

# Boards and Commissions Application

## Profile

María  
First Name

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Last Name

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Email Address

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District 8

[Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

San Jose  
City

CA  
State

95148  
Postal Code

[Redacted]  
Primary Phone

[Redacted]  
Alternate Phone

Retired  
Employer

Retired  
Job Title

## Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

## Current Employer of Spouse

Single

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

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**Spouse's Job Title**

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Single

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

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PERS, Social Security Separate from my retirement, I am a Trustee with San Jose Evergreen Community College District Governing Board receiving a monthly stipend of \$570, along with health and benefits.

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**Interests & Experiences**

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Garces High School 1965 -1967 Bakersfield High School 1967-1969, graduated1969 Bakersfield Community College 1969 -1971 San Jose State University 1971-1977 BA Liberal Studies, Mexican American Studies minor UC Berkeley 1989 -1994 Masters in Social Welfare with emphasis in Management Administration and Planning, and Mental Health

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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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County of Santa Clara, Mental Health Department, Health Program Specialist, Senior Mental Health Program Specialist (Ethnic Services and Cultural Competency Manager, Senior Services Manager) 1989-2018 Rehabilitation Mental Health Services, Administrative Aide to the President 1982-1989 Mexican American Community Services Agency, Program Supervisor 1981-1982 All Cooperating Together for Mental Health, Outreach Specialist 1981 Gardner Health Center, Mental Health Administrator 1979 -1981 Project DARE, Counselor, Senior Counselor 1977-1979 NorCal Public Interest Research Group at Santa Clara University, help plan food co-op 1977 San Jose State University Educational Opportunity Program, Counselor, Tutor 1972-1976 Trustee, San Jose Evergreen Community College District Governing Board 1991-2014, 2018 to present City of San Jose, Redistricting Commission 2001 Santa Clara County Grand Jury 1985 County of Santa Clara, Mental Health Advisory Board 1980 St. Elizabeth Day Home, Board of Directors 2010-2015 MACLA, Board of Directors. 1989 San Jose Day Nursery, Board of Directors 1984 St. Patrick School, Parents Club Board 1983

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**Languages Spoken**

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Spanish

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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SCC Human Relations Award and related accommodations Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors accommodations for leadership of the Mental Health Dept. Ethnic Populations Task Force and coordinating disaster response services Received several accommodations for service as Trustee of SJECCD

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I would like to become a member of the Charter Review Commission because I believe my professional and community service experience, as well as my residency in San Jose since 1971 give me unique skills and experience to fulfill the duties of the Commission. It would be an honor to participate in meeting the challenge and to help resolve the questions presently presented to the Commission.

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

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Because of my successful local and statewide mental health leadership experience in addressing the needs of various ethnic and cultural communities in our county and throughout California, I believe I bring skills to help us promote our cultural diversity and address some of the challenges diversity may pose. As a Trustee of SJECCD, I have extensive experience in policy, budgetary and education decision making, and in working with my colleagues to obtain essential information to reach consensus decision-making.

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

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Yes  No

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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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**Reference 1 Name**

Yvonne Maxwell

**Reference 1 Address**

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**Reference 1 Phone**

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**Reference 2 Name**

Teresa Castellano

**Reference 2 Address**

[Redacted]

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**Supplemental Questions**

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Yes  No

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

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

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My experience in serving as Trustee, MHAB member, Grand Jury Juror and member of several non-profit Boards of Directors has provide the opportunity to serve and impact in a positive way the lives of the individuals and communities I've served. I consider this an honor and privilege. I've had the responsibility to understand and make decisions on legal and ethnics related questions, the most effective use of resources, most often public resources to meet the mission and goals of the organization. All this requires putting the public and the population served first, being analytical and open to new ideas from myself and those I serve with, staff and the community. I've learned that honesty, integrity and trust while putting the public, clients and community first are essential. I value diversity of ideas and opinions directed at accomplishing the best for the population served. I equally value the process of coming together with a variety of ideas and opinions to make the best decisions possible.

**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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My most significant experience is five terms plus a current term as Trustee of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District because it carries the responsibility of listening, serving and being accountable to the public and determining the best use of public resources while ensuring the organization accomplishes its mission. This experience has required me to work in collaboration and unity with six other board members for the public's benefit. What we accomplish happens as one board. All of this is a challenge and with so many years I have very useful skills to learn content, ask great questions, analysis information, understand the needs of the students, community and staff and use my responsibility and position carefully and with good results. This a sample of my skills and experience that qualify me for this appointment. I also have close to 40 years as a mental health manager in the public and non-profit sector, I served on the grand jury which required a higher level of understanding and applying legal concepts plus reviewing the effectiveness of public agencies which at time identified problems that required attention for the public good. My Masters in Social Work was focused on management, administration and planning providing me with frameworks for my service. Another quality is the ability to engage and include the community in my work which has been a part all of my many years of service and work. I enjoy working with others and I hold a commitment to fulfill my responsibility above all else.

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

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Per City of San Jose, "The Charter Review Commission was established to examine the City's governance structure and solicit community input on strong mayor and other potential charter reforms to improve and update the City's governance structure....." This advisory group will report its findings to the Mayor and City Council. I understand it will be essential for the Commission to have a clear understanding of its purpose and to follow this expectation with complete fidelity. The Commission will need to educate the public on its charge and encourage and obtain input from the public and then make its recommendation. Essential qualities of the Commission will be openness, transparency, inclusion, integrity along with putting the needs of our city as paramount in its work.

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

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The charge to the Commission is already provided, so fulfill this will be the Commissions priority. Related to this charge these issues are important: 1. The Commissioners must be engage and active, always very good listeners, as the receive input from the community. The Commissioners will need to not enter the process to "promote" there personal believes, ideas or goals. 2. COVID-19 will no doubt be a topic of concern, so the Commission will need to negotiate how in can listen to the community, with an ear to address the question it has been given, yet be helpful and ensure the expressed concerns are directed to the appropriate agencies etc. It will need to be flexible, it might invite a 15 minute presentation from Public Health at the beginning or end of the meeting with contact information for the audience's questions. 3. Finding unifying common ground for our city is a priority. Essential for this is educating the public on its charge, receiving extensive community input and organizing and categorizing the input to understand what is important and then summarize the input received which will be very diverse, followed any appropriate recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

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

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Thank you for considering me as a member of the Charter Review Commission.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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**Retirement Board Questions Only**

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Community Health Partnership

Employer

Deputy Director of Advocacy and Civic Engagement

Job Title

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I want to work to create an inclusive and welcoming San Jose for all families, and through the work of this commission, we can improve opportunities for San Jose families to thrive. The possible changes to our city charter could have an impact on our city for decades to come, and my experience in civic and community engagement would make me a good candidate for this commission. I would like to review possible reforms to our city governance structure like the strong mayor model, and if to transition mayoral and city council elections to presidential election years. I also want to implement more reforms that hold our city accountable and create more inclusion for its residents.

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**Reference 1 Name**

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Mario Lopez

**Reference 1 Address**

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**Reference 1 Phone**

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**Reference 2 Name**

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Jeff Brongiel

**Reference 2 Address**

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I served on the City of San Jose's Neighborhoods Commission where we discussed important issues related to public safety, housing, and parks, recreation, and neighborhood services. We worked together to draft our annual budget letter with recommendations on the city budget to the mayor and city council. I also served on the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Citizen's Advisory Committee where we oversaw spending from VTA from revenue generated from the 2000 Measure A sales tax. We also discussed important issues that improved transportation in Santa Clara County.

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I was a Fellow in the New Leaders Council - Silicon Valley class of 2011, as well as the Latino Leadership Alliance institute class of 2014. I also attended the national SOUL community organizing training in 2015. I have served as president and officer of my neighborhood association the District 8 Community Roundtable where we have advocated for a discussed critical community issues related to public safety, housing, and environment.

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

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The purpose of this commission is to review the current city charter and make recommendations for reforms to its governance structure such as the strong mayor model, and transitioning mayoral and city council elections to presidential election years. Its purpose is to also solicit community feedback and take into consideration when reviewing the city charter.

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

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The strong mayor model, transitioning mayoral and city council elections to coincide with presidential elections, and creating more equitable and inclusive provisions in our city charter.

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

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Our city has so much potential to continue to build a more welcoming and inclusive San Jose. If selected, I will commit myself to work in a pragmatic fashion with all members of the commission and the community to build on creating a more equitable city.

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# Jeremy Barousse

[REDACTED]  
San Jose, CA 95135  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Proven and dedicated leader with over 11 years of community engagement experience and 3 years of nonprofit director experience. Interested in empowering community members to lead advocacy to impact their own lives in Silicon Valley.**

## **EDUCATION:**

B.S. Journalism  
Emphasis in Reporting and Editing  
Graduated 05/08  
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Awards: Associated Students Top 55 Award, Stella Award for Excellence in Community Service

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

### **Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN), San Jose, CA**

Director of Civic Engagement (9/2017 – Present)

- Created and launched organization's first-ever Civic Engagement program and raised over \$250,000 for program responsibilities
- Led program to register over 15,000 new immigrant and youth voters to participate in elections
- Led outreach to over 200,000 immigrant and youth voters to educate and mobilize to vote in elections
- Supervised three full-time exempt staff to advocate and lead community education for the 2020 Census in 7 different counties in California

Community Organizer (11/2013 – 9/2017)

- Created and launched organization's first-ever immigrant community leadership hub in Mountain View, CA that led to the leadership development of over 50 immigrant community members
- Created and launched organization's first-ever youth leadership hub that led to the leadership development of over 100 immigrant youth in Silicon Valley
- Recruited and trained over 100 adult immigrant community members in San Jose, CA to advocate for immigrant rights policies on the federal, state, and local levels of government

Electoral Organizer (Contracted) (8/2012 – 10/2013)

- Contracted employee who led campaign to register over 2,500 new immigrant voters to participate in the 2012 elections
- Supervised staff to contact over 10,500 voters to participate in the 2012 elections through phone banking and community canvassing
- Led community presentations on voter rights to educate voters with information about their voting rights and how to assert their rights during the elections

### **Blue Knot Strategies, National (Contracted)**

Regional Field Director (04/2012- 7/2012)

- Registered over 2,000 voters in Tulare County as the director of Voter Registration program
- Developed and implemented campaign strategy for Congressional primary race
- Researched policy issues in Tulare county and wrote policy platforms for candidate

**Silicon Valley Leadership Group, San Jose, CA**

Transportation Policy Coordinator (03/2011 – 12/2011)

- Led campaigns to advocate for transportation bills and policies in California and Silicon Valley
- Educated and organized business leaders to advocate for key transportation policies a
- Supported with the coordination and planning of regional electric vehicle symposium that drew 5,000 attendees

**Patch Network, Los Gatos, CA**

Freelance news reporter (10/2010 – 08/2012)

- Covered and reported local news in five different South Bay cities for on-line media company
- Met strict deadlines to complete and turn in news stories and pictures for publication
- Built strong relationships with community members and elected officials to strengthen reporting on critical news stories

**Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521, San Jose, CA**

Research Analyst Fellow (11/2009- 06/2010)

- Conducted critical research on pension reform for county and city workers
- Provided statistics for campaigns related to pension reform, healthcare, and contract negotiations

**South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, San Jose, CA**

Political Organizer (5/2008-11/2009)

- Managed political campaigns for pro-labor, pro-union candidates for local elected positions
- Recruited and organized local union members and community volunteers to work on local political campaigns
- Provided political education and policy information to local union members and affiliates

**South Valley Newspapers, Morgan Hill, CA**

Copy Editor, Sports Editor, City/County News Reporter (5/2007-5/2008)

- Covered breaking news for the Morgan Hill Times and Gilroy Dispatch
- Managed and edited sports section for the Morgan Hill Times by writing columns and executing page layout
- Conducted layout and edited newspaper fo grammatical and AP style errors in timely manner for deadline

**MANAGEMENT AND SPECIAL TRAINING:**

Management 101 Training – The Management Center, San Francisco, CA September 2017

Management and Leadership Training – Center for Excellence in Nonprofits, San Jose, CA February 2019

SPIN Academy for Leadership in Communications – ReFrame, Marin, CA August 2019

**SKILLS:**

- Bi-lingual Spanish speaking and writing
- Computer skills in Microsoft Word, Power Point, Outlook, Excel
- Setting agendas, chairing meetings, and public speaking
- Managing and supervising individuals in diverse populations
- Fundraised hundreds of thousands of dollars for my organization and program