

# Boards and Commissions Application

## Profile

Roshni

First Name

Saxena

Last Name

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Email Address

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Charter Review Commission: Submitted

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Yes  No

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here: <https://eservices.sccgov.org/rov/?tab=dt> \*

District 4

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95132

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Good City Company

Employer

Assistant Planner

Job Title

## Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

## Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[REDACTED]

**Spouse's Job Title**

N/A

**If you or your spouse is retired and receiving a pension, please state source of pension.**

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**Demographics (Optional)**

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**Interests & Experiences**

**High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or Other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates Attended, Degree and Date of Degree.**

Masters of Urban and Regional Planning degree in progress

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**List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic, or charitable organization including the dates**

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**Languages Spoken**

English, Hindi

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**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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**Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.**

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application

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If yes, please list the addresses here.

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Please list three issues facing the City that you feel the Commission should address.

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I would like to say . . .

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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### **Retirement Board Questions Only**

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\*Piedmont Hills High School (2010-2014) \* San Jose State University (2014-2017), B.S. Business Administration, Corporate Accounting & Finance \* Santa Clara University School of Law (2018-Present), J.D. Candidate

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\*Council Staffer, City of San Jose (Jun. 2017-Jul. 2018)

**Languages Spoken**

English, Vietnamese, French

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

\* Dean's Fellow Scholar, Santa Clara University School of Law (May 2018): Full tuition scholarship, awarded to academically outstanding entering students to the law school. \* Latin Honors: Magna Cum Laude Scholar, San Jose State University (Dec. 2017): Awarded to those who accumulated a 3.70 - 3.84 GPA.

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The ability to serve as one of the District 4 members on the Charter Review Commission would be an honor. If afforded the opportunity, I will do my part in ensuring that all proposals are duly researched, analyzed, and considered on my end. Furthermore, I will work with the other District 4 member on this commission to adequately bring up concerns and viewpoints raised by the D4 residents --- through community input --- in association with the concepts being raised. Finally, I will work with all commission members to create transparency and accessibility throughout this entire recommendation process.

**Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application**

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As a resident of District 4 for over 18 years (i.e. from childhood to current adult life), I have seen a number of the minor transformations and shifts within this community. As a San Josean all my life, the exposure to a wide and fruitful breadth of diversity has been with great fortune and blessing. This informed knowledge will be useful when collaborating with other members in the pursuit for a beneficial governance structure and charter amendments that increase the accountability of councilmembers to their constituents.

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Nishi Saksena

**Reference 1 Address**

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**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Kevin Suarez

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

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If afforded the opportunity, this will be my first time serving on either a Commission or Board at the City level. On the outside, I served as a Board of Director for one year at Associated Students, San Jose State.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).**

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\* Residing in San Jose for all my life, and specifically in District 4 for 18 years, means I have been in-tune with much of the community chatter when more controversial city agenda items are up for discussion and vote. \* My tenure as a Council Staffer afforded me with exposure to various constituencies and groups within the District 4 community. This exposure led to many observations and conversations about what each assembly looks for in representation. \* My pursuit of a degree in Corporate Accounting & Finance at San Jose State, along with a J.D. at Santa Clara Law, strengthened my research and critical thinking skills. This should prove useful when weighing the pros and cons associated with each proposed amendment.

**What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?**

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To my understanding, the Charter Review Commission was established to evaluate and provide recommendations the governance structure for San Jose. This includes conversations on the current council-manager system, the current practice of having mayoral elections during non-presidential election years, campaign finance reform, and more.

**Please list three issues facing the City that you feel the Commission should address.**

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1. Whether or not to maintain the current governance structure for San Jose (i.e. council-manager). If the latter, should the City of San Jose proceed forward with a "strong mayor" structure. 2. Whether or not to maintain the current practice of having mayoral elections during non-presidential election years. 3. Whether or not lawmakers should recuse themselves on agenda items in which the interest group in question donated over \$250.00 to their election campaign.

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**I would like to say . . .**

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Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon, and contributing however I can.

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San Jose, California, 95132 United States | [REDACTED]

## EDUCATION

### Santa Clara University School of Law

May 2021 (Expected)

*J.D. Candidate*

- Honors:** Dean's Fellow Scholarship Recipient
- Activities:** Student Bar Association (Co-President, Interim Treasurer)  
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (Community Service Chair)  
Kaplan Bar Review (Student Brand Representative)
- Courses:** Legal Issues of a Start-Up Business, Venture Capital, Mergers & Acquisitions, Federal Income Tax

### San Jose State University

Aug. 2014 – Dec. 2017

*B.S., magna cum laude, Business Administration, Corporate Accounting & Finance, Minor: Public Administration & Policy*

- Honors:** Beta Gamma Sigma
- Activities:** Banking and Investment Association (Officer and Member)
- Courses:** Entrepreneurial Finance, Financial Institutions, Investment Analysis, Strategic Management

## EXPERIENCE

### Student Bar Association, Santa Clara Law | Co-President

Apr. 2020 – Apr. 2021 (Expected)

- Hosts bi-weekly meetings with the student body and the Executive Board to discuss plans, projects, and overall progress.
- Summarizes activities conducted by the Executive Board through a written weekly letter distributed to the law school community.
- Formulates, implements, and facilitates strategies for the Executive Board to utilize in addressing overarching student body concerns.
- Researches, interviews, and recommends candidates to the University Provost for the role of Law School Dean.

### Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic, Santa Clara Law | Student Associate

May 2019 – Jul. 2019

- Provided legal counseling services to entrepreneurs and small business owners under attorney supervision.
- Conducted informational intake interviews, legal research, and delivered legal opinions from skilled business attorneys.
- Practiced in a variety of transactions crucial to start-up companies, including business entity formation, financing, operational contracts, company policy, website terms of service, and intellectual property licensing.
- Acquired hands-on experience working to deliver legal services to the start-up community.

### City of San Jose | Council Staffer, Office of Councilmember Lan Diep (District 4)

Jun. 2017 – Aug. 2018

- Presented to and interacted with constituents, business groups, and governmental agencies at meetings.
- Analyzed, researched, and summarized weekly policy agenda items into 2 page briefings for councilmember's usage.
- Responded to phone calls from concerned constituents and contacted appropriate city resources to resolve issue at hand.
- Wrote and provided to the councilmember event tailored speeches, grand opening remarks, and remembrance statements.

### Associated Students | Director of Internal Affairs

Oct. 2016 – Dec. 2017

- Chaired the A.S. Internal Affairs Committee, ran meetings according to rules and ensured efficient management of agenda items.
- Worked with the Student Senators to submit proposals recommending changes in policies regarding University governance.
- Amended the Associated Students Bylaws and the Elections Regulation Manual, clarifying organizational hierarchy and improving election etiquette, procedures, and rules for student election candidates.
- Reviewed, understood, and voted on financial reports containing budget assumptions and funding proposals for the Association.

### Jack Holland Student Success Center | Instructional Tutor

Jun. 2016 – Dec. 2017

- Conducted individualized tutorial sessions for college students in Business Calculus and Finance, teaching them to problem solve and to enhance their critical learning techniques.
- Evaluated skill area deficiencies and focused tutoring accordingly with additional resources.
- Broke down complex mathematical problems to individual learning levels.
- Created supplemental problem sets for college students to use as additional support for their studies.

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Financial Analysis
- Vietnamese (conversational)
- Time Management
- Photography
- Project Management
- French (conversational)
- 49ers Football
- Piano