Clerk



**Ray O'Connell, Interim Mayor**  
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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Ray O'Connell *ROC*  
Interim Mayor

**DATE:** January 23, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor O'Connell has approved the following appointments and reappointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Frank R. Frankenfield	Sheet Metal Technician Board	05/06/2022
Oldrich Foucek III Esquire	Allentown Planning Commission	01/01/2022
Marlene E. Granitz	Vacant Property Review/Blighted	01/04/2022
<b>Adrian Shanker</b>	ANIZDA	01/09/2024
Scotty G. Smith	Human Relations Commission	01/25/2022
Mary Viola	Arts Commission	01/06/2024

Mr. Frankenfield's term has expired on the Sheet Metal Technician Board. His resume is attached. Attorney Foucek is being reappointed to the Allentown Planning Commission by the Mayor. His resume is attached. Marlene Granitz is being reappointed by the Mayor. Her resume is attached. Mr. Shanker is replacing Attorney Fouck on ANIZDA. His resume is attached. Scotty Smith is replacing Lady Staci Marie Luton who resigned from the commission. Mary Viola is being reappointed to the Arts Commission. Her resume is attached.

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Attachments

**RECEIVED**

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**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT**

**DATE** January 21, 2019

**MAYOR'S OFFICE**

**AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION YOU ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT TO: ANIZDA**

**NAME:** Adrian Shanker

**HOME ADDRESS:** 520 W. Hamilton St. #503, Allentown, PA 18101

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, 522 W. Maple St., Allentown, PA 18101

**TELEPHONE NO. (RESIDENCE)** (610) 597-8044 **BUSINESS** (610) 347-9988

**EMAIL:** Adrian@bradburysullivancenter.org

**PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY:** Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

**JOB TITLE:** Executive Director

**EMPLOYMENT (Prior):** Wolper Information Services (Special Projects Manager)

**EDUCATION:**

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE:**  YES  NO  
**COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GRADUATE**  YES  NO  
**DEGREE/FIELD OF STUDY** B.A. in Political Science, Religion Studies  
from Muhlenberg College

Graduate Certificate in LGBT Health  
Policy & Practice from The George  
Washington University

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES:**

Commissioner - Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission  
Commissioner - Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQA Affairs  
Board of Directors - ACLU of Pennsylvania  
Board Member - Non Profit & Business Partners Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber  
of Commerce

**PAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES HELD:**

President, Board of Directors, Equality Pennsylvania (2011-2013)  
Commissioner & Vice Chair, City of Allentown Human Relations Commission (2009-2012)

**DO YOU LIVE IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:**  YES  NO

**DO YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT "BUSINESS" OR "PROPERTY" INTEREST IN ALLENTOWN? PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

Yes, I am the Executive Director of Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, which is headquartered at 522 W. Maple St., Allentown PA and which provides arts, health, and youth programs for the LGBT community across the Lehigh Valley.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER:** \_\_\_\_\_  **YES** \_\_\_\_\_  **NO**

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT? BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHAT VALUE YOU WILL BRING TO THE BOARD:** I've lived in the Lehigh Valley for 15 years. I remember my first semester of college, wandering downtown and knowing I wouldn't stay in Allentown after graduation. But I was wrong. I just didn't know how to find the community I was looking for. The NIZ legislation has sparked a renaissance in downtown Allentown with the rebuilding of a business community and the start of a new skyline. There is much to be applauded. There is also more work to be done, and perhaps to be done with new lenses and new visions. In my conversations with Rep. Schweyer regarding this appointment, I was clear that I believe that the NIZ has so far achieved its stated goals. But it's time to move the goal post. It's time for ANIZDA to increase its prioritization in public spaces, arts & culture, and environmental sustainability. It's also time for ANIZDA to ensure the benefits of the NIZ expand outward into surrounding neighborhoods. As a non-profit executive who also is a tenant in a NIZ-constructed property, I will bring new ideas and new lenses to ANIZDA. And it's time for that to happen.

**DO YOU ANTICIPATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF AN AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION:** No

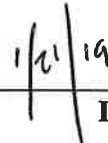
**IF YES, EXPLAIN:** Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is just outside of the NIZ. And I have checked with the Chief Counsel of PHRC and she did not anticipate there would be a conflict of interest with ANIZDA.

**IF YOU ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY TERMS YOU HAVE SERVED \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE YEAR YOU WERE FIRST APPOINTED \_\_\_\_\_.**

**NOTE:** This information will be used for making appointments to authorities, boards and commission and in the event you are appointed/reappointed, it may be used as a news release to identify you to the community.



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Signature



\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please forward this request for appointment, along with a resume to:

Mayor's Office  
City Hall  
435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18101

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# ADRIAN SHANKER

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## CAREER

### **FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER – 2014-PRESENT (ALLENTOWN, PA)

### **COMMISSIONER**

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – 2018-PRESENT (HARRISBURG, PA)

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER**

WOLPER INFORMATION SERVICES – 2011-2014 (EASTON, PA)

### **ORGANIZER**

SEIU LOCAL 32 BJ – 2010-2011 (ALLENTOWN, PA)

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR**

CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN – 2009-2011 (ALLENTOWN, PA)

### **SUPERVISOR**

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC OPINION - 2006-2009 (ALLENTOWN, PA)

## EDUCATION

### **THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

Graduate Certificate, LGBT Health Policy & Practice (2017)

### **MUHLENBERG COLLEGE**

B.A. *cum laude* in Political Science & Religion Studies (2009)

## VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

COMMISSIONER, PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON LGBTQ AFFAIRS - 2018 - PRESENT

OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD, PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - 2016-2018

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, LGBT HEALTHLINK - 2016-2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ACLU OF PENNSYLVANIA - 2014-PRESENT

LGBT CAUCUS CHAIR AND ELECTED STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY - 2014-2018

TRANSITION TEAM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, PENNSYLVANIA AUDITOR GENERAL EUGENE  
DEPASQUALE - 2012

PRESIDENT, EQUALITY PENNSYLVANIA - 2011-2013

COMMISSIONER & VICE CHAIR, ALLENTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - 2009-2012

## PUBLISHED WORKS

AUSSENDORF, MARA, JAMIE MAGEE, JEFFREY TURNER, AND ADRIAN SHANKER. **"QUEER AND QUITTING: ADDRESSING SMOKING AS AN LGBTQ ISSUE."** IN *THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF LGBTQIA POLICY & ADMINISTRATION*, 156-66. NEW YORK, NY: TAYLOR & FRANCIS, 2018.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEXUALITY** - 2018, 2017

**SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATORS** - 2018, 2016

**CREATING CHANGE: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LGBT EQUALITY** - 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

**PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, LGBT HEALTH CONFERENCE** - 2016, 2017

## SELECTED AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA GAY NEWS, PERSON OF THE YEAR - 2018

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - 2016

BAR ASSOCIATION OF LEHIGH COUNTY, LIBERTY BELL AWARD - 2015

LEHIGH VALLEY BUSINESS, 40 UNDER 40 - 2013

PHILADELPHIA GAY NEWS, PERSON OF THE YEAR - 2012

ALLENTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD - 2008

GLSEN HUDSON VALLEY, LEADERSHIP AWARD - 2005

ANNE FRANK CENTER USA, SPIRIT OF ANNE FRANK AWARD - 2004