

# Board Candidate Questionnaire October 2016

Fill in this form and return to Lane at 1229 Pennsylvania, or [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) by **October 14th**.  
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1. **Name:** Chris Lempa
  
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3. **Contact information/ Email address:** 8lempa8@gmail.com/785-542-0106
  
4. **Employer/ Where do you work?** I am the Community Relationships Manager at the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority. I also run the agency's Full Circle youth program.
  
5. **What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?** New York Elementary Site Council, United States Department of Arts and Culture, Safe Routes to School Community Advocate, Fuel Up for Summer (summer nutrition program)
  
6. **How long have you lived in East Lawrence?** 9 glorious years
  
7. **What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?** I have never felt like a stranger in East Lawrence. I was greeted by neighbors the day I moved in. I've made some of the best friends here and in turn they helped me through some difficult times. This place is pretty magical.
  
8. **How many full ELNA meetings have you attended in the last 12 months?**  
3. My previous work schedule did not allow for me to attend ELNA meetings. Fortunately that has changed and I am now able to attend meetings.
  
9. **What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?**  
So many! I have helped with newsletters, the Block Party set-up and tear down, Kickball Game cookouts, and sidewalk clean-ups to name a few.
  
10. **If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?**  
I am interested in working on the newsletter and neighborhood clean-up projects. I am also interested in outreach and youth involvement. If possible I'd like to work on pedestrian/bicycle issues in the neighborhood. Free summer lunch and dinner programs are also something I would like to see expanded, especially in our neighborhood.

**11. From the website: The purpose of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is to facilitate understanding with the City of Lawrence and Douglas County; to maintain and enhance living conditions; to foster communication in East Lawrence and to maintain good relations amongst neighbors, businesses, organizations and other neighborhoods in Lawrence. As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?**

I want to make sure that East Lawrence is adequately represented in city decision making processes, particularly those around education and development. I am an active member of the New York Elementary community and an employee of the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority. As a board member I will bring those experiences to keep East Lawrence awesome.