

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Shruti
First Name

Chandrasekhar
Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

Please note, applications are continuously accepted to the City of San Jose Boards and Commissions. The Board or Commission you select may or may not indicate there is a vacancy. Your application will remain on file for one year from the date of submission. During the year, your application may be considered for unanticipated vacancies.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Measure T Community Oversight Committee: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

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 9

[Redacted]
Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose
City

CA
State

95124
Postal Code

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Krishaan Services Inc.
Employer

Founder
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Apple Inc.

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

Engineering Manager

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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 in Business Administration from University of Maryland, College Park, MD (2004 – 2006) - Undergraduate degree in Engineering & Computer Science from Visveshwaraiah Technological University, India (1999 – 2003)

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

- Volunteer Consultant, Sierra Club (Loma Prieta Chapter) – Grassroots Environmental Organization (May 2017 – Present) - Marketing Director, WSCReforestation.org – Reforestation Organization (Apr 2016 – June 2018) - Volunteer Consultant, Our City Forest – Urban Forestry Organization (Apr 2017 – Dec 2017)

Languages Spoken

English, Hindi, Kannada

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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.

My prior experience in addressing problems in my neighborhood, advocating for local environment issues, and working in school gardens & San Jose parks, has made me realize my passion for community service. Hence, I'm interested in taking up this board member vacancy from my district. I see this as an opportunity to contribute to my community, while engaging with our local Government & also fulfilling my responsibility as a citizen. As a member, I would focus on ensuring funds are spent wisely on projects that guarantee sustainability & long term resilience, while preserving our beautiful open spaces. The pandemic & recent wildfires have exposed loopholes in our public safety measures that I hope we can address at the earliest.

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

As a member, I look forward to contribute my proficiency in business, finance, and creative writing. I've also had several years of experience in reviewing financial statements while working on business plans. As a volunteer, below are some community service projects in the city that I've enjoyed being a part of: - Worked with the Branham High School students in installing a native garden in Branham Park - Planted street trees with Our City Forest - Undertook local restoration projects at Guadalupe Oak Grove Park - Participated in creek cleanups with South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition & Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

Yes No

If yes, is it a month-to-month lease?

Yes No

State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interest in real property, personal finances or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Please review the scope of your board/commission in Municipal Code Chapter 2.08. Based on your best judgment, does this Board or Commission make decisions that may affect sources of income, interests in real property, personal finances or investments of you or your spouse?

Yes No

If yes, please explain. Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or associated that might be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission, and the positions you hold in these entities.

Reference 1 Name

Council Member Pam Foley

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Dave Poeschel

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Phone

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Supplemental Questions

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?

Yes No

Would you be available to attend meetings at the scheduled time?

Yes No

Please describe your experience in serving on a Commission or Board.

This will be my first time serving on a Board for the city of San Jose. As a volunteer, for Home & School Club at my kids' school in Union School District and the Branham-Kirk Neighborhood Association, I've had the experience of convening meetings to address issues, presenting to the school board, and familiarizing myself with the operating procedures of a Board.

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).

During my MBA, I've received formal training in understanding accounting & financial statements. This will help me in reviewing & auditing the Measure T bond expenditures. As a Product Manager, I've led projects with cross-functional teams. As an entrepreneur, I've had the experience of solving problems & filling in the gaps when needed. The transferrable skills acquired during these experiences will help me in addressing any issues in this cross-functional committee. As an advocate for improving bay & urban ecology, I've seen first-hand how local restoration projects in supporting biodiversity & beautifying our city can positively impact other departments such as public health, safety, etc. I see this as a valuable experience in driving projects from vision to execution, while working with the community.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

In my perspective, the purpose of this Board is to audit & review the use of the voter approved Measure T bond worth \$650 million so that it is used for the below voter approved reasons: - upgrade our disaster & emergency response - acquire land in Coyote valley to prevent flooding - improve our storm water management system & protect groundwater from pollutants - repair our streets to ensure driver safety

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

In my perspective, below are the top issues our city must focus on: Surge in Homelessness & Trash Everywhere: Affordable housing is a step in the right direction but we should also put in proactive measures to tackle mental health & gang prevention. Over the years we are seeing an increase in trash pile up in our creeks, streets, and highways. We cannot neglect this anymore - we need the right resources & reforms in place! My kids who help with cleanup events ask me why there is more trash every time we cleanup - we need to provide better answers to our next generation. Poor Air Quality & Groundwater Pollution: With a growing urban population & climate change, we need to move quickly & take bold actions to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We need to restore or put in natural infrastructure in place to prevent groundwater pollution. Lack of Green Infrastructure: We need more walkable & bike friendly safe streets!! The absence of such green corridors is exposing inequities in our neighborhoods that cannot ignore anymore!

I would like to say . . .

Thank you so much for your consideration! I look forward to contribute towards serving our community.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

By checking the box below, you agree with the following statement.

I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted.

I Agree *