

**Profile**

elizabeth

First Name

chien-hale

Last Name

[Redacted]

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Appeals Hearing Board: 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 3

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95113

Postal Code

Home: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Home: [Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Institute for Intellectual Property  
in Asia

Employer

Director

Job Title

75 E. Santa Clara Street, San  
Jose, CA

Address of Current Employer

Taiwan Society of International  
Law

Current Employer of Spouse

Taipei, Taiwan

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

English Advisor

Spouse's Job Title

**If retired and receiving a pension, please state source of pension.**

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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.**

I have a J.D. (1994) from the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law, and LL.M. (1997) from the Georgetown University Law Center. I also have a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (1983) from UC Berkeley.

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

Honolulu Neighborhood Board (1994-95) Environmental Commission of the City of Los Altos (2006-08)  
Board of Examiners for the California State Bar (2006-07) Asian Law Alliance (2017) San Jose -  
Okayama Sister Cities Committee (2017)

Chinese

Languages Spoken

**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.**

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As a long-term downtown resident, I am delighted to see our city being transformed day-by-day into the most vibrant and diverse city in the Bay Area. Therefore, the enforcement cases under the jurisdiction of this Board--issues such as blighted conditions, illegal building activity, unsafe and unsanitary living conditions, abandoned, dismantled and inoperative vehicles on private property, neglected vacant houses--are becoming ever more important in the process. I hope to take this opportunity to utilize my legal knowledge to contribute in a small way to make this city a cleaner and safer place to live.

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

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**Do you own property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list the addresses here.**

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**Do you rent property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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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 scopr 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?

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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.

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Question applies to multiple boards

If appointed, you will be required to fill out a disclosure statement, which identifies certain of your financial interests beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment and annually on or before April 1 of each year thereafter. Please confirm that you have read Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 Reference Pamphlet and agree to file required FPPC Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest, as required by current City Council Conflict of Interest resolution.

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Yes  No

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Have you ever been required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) and failed to do so?

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain in complete detail.

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Please confirm that you have reviewed and agree to comply with the San Jose Municipal Code Chapter 12.08 (Prohibition of Gifts), City of San Jose Ethics Policy (City Policy Manual 1.2.1), and City of San Jose Gift Policy (City Policy Manual 1.2.2).

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Yes  No

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Otto Lee

Reference 1 Name

[REDACTED]

San Jose, CA

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Phone

Donnalyn Rubiano

Reference 2 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Phone

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## Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Appeals Hearing Board, Civil Service Commission

**Are you an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California? If you are, please provide your California State Bar Association Number:**

Yes, [REDACTED]

**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.**

My experiences with the Honolulu Neighborhood Board and the Los Altos Environmental Commission should be very similar to the duties of members of this Board. In both of those previous positions, I acted as the liaison between the community voices and the City Council in making sure the community concerns are taken into consideration in the city's decision-making process. I understand this Board is more quasi-judicial rather than advisory. However, if selected to serve on the Appeals Hearing Board, I should dutifully listen to the concerns from the community in reaching a fair decision most beneficial to the community. By the way, I have tried to attend the Commission meetings several times in recent months but they were unfortunately cancelled.

**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).**

My legal career have prepared me well to serve in a quasi-judicial capacity. I should do my best to make sure the decisions are arrived at through a fair process under which both sides have an opportunity to express their views, and that the decision are made for the benefits for the community at large.

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

The Commission is created as an administrative enforcement body to decide cases involving buildings with unsafe, unsanitary, or illegal activities, or dismantled and inoperative vehicles on private property, weed abatement liens, garbage liens, appeals of police permit denials or revocations, stop sign appeals and removal, utility billing and graffiti abatement.

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

1. The City should pay prompt attention to make sure our homes and buildings are safe and clean for our residents. 2. The City should promptly and fairly address community concerns about stop signs to ensure the safety of our residents. 3. The City should promptly help property owners to remove graffiti, specially common and repeating in the downtown area, which contributes to the negative perception of the neighborhood.

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**Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?**

Yes  No

**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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**Verification**

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

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**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.**

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I Agree \*



## Elizabeth Chien-Hale

### Education

LL.M. (“*With Distinction*”), Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, 1997  
JD, University of Hawaii School of Law, Honolulu, HI, 1994 (Articles Editor)  
MA, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1989  
BSME, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1983 (Member of Pi Tau Sigma)

### Specialization

Intellectual property law, international law

### Experiences

Ms. Chien-Hale is a U.S. attorney specializing in patent and other forms of intellectual property protection in the United States and abroad. She is also the founder of an information-based non-profit organization *Institute for Intellectual Property in Asia*. Prior to consulting, she headed the patent practice at *Baker & McKenzie’s* Hong Kong office. She also worked for other law firms in Silicon Valley including *Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati*, and *Fish & Richardson*.

Ms. Chien-Hale specializes in telecommunication and internet related technologies, and has substantial technical knowledge in a variety of electrical and electro-mechanical arts, including telecommunication, software, wireless and Internet-enabled devices, language-based data processing, semiconductor processing and computer-related mechanical devices. She was also involved in a number of intellectual property litigation cases, including cases in the International Trade Commission and the U.S. District Court, relating to patent infringements and trade secrets violation.

Ms. Chien-Hale has lectured and written, in both English and Chinese, on the topics of intellectual property protection and the Chinese constitutional structure. She was a visiting scholar at the College of Law of the Peking University and taught at the graduate school of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1995. She is a registered patent attorney before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and is licensed to practice in the states of California, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia. Her name has been included in the *Who’s Who in America*, *Who’s Who in American Law*, and *Who’s Who in American Women*.

Ms. Chien-Hale is also an active participant in the professional organizations. Currently she is the chair of the China Task Force and the Committee on International Patent Treaties and Laws of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the *American Bar Association*. She is also the co-chair of the Intellectual Property Law Interest Group of the *American Society of International Law*.