

## VP1 Government Relations - Patrick Gilbert

Patrick Gilbert has been active with the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods (CAN) for five years, serving as Vice President for Government Relations for more than three years. His main role is to work with Asheville City staff on ordinance amendments and issues that will make neighborhoods more resilient and stable, and improve residents' quality of life. He also acts as a liaison between member neighborhoods and city government.

His other civic duties included serving two years on the Haw Creek Community Association Board of Directors, and three years on the City of Asheville Noise Ordinance Board of Appeals. He currently is the chair of the City of Asheville Urban Forestry Commission, of which he has been a UFC member for five years. He also is serving as CAN's representative to the city's Missing Middle Housing Advisory Committee.

Patrick previously worked for nearly 30 years as a journalist for the Baltimore *Evening Sun* and the Baltimore *Sun*. He served five years as chair of the Baltimore Sunpapers Unit of the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild Local 35 (AFL-CIO, CLC), and three years as a representative to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council AFL-CIO.

He served as Director of Publications and Internal Communications for Johns Hopkins Medicine, and retired after 16 years with the Marketing and Communications Department.