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Kumar

Last Name

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Street Address

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Suite or Apt

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City

CA  
State

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Postal Code

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Yes  No

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District 1

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Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**Length of Residency**

6 or more years

Manoj Kumar

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

Airport Commission: Archived



Google  
Employer

Leadership  
Job Title

**Current Employer Address**



**Current Employer of Spouse**

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## Interests & Experiences

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Undergrad Economics Advanced Diploma in Computer Science CISSP CCSP PMP AWS Solutions Architect Associate Conflict Management

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## Languages Spoken

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English, Hindi, Chinese

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To contribute to the community and to enhance user experience. Listening and finding solutions to the problems faced by customers and turning it into an excellent experience to have.

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Kaushik Macherla

**Reference 1 Address**

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**Reference 1 Email address**

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**Reference 1 Phone**

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**Reference 2 Name**

YVN Rao

**Reference 2 Address**

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**Reference 2 Phone**

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

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

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Question applies to Airport Commission

**What are the three most critical challenges facing Mineta San Jose International Airport in the next five years? What do you bring to the table in terms of experience, expertise, or perspective to help address these challenges**

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1. Arrival and departure time punctuality 2. Language service desk / international traveler experience 3. Diversity 4. Cybersecurity and sustainability

Question applies to Airport Commission

**What can the Airport do to balance its obligations as a “good neighbor” and as a world-class international airport for Silicon Valley? If there is a conflict in achieving an appropriate balance, how would you resolve it?**

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Question applies to Airport Commission

**What can the City of San José and the Airport do to engage Silicon Valley business leaders and other communities to support the Airport’s efforts to increase air service and add routes to SJC? What can you do personally to help achieve this goal?**

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Increasing air traffic to SJC is an important step that must be taken in consultation with the business leadership, i.e. lots of business travel happens to EU / ASIA, how SJC can increase flights to those countries, at what frequencies. How this will impact / improve the bottom line of the business travel. Identifying any other areas of potential growth and understanding demographics needs.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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### **Retirement Board Questions Only**

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District 1

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

Arts Commission: Submitted

Mill Industries  
Employer

Head of Software Program  
Management  
Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

Oracle Corp

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[Redacted]

**Spouse's Job Title**

Software Architect

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Education 1990 - 1994 University of Pune, India, B.S in Electronics and Telecommunications  
2005 - 2006 University of California at Santa Cruz, Certificate in Program Management  
2020-2021 Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford LEAD Program in Organizational Leadership  
Volunteering 2007-2009: In class volunteer reading and math (K-2), Dilworth Elementary  
2011-2015: Chairperson, fundraising committee, Dilworth Elementary Home & School Club  
2012, 2016-2019: Reading Partners (readingpartners.org) 2010, 2012: Science is Elementary (scienceiselementary.org) 2021, 2022: Second Harvest Food Bank (shfb.org)  
2007 - 2013: team parent Little League baseball, AYSO soccer Creative pursuits Studied Hindustani vocal music as a child in Pune, India, and later as an adult in San Jose Studied Bharatanayam (indian dance form) as a child in Pune, India Piano lessons as an adult (ongoing) Knitting - self taught (ongoing) MasterGardener of Santa Clara county - since 2017 Glassblowing classes at BAGI - 2023 (anticipating full beginner's class in 2024)

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Chairperson Fundraising committee (part of Home and School Club) at Dilworth Elementary School in San Jose for 5 years. Part of the funds raised were allocated to arts programs at the school.

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For the past 26 years, I have made San Jose my home. My children have attended public schools here and played baseball in Little League and Soccer in AYSO. I have often been a parent volunteer in their schools and sports teams. As my children leave the nest, and I have more time to spend, I want to further engage in community activities that enhance my home city of San Jose. Arts and artists are often overlooked or taken for granted. Arts programs are usually the first to be cut in schools when budget cuts loom. Arts degrees are not known for high paying jobs, and people who spend time in the arts may be seen as non-productive especially in our 'productivity' charged tech world in Silicon Valley. As Arts Commissioner, I want to spend my time and energy on the following: Get acquainted with the varied art forms our diverse community brings to us and to advocate for them and support them in their endeavors. Help bring community awareness to the publicly available arts events and increase attendance at various art events in San Jose. Explore avenues to bring art to schools, and underserved communities. Find amateur artists in our midst and expand exposure and access e.g. artists that belong to groups such as Urban Sketchers

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I have always been a (amateur) creative person, and art in some form or another usually helps bring calm and serenity in the high stress world of tech in which I have earned a living. The forms of art I have pursued are painting, knitting, music (vocal, instrumental), gardening. I have an older sister in India who is pursuing art as a profession and has struggled to be taken seriously, find encouragement, and financial support. I have seen up close how difficult it is to find venues to display art, advertise exhibits etc. It would be in honor of her struggles that I would like to play a part as arts commissioner to advocate and support other such artists in San Jose. I am ready to step up and step into a role that would allow me to advocate for the artists in San Jose and the art community here.

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Smita Garg

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**Reference 2 Name**

Julie Reynolds-Grabbe

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Email address**

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I have been a very involved parent volunteer in my children's elementary school. For 5 straight years, I chaired the fund raising committee at Dilworth Elementary School in West San Jose. This was the largest yearly event in the school raising over \$100K. Part of the funds were allocated to arts and music programs. I volunteer regularly with ReadingPartners - a children's literacy program. ([readingpartners.org](http://readingpartners.org)) I volunteer regularly with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. ([shfb.org](http://shfb.org)) I am a MasterGardener of Santa Clara County (<https://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu>) My experience in each one of these has been fulfilling and intense satisfaction for giving my time for the benefit of the community. There were challenges to overcome in working with so many diverse people, but the exchange of ideas and time spent on a shared good always brought beneficial results.

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I have 30 years of full time work experience. I have also volunteered in many roles over the years. Even when I was at my busiest with full time work in tech and raising two children and maintaining a home, I made time to volunteer in various ways. I have always valued community involvement and have tried to give my time and energy for my community in many different ways. At work as a technical program manager, and in volunteering, a common theme is the acquisition and analysis of information to build consensus among teams, and to advocate and implement the ideas that best serve the interests of the people within the organization (in this case the city, the artists, and the city's residents). I have a 30 year career in tech. as a very successful program manager in large companies like HP, Apple, and Google. I have been responsible for on time and quality delivery of large programs such as the Apple iPad, Google Nest Thermostats, HP desktops etc. Twenty years ago, I transitioned from software development to program management because I wanted to work with people, help people do their jobs better by organizing information and guiding decisions, and to help companies deliver great products to the market. I bring all of my organizational and leadership experience, problem solving skills, consensus building, and attention to detail to the position of arts commissioner. I volunteered as Chairperson of the fundraising committee at Dilworth Elementary school for 5 years. I worked with a diverse team of parent and teacher volunteers to plan and execute the yearly fundraiser - many of these funds went to arts and music programs. A large part of the role was dealing with budgets, being detailed oriented, getting the best from volunteers who have otherwise busy lives. I have been volunteering with ReadingPartners (reading partners.org) for many years. This is a non profit org that seeks to help elementary school children who are falling behind grade level in reading so that they can be successful in middle and high school. As a volunteer, I am expected to work with a diverse set of children one on one, collaborate with the site representative on the preset materials and provide feedback. I have been volunteering with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for the past few years. This is a labor of love to provide food boxes to those who are food insecure. For several years I volunteered as team parent when my children played Little League baseball and AYSO soccer. Again, the role was to work with the parents and children to provide the children and community the best possible experience.

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

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I understand that the arts commission is comprised of representatives from each district in San Jose who collectively counsel and advise the city council on how best to support public arts and cultural programs in the city of San Jose. The city council makes final decisions. The arts commissioners - - counsel the city council in how to best support public arts programs in the city - advise the city council in how to fund arts in the city by reviewing art acquisitions, grant applications, public arts programs - advocate for the arts within the larger budget of the city council - serve as liaisons between the City's arts programs, programs of adjacent communities, and arts organizations.

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

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Pandemic recovery - the arts and artists suffered during the COVID pandemic as shows and programs were canceled, gathering in public was banned, and people were reluctant to pay for anything but basic necessities as jobs suffered in general. While we are a few years past the pandemic, the consequences of such an unprecedented and large disaster are far reaching; continuing to help artists to recover from the pandemic is very important. Support artists of color or economically deprived artists to know how to apply for grants, make connections and bring their art to the public eye. Bring artists communities together and integrate their experiences - San Jose is a tremendously diverse place and has unique challenges, especially being surrounded by technology and tech related growth. The council can help with ideas for how to make all communities feel included and seen. Arts are a great way of cultivating the feeling of belonging.

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Question applies to Arts Commission

**Describe recent San José arts activities you have participated in during the last twelve months (up to five activities) and what drew you to attend?**

Pune sister city photo exhibition - I am originally from Pune, India and have called San Jose my home since 1998. I was proud to visit the Pune-SJ sister city photo exhibit recently and it was a fun evening to view the photos of Pune and mingle with folks from both sides. Christmas in the park - This has been a family tradition for many years. My children are older now but always loved the gaiety and holiday spirit of Christmas in the Park. Tech Museum - The tech museum is a favorite with the many activities and displays. It was even the venue for my son's winter formal this year. BAGI (Bay Area Glass Institute) - I have taken classes at BAGI and bought glass art from them as gifts for friends. I am intending to take more glassblowing and other glass art classes with them in the coming year. Children's discovery museum - My children have spent many exploratory hours at the Children's discovery museum. We have gifted memberships to friends as gifts for their children to enjoy. Happy hollow park and zoo - My children have spent many happy hours in this park. We have hosted and attended birthday parties here as well.

Question applies to Arts Commission

**Describe the ways in which you believe the arts bring value to the general community.**

Art is an expression of our humanity. Art helps us live better. It can bring joy. Art is used as therapy. Art can provoke deep thought. Art helped us get through the pandemic - if not for the endless movies, shows, music, podcasts etc, it would have been unbearable. The language of art is universal and it can bring diverse communities together. San Jose is a hugely diverse city. In a world that is so divided today, art can be a common bonding experience. We can learn about each others' cultures through art and once you know a culture or people, it's much easier to understand their perspectives. A beautifully designed garden (e.g. the Japanese Gardens in Saratoga) can be a space for meditation and peace. Music is a wonderful accompaniment in joy, sadness, and everything in between. The San Jose Jazz festival has always been a fun event. Photographs can convey the details of a culture and bring a community together - in evidence is the Pune-San Jose sister city photo exhibit recently at city hall. Quilts, knits, and other crafts perpetuate the traditions and history of so many native cultures. The San Jose museum of quilts and textiles was a quaint find one lazy afternoon many years ago. Art takes so many forms and we take so many for granted in our daily busy lives. The artists themselves who are passionate about their creations need our support and advocacy to make the connection between their creation and our joy.

Question applies to Arts Commission

**Should the City of San José have an active role in arts and cultural development? If so, in what ways and why?**

Yes, absolutely. The City has a huge role to play in arts and cultural development. The City is in a position to offer grants of scale to arts programs. Artists and arts groups can easily find a central place to apply for grants and other help that the city may be able to offer. The arts bring money to the city via museums, art galleries, performances, San Jose ice, Christmas in the park etc. Restaurants, shops and other businesses also benefit from tourists coming in to the consume the arts on offer in the city. The city can take a holistic view of the need and ensure that diversity is respected, minorities are represented, and there is a variety of art forms that receive support.

Question applies to Arts Commission

## **How can you contribute to advising City Council on policy and programs related to cultural development in San José?**

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As Arts Commissioner I want to support and advocate for all of the arts community in San Jose. I have an artistically rich background and along with my deep experience in tech, volunteering, and as a Master Gardener of Santa Clara County, I bring a unique perspective to this role. I would like to work with the commission on access to the arts for all of San Jose, bringing with it economic development, and an expanding participation of the entire community. Many residents in San Jose are unaware of the availability of arts and arts programs in the city. I would like to help bring this awareness not only to the artists who can benefit from the economic support for the arts but also to the community at large to benefit from consuming the arts on offer and enriching their lives.

## **Anything else you would like us to know?**

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I have long been a student and a consumer of various forms of art in San Jose and around the Bay Area. With my children in college this year, I am in a position to dedicate some of my time to working for the city of San Jose which I have called home for over 25 years. In addition to Arts, I am deeply interested in helping ameliorate food insecurity and food waste and hope to find the appropriate avenues to do so. I very much believe that art is an integral part of a well balanced community. I have many creative pursuits and could not imagine my life without being involved in and consuming art. Thank you so much for considering my application and I hope to be able to serve the arts commission as a representative of district 1. Arts, I am deeply interested in helping ameliorate food insecurity and food waste and hope to find the appropriate avenues to do so. I very much believe that art is an integral part of a well balanced community. I have many creative pursuits and could not imagine my life without being involved in and consuming art.

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District 3

Home: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Home: [Redacted]

Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Downtown Parking Board: Submitted

Question applies to Downtown Parking Board

**To which position are you applying? \***

Member of the Downtown Business Association

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Employer

Partner

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

Vanneng University

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

Taipei, Taiwan

**Spouse's Job Title**

English Lecturer

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

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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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Appeals Hearing Board (San Jose) 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) San Jose - Okayama Sister Cities Committee (2017-now) San Jose Downtown Association (2021-now)

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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. I was the immediate past President of the San Jose Downtown Residents Association, and I have been a Board member of the business-side San Jose Downtown Association since 2021. I am deeply committed to the economic development of the downtown area, and parking is a very important component of economic vibrancy of downtown.

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I will be serving as a representative of the San Jose Downtown Association

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If yes, please explain in complete detail.**

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Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Alex Stettinski

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**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

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**Reference 1 Email address**

[REDACTED]

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**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

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**Reference 2 Name**

Nate LeBlanc

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**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

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**Reference 2 Email address**

[REDACTED]

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**Reference 2 Phone**

[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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Yes  No

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

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I have been active with the San Jose downtown affairs When I served on the Appeals Hearing Board, we constituted a body where residents can go and express their objections to a decision made by the City.. We usually carefully reviewed the submitted facts, and heard arguments from both sides, and tried to reach a fair decision most beneficial to the community.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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My legal career have prepared me well to sort through the facts and see things from both sides. My time serving as President of the San Jose Downtown Residents Association, and as a Board member of the San Jose Downtown Association, have prepared me to deal with downtown issues,

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

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The Board is created create and maintain a downtown public parking system that provides available and accessible parking. We need to make sure the parking facilities are easy to use, charges a reasonable price, and are secure and safe for parked cars and their owners. A good parking system is essential to create downtown vibrancy.

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

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1. The City should pay prompt attention to make sure our homes and buildings are safe and clean for our residents and visitors 2. The City should promptly and fairly address the proper working of all downtown parking facilities 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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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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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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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission\*

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 First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_ 95120 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

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District 10

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Downtown Parking Board: Submitted

Question applies to Downtown Parking Board

**To which position are you applying? \***

Member at-large with expertise in business and/or finance

Movementum Inc.

Employer

President

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

Almaden Country Day School

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[Redacted]

**Spouse's Job Title**

Director of Admissions

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

CalPERS & Social Security

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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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.**

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Ga. Tech, civil engineering degree 1975; UC - Berkeley, masters of business administration 1983

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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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District 10 Leadership Coalition 2013-present; Chair 2019-present || City of Morgan Hill, Director of Office of Economic Development 2012-2013 || City of Morgan Hill, Assistant to the City Manager 2008-2012 || City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency, Senior Negotiator 1998-2000 || City of Suisun City, Program Manager 1995-1998 || City of San Francisco, Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development 1987-1995

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## Languages Spoken

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English

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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- none -

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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.**

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As a downtown business owner with experience in both the private and public sectors, I believe I can be helpful as the City continues to refine and improve its downtown parking programs and operations.

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

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?**

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Some of the customers to my business arrive via car, some walk. Some of our customers therefore park at street meters and in garages, some of which are City owned and managed. The City's Validation Program at the Market / San Pedro garage has been offered by us at no charge to our customers. I understand that program is being eliminated.

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Scott Knies

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Email address**

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Johnny Khamis

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Email address**

**Reference 2 Phone**

[REDACTED]

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**Supplemental Questions**

**If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.**

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I am the current Chair of the Downtown Parking Board. Due to a snafu, my 1st four-year term expired June 30, 2024, and City staff have advised that I need to apply again - to complete my 2nd term.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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Historic background with the RDA and the San Antonio Redevelopment Area with the many complex parking schemes incorporated within RDA development agreements. Experience as a business owner that uses the current system. Knowledge of government practices in 4 different Bay Area cities. Knowledge of finance and real estate development.

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

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To serve as a public forum for the discussion of downtown parking issues. To review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the City's downtown parking programs, the health and financial stability of the parking fund, and the use of parking revenues. To review and make recommendations on downtown parking needs; including the expansion, addition or improvement of parking facilities, programs and parking operations.

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

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1. How best to engage with downtown business who use City parking resources.
  2. Develop analytics to confirm that parking programs are working as intended
  3. identify new sources of revenue and additional parking capacity
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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission\*

Robert

First Name

Massey

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95125

Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

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District 9

Mobile: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Business: [Redacted]

Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

1-2 years



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

Downtown Parking Board: Submitted

Question applies to Downtown Parking Board

**To which position are you applying? \***

Member of an organization representing downtown arts and/or special events

Symphony San Jose

Employer

CEO & Executive Artistic  
Director

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[REDACTED]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Spouse's Job Title**

Freelance Violist

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

n/a

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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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.**

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New England Conservatory of Music, Bachelor's Degree in Trumpet Performance, 1995 Paris Conservatory, Graduate Diploma in Arts Administration, 1998

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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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U.S. Marine Corps, Public Relations Specialist, "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, 2001-2003 Numerous charitable organizations (see resume); 1995 - present

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## Languages Spoken

English

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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Jacksonville Business Journal: Ultimate CEO (2018), Veteran of Influence (2016), Outstanding Educator (2019) Corridor Business Journal: Top Forty Under 40 (2009)

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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.**

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I want to do everything I can to help improve my adoptive city. For San Jose to thrive, it needs a vibrant downtown, which starts with parking. All of our conversations surrounding blight, safety, homelessness, shopping, restaurants, and arts activities will be moot if people don't perceive safe, easy, and affordable parking is available.

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

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Since moving to San Jose, I have eagerly embraced my role as civic leader. In addition to running one of our city's largest cultural assets, I am a member of the downtown Rotary Club and a board member of Team San Jose. I'm eager to expand my engagement with the community by serving on a City commission.

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

Yes  No

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

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

Yes  No

Robert Massey

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Richard Conniff

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Nicholas Adams

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Phone**

[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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Yes  No

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I've served on the boards of Team San Jose, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, and as a commissioner on the Southern Arts Foundation.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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I have 30 years of experience managing community non-profits. I believe this experience translates to the qualifications required of serving on a City commission.

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

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The Downtown Parking Commission's mission is to create and maintain a downtown public parking system that provides available and accessible parking.

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

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High vacancy rate of downtown properties. Sense of blight and insecurity downtown. Housing affordability.

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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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n/a

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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n/a

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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- Housing & Community Development Commission
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Himat  
First Name

Bainiwal  
Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

[Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

San Jose  
City

CA  
State

95121  
Postal Code

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Yes  No

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District 8

Home: [Redacted]  
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

### Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Historic Landmarks Commission: Submitted

Self Employed

Employer

Attorney

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

**Spouse's Job Title**

N/A

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

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Interests & Experiences**



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Silver Creek High School 2005-2008, ACCEL Middle College 2008-2009, Evergreen Valley College 2009-2010, UCLA 2010-2012 BA History & Minor Political Science, UC Law SF (Formerly UC Hastings) 2014-2017 Juris Doctor.

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N/A

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**Languages Spoken**

English & Punjabi

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**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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**Reference 1 Name**

James Penning

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

**Reference 2 Address**

**Reference 2 Email address**

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Steve \_\_\_\_\_ Cohen \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Suite or Apt

San Jose \_\_\_\_\_  
 City

CA \_\_\_\_\_  
 State

95112 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code

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District 3

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone

### Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Historic Landmarks Commission: Submitted

Mojmir Properties LLC

Employer

Sole MAnager

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[REDACTED]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

none

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

none

**Spouse's Job Title**

none

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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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.**

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Fallsburg Central School, Fallsburg N.Y. June 1976 • Masters of Science, Interdisciplinary Master program overseen by Dean Bruck with a concentration on Environmental Studies and Human Factors, San Jose' State University, May 2017 • Masters of Arts, Public Administration, San Jose' State University, Dec. 2011 • Masters of Arts, Urban Planning, San Jose' State University, May 2010 • Masters of Arts, Business Administration, San Jose' State University, Dec. 2005 • Bachelor of Arts, Business Management and Hotel Management, San Jose', May 2002 • San Jose' State University Deans List 2001

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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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San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, 2008 to 2014 Founder, West of 4th Street Neighborhood Group, 1998 to present Active member South University Neighborhood Association, 1996 to 2005 Active member SoFA District Committee, 1998 to present

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## Languages Spoken

English

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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Diversity Award from SJSU 2003 Neighborhood Volunteer Recognition 2002

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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.**

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My long term experience living and being active in this city, specifically in the downtown core would let me bring and understanding and perspective to the commission of the needs issues and diversity of the city residents. I also understand the issues of property owners and developers in dealing with the complexities of the planning and development process in the city. Being active for so long and dealing with all the departments in the city has given me a unique perspective in realizing that all the stakeholders have issues and input that must be listened to to make a fair and educated recommendation to the council. My objective as a commissioner is to bring this to the commission and work with the other commissioners so as a commission we can meet the expectations of the council and the citizens of the city. I have experience with this from my 20+ years active with the development projects in the city, plan proposals, action plans and 6 years on the Historic Landmarks Commission.

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

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I have spent over two decades dedicated to the development of the city in housing, transportation and economic progress and look forward to continuing this passion on the commission. I have been purchasing distressed historic properties since 2007 and currently have 5 in San JOse. Three are designated Landmars and two are Structures of Merit. I am hands on and do most of the preservation work myself. I am a preservationist first and have never sold a property but preserve them for the next generation. This gives me a unique insight into properties and projects coming to the commision.

**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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[REDACTED]

**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

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?**

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Projects may come to the council that are in the area of the small properties I own but I know to reclude myself as I have only had to do once on the SJ Landmarks Commission.

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No



Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If yes, please explain in complete detail.**

Question applies to multiple boards

**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).**

Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Matt Mahan

**Reference 1 Address**

SJ City Hall

**Reference 1 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Massoud Shahidi

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Phone**

[REDACTED]

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**Supplemental Questions**

Question applies to Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission

**Are you a registered voter in the City of San Jose? (Please note, your voter registration will be independently verified)**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Civil Service Commission, Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, Planning Commission

**Please provide the name and residential address under which you are registered to vote. If it is the same as listed above, please note see above.**

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see above

**If applicable, have you ever attended or watched a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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I was on the SJ Historic Landmarks Commission from 2008 until 2014 when I was termed out. I Chaired the board the last year I was on the Commission.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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I am a 40+ year resident of San Jose. I was part of the process for developing the South University Plan, The SoFA District Plan and the Traffic Conversion Plan. As Founder of the West of 4th Street Neighborhood Group for 14 years I have dealt with numerous projects since we are located in the downtown core. I also served as an active member of the Downtown Safety Committee overseen by Cindy Chavez and wrote my groups final report. Education: I completed a dual major at SJSU in Business Management and Hotel Management. I also have an MBA, masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP), a masters in Public Administration (MPA) Finally I completed a masters degree under Dean Bruck at SJSU with a concentration of courses from the Engineering Department and Environmental Studies Department with my final project looking at Sustainability Issues and Solar Power.

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

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The Commission is an advisory board to the council. It needs to listen to the projects and issues brought to it, look at all the information and listen to the people that come before it to make an educated and balanced recommendation. It deals with issues concerning the general plan and plans for future development of the city within its boundaries. It deals with land use issues including zoning issues, designated land use amendments and subdivision map issues and EIR's. The commission addresses and makes recommendations on capital improvement projects all of which through the lense of historic preservation.

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

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One issue is environmental justice to find a balance in dealing with issues that affect the citizenry without taking advantage of the less fortunate or those without a strong voice. It needs to find common ground between development to help move the city forward and protecting resources that are not replaceable but not sacrificing city development for those resources that are marginal. Finally we need to recognize and act on the importance of smart development, transportation and environmental issues all of which work together to make a strong city develop as a place people want to live and stimulate economic development by attracting businesses and investors.

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Question applies to multiple boards

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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Historic preservation is meant to showcase our history through structures and other icons that represent physical places and persons that have influenced the past and therefore contributed to the development of our present built environment and future development of the city

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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I was on the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission for 6 years and was Chair when I was termed out. I was also on the Design Review Commite for the same time period. I am not just familiar but experienced with the process. I have been involved in numerous project developments and active in public meetings for the last 30+ years.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## **Retirement Board Questions Only**

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### **Verification**

**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 \*

# Boards and Commissions Application

## Profile

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- Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices (formerly Ethics Commission)
- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission\*

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First Name

Khan  
Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

[Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

San Jose  
City

CA  
State

95131  
Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

[https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple)

[selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple) \*

District 4

Mobile: [Redacted]  
Primary Phone

Mobile: [Redacted]  
Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Housing and Community Development Commission: Submitted

n/a

Employer

n/a

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

n/a

**Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Spouse's Job Title**

n/a

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

n/a

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

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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.**

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Independence High School

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Santa Clara County Youth Advocacy Co-Lead (2021-2022), San Jose RISE Head Chair (2019-2022), South Bay Islamic Association Youth Chair (2020- Current)

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**Languages Spoken**

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Hindi, Urdu, Arabic

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**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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YAC Inclusivity Award, California Golden Public Speakers Award, Harvard Debate Finalist

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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.**

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I want to be a member of this commission due to passionate ideas I have for amending culture and social style in San Jose for the better of all it's residents. As I member, I can bring my dedication, passion, and hardworking ethics to the table and provide a perspective that is very different from many students due to my diverse background. One of many objectives I have is to fix the homeless population in San Jose which has sky rocketed after our deadly pandemic. Another issue as a member/commissioner I would like to fix is the religious inequality in our city, racial discrimination can be very different than religious discrimination because religious discrimination comes from denying and abusing someone's beliefs. Lastly, I would like to provide a much more improved and coordinated AIM for the Youth Commission this year where we have a much more diverse and organized group of speakers and audience for our youth.

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

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I believe that I have some very important skills such as public speaking, argumentation, leadership, teamwork, and policy drafting that can be usefully applied to the Youth Commission. I have 8 years of Speech and Debate practice which has taught me much about advocating for myself and others. I worked with the Santa Clara County and the State Department to draft bills and propositions for election ballots and proposals to present the governor.

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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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n/a

**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

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?**

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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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n/a

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

**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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n/a



Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

David Cohen

**Reference 1 Address**

n/a

**Reference 1 Email address**

David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov

**Reference 1 Phone**

n/a

**Reference 2 Name**

Tara Sreekishnan

**Reference 2 Address**

n/a

**Reference 2 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Phone**

[REDACTED]

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**Supplemental Questions**

**If applicable, have you ever attended or watched a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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As a member of the District 4 Youth Advisory Commission, my experience was very educational and memorable. I was able to meet such intellectual individuals with such progressive mindsets that are advocates for change such as myself and that was refreshing. I was able to learn so much by conversing with people from different backgrounds and I learned more about how law is facilitated on a city level. Most of all, I was so happy to advocate for the issues I am passionate about and have the ability to initiate change.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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

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The purpose of the commission is to provide representation and voice to the youth of San Jose so that their issues are also looked at and solved. The commission advocates and writes policy for the city about the issues they would like to see changed/solved in our community.

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

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Poverty, Racial/Religious discrimination, and financial struggles

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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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The purpose of this commission is to ensure that along with San Jose globalizing and urbanizing quite rapidly, the historic landmarks of San Jose are being preserved.

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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My prior experience with historic preservation was when I was on the youth commission. I was working to ensure that students and schools were prioritizing the Native American literature in US History classes from the start, beginning with elementary school. Speaking with school teachers and students, explaining to them land acknowledgements were always super important to me

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**If you live in, own, lease or manage property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), please list the address here. This includes mobilehomes, mobile home parks, and apartments/apartment buildings building during or before 1979.**

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n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**If your employer or other source of income owns, leases or manages property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), or if you are unsure, please list your employer's name or other source of income and address here.**

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n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?**

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My parents have been renters for a very long time, I have always seen them question moving out of San Jose due to the extremely high cost of living. However, we love our community and we always want to make it a better place, which means more affordable.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?**

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The block grant program provides cities and counties with funding to build economic growth, infrastructure, and more.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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**I am applying for a Low Income Position on the Commission. See requirement below.**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**I qualify for a Low Income Seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission. Please indicate how you qualify by selecting one of the following: Refer to this link to determine your eligibility: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/90049/6380038120>**

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N/A

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**I meet the requirements for one of the Housing and Community Development Commission Special Eligibility Seats. Please note, if you indicate you are mobilehome resident or landlord representative, you will need to submit a copy of a letter from that organization indicating their nomination of you as their representative.**

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n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Do you have experience in any of the following areas? \***

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- Development
- Community Development
- Homeless Services

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**I am applying for the Lived Experience Seat in Homelessness on the Commission.**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**If you are applying for the Lived Experience Seat, please describe your experience with homelessness. Include when and for how long you experienced homelessness, and any information you'd like to share about how you lost your housing.**

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n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Have you stayed at any shelters or used any homeless services programs?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Did you experience any homelessness in Santa Clara County?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Did you experience homelessness in San José?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**How would you use your experience with homelessness to inform your work on the Commission?**

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Although I myself have never experienced homelessness, my friends and family members have. I have seen what it feels like to be forcibly evicted because you could not pay rent and because of that, I am very passionate about fixing this issue in our community.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

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I was a D4YAC member this year and the experience motivated me to apply for the position of Commissioner and I was even more motivated after receiving an award for one the core values; inclusivity. I believe that alongside my passion, experience, and dedication and I also provide a new perspective due to my unique background.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## Retirement Board Questions Only

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- Planning Commission\*

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 First Name Last Name

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 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Suite or Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address

San José FL 95112  
 City State Postal Code

### Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

**What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:**

[https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple)

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District 3

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone

### Length of Residency

1-2 years

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

Housing and Community Development Commission: Submitted

Housing Action Coalition  
Employer

Housing Organizer & Policy Associate  
Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Spouse's Job Title**

n/a

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

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Lake Mary High School De Anza College AA-T Philosophy UC Berkeley B.A Philosophy

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## Languages Spoken

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English

## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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De Anza College Leadership Award

**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.**

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The housing crisis in California is deeply personal to me. Since moving to California in 2017, I have experienced firsthand the profound challenges many residents face in securing safe, stable, and affordable housing. I have moved over 12 times, often on the verge of homelessness, and have been forced to live in unsafe and overcrowded conditions despite working multiple jobs. These experiences have shaped my commitment to addressing housing production and affordability issues and fueled my passion for finding real solutions. My professional work at the Housing Action Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to building housing at all income levels, has allowed me to transform my personal struggles into meaningful advocacy and action. At HAC, I contribute to efforts to alleviate the Bay Area and California's housing production, displacement, and affordability crises. This work has provided me with a deep understanding of the complexities of housing policy, from regulatory barriers to the importance of community engagement, and the importance of creating equitable solutions that benefit all residents. As a member of the Housing Commission, I would be eager to focus on several key areas that I believe are crucial to advancing our housing goals. I am particularly excited to work on the implementation of the Housing Element, which is a foundational component of our local housing strategy. Additionally, I am committed to supporting the effective rollout of state legislation, such as SB 4. There are significant opportunities in reforming the permitting and streamlining processes, which can remove unnecessary barriers to building new homes. Another key focus of mine would be in improving the Urban Village process as it represents a tremendous opportunity to create vibrant, mixed-use communities that offer both housing and amenities. Finally, I want to prioritize the development of transit-oriented communities that maximize access to public transportation and reduce our reliance on cars, fostering sustainable growth and equitable access to housing for all residents. With my years of experience in advocating for housing and contributing to the ease of our housing crisis, I am thrilled by the possibility of bringing my personal experiences and professional expertise to the Housing Commission.

**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

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Corey Smith

**Reference 1 Address**

**Reference 1 Email address**

**Reference 1 Phone**

**Reference 2 Name**

Sam Liccardo

**Reference 2 Address**

**Reference 2 Email address**

**Reference 2 Phone**

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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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Yes  No

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

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N/a

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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I have worked in multiple sectors inside and outside government, including at the Assembly and City Council level. These experiences have prepared me to support constituents and make difficult policy decisions. I also have experience working with and for labor unions, where I developed an understanding of how we can protect and develop our workforce. Finally, in my current role, I function as liaison between business, government, and labor, finding a balance between all interests in the effort to promote housing affordability. I also have a deep understanding of what it takes to make housing pencil, while trying to prioritize affordability and living wages for workers.

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

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1) Affordable Housing: Recommending policies to increase and preserve affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents. 2) Homelessness: Advising on strategies and programs to prevent and reduce homelessness. 3) Community Development: Providing input on the use of federal and local funds, like the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), to support housing and community development projects. 4) Housing Equity: Promoting fair housing practices and ensuring that housing opportunities are accessible to all residents. Overall, the commission helps shape housing policies that improve living conditions, increase housing access, and support community development in San José.

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

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1) Housing Production/ Affordability/ AFFH (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) 2) Transportation (TOD Plans)/Urban Villages 3) Public Access - Reopening virtual public comment

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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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San José aims to protect and maintain buildings, sites, and districts with historical, cultural, or architectural significance. The Historic Landmarks Commission works to achieve the aforementioned goals by advising the City Council on preservation matters, reviewing applications affecting historic resources, analyzing design standards, guiding policy development, and collaborating with stakeholders to protect the city's heritage.

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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I have been very engaged with historic preservation at the local and state level. While understanding its purpose, historic preservation can also be weaponized for jurisdictions to avoid state housing law. I recently supported AB 2580 (Wicks), which is awaiting the Governor's signature. If signed, AB 2580 would create greater transparency, specifically requiring local governments to monitor how new historic designations could impact their ability to meet housing needs under existing state law, and report new historic buildings and districts to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) during the Annual Progress Report of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**If you live in, own, lease or manage property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), please list the address here. This includes mobilehomes, mobile home parks, and apartments/apartment buildings building during or before 1979.**

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Yes, I lease an apartment that is subject to the ARO.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**If your employer or other source of income owns, leases or manages property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), or if you are unsure, please list your employer's name or other source of income and address here.**

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N/A

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?**

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I have experience advocating for affordable housing. I am very familiar with AMI levels and the need for all levels of affordability. I also have experience advocating for funding for affordable housing. The funding can be extremely complicated because generally there are multiple funding sources, and delays to projects can be catastrophic to funding timelines.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?**

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The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in San José is a federal program that provides funding to support low and moderate income residents. The funds are used for: 1) Affordable Housing: Building and maintaining affordable homes. 2) Public Services: Supporting services like job training, health care, and services for the homeless. 3) Community Improvements: Upgrading parks, recreation centers, and infrastructure in underserved areas. 4) Economic Development: Helping small businesses and creating jobs in low-income areas. The program focuses on local needs to improve residents' quality of life, especially in underserved communities.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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**I am applying for a Low Income Position on the Commission. See requirement below.**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**I qualify for a Low Income Seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission. Please indicate how you qualify by selecting one of the following: Refer to this link to determine your eligibility: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/90049/6380038120>**

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Low- or moderate-income person as defined by HUD

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**I meet the requirements for one of the Housing and Community Development Commission Special Eligibility Seats. Please note, if you indicate you are mobilehome resident or landlord representative, you will need to submit a copy of a letter from that organization indicating their nomination of you as their representative.**

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n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Do you have experience in any of the following areas? \***

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- Development
- Community Development
- Homeless Services

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**I am applying for the Lived Experience Seat in Homelessness on the Commission.**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**If you are applying for the Lived Experience Seat, please describe your experience with homelessness. Include when and for how long you experienced homelessness, and any information you'd like to share about how you lost your housing.**

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Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Have you stayed at any shelters or used any homeless services programs?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

**Did you experience any homelessness in Santa Clara County?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

### **Did you experience homelessness in San José?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

### **How would you use your experience with homelessness to inform your work on the Commission?**

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At my time working at Working Partnerships USA, in partnership with the County, I ran a team that provided support to residents during the pandemic. During the pandemic many families were one check away from becoming homeless. In order to support clients, I became very familiar with tenant protections (which San José has always been a leader on), as well as food and rent resources. This experience reinforced my understanding of the immediate needs of vulnerable communities and the vital importance of safety nets and support systems for those at risk of losing their homes. As a member of the Housing Commission, I am eager to use my lived experience and professional background to advocate for those on the brink of housing instability. I will draw on my understanding of tenant protections, support services, and housing policy to inform my decisions and priorities on the Commission.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

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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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# Boards and Commissions Application

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission\*

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 First Name Last Name

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 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_ 95116 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Postal Code

### Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

**What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:**

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District 5

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

### Length of Residency

3-5 years



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

Library and Education Commission: Submitted

SEIU 1021

Employer

Union Organizer

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

n/a

**Spouse's Job Title**

n/a

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

n/a

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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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.**

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University of Florida, B.A- Political Science - 2016

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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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n/a

## Languages Spoken

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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.**

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I am eager to join the San José Library and Education Commission to advocate for high-quality, impactful, and innovative library and education services that serve as a foundation for our vibrant and diverse city. Drawing from my experience as a Community Leader in the City of San Jose Neighborhood Association, I aim to strengthen the connection between the library system and our diverse communities, ensuring services are accessible and responsive to all residents. I am committed to promoting lifelong learning by supporting initiatives that provide equitable access to ideas, information, and resources, as well as advocating for digital literacy programs that empower residents with the tools and knowledge needed in an increasingly digital world. By leveraging my experience in community leadership and advocacy, I will work to advance the mission of the San José Public Library and contribute to creating an educated, equitable, empowered, and engaged community.

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

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In addition to my professional and volunteer experience, I bring a strong commitment to community empowerment and equitable access to resources. My work as a political and community organizer has honed my ability to build coalitions, foster collaboration, and develop strategic plans to achieve impactful outcomes. Having managed budgets exceeding \$800,000 and led diverse teams in complex initiatives, I am skilled in project management, stakeholder engagement, and effective communication.

**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

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?**

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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**

Carlos Arreola

**Reference 1 Address**

San Jose- District 4

**Reference 1 Email address**

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**Reference 1 Phone**

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**Reference 2 Name**

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Erik Poicon

**Reference 2 Address**

**Reference 2 Email address**

**Reference 2 Phone**

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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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**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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With over seven years of experience as a political and community organizer, I bring strong skills in project management, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement. My work includes managing campaigns, building coalitions, overseeing budgets, and fostering relationships with community leaders and elected officials. As a leader in the City of San Jose Neighborhood Association, I've successfully promoted education, equity, and access to resources while engaging and empowering underserved communities. My background in political science further supports my ability to analyze systems, understand policies, and advocate for impactful solutions. These experiences prepare me to contribute effectively to the San José Library and Education Commission.

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

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The San José Library and Education Commission serves to advise the City Council on matters related to library services, educational initiatives, and community programs that enhance lifelong learning and equitable access to resources. Its purpose is to ensure the library system and educational programs reflect the needs and priorities of the community, fostering a culture of innovation, literacy, and digital empowerment. The Commission plays a vital role in connecting residents with the tools and opportunities needed to thrive, creating a more informed, engaged, and equitable community.

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

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Homelessness, Safety, and Environmental duties.

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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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The purpose of historic preservation in San José is to protect and celebrate the city’s cultural and architectural heritage, fostering community identity and sustainable development. The Historic Landmarks Commission supports this by identifying and advocating for historic sites, advising the City Council on preservation policies, and promoting public awareness to ensure the city’s history is preserved for future generations.

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José’s public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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No prior experience

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

**Do you have a background in early care and education issues?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

**What involvement have you had in library and/or early education issues?**

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Question applies to Library and Education Commission

**Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?**

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Yes I will!

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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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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- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission\*

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First Name

Mccrary

Last Name

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Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95123

Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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District 10

Mobile: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Library and Education Commission: Submitted

Legend College Preparatory  
Employer

Social Studies  
Teacher/Department Chair  
Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

None

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

None

**Spouse's Job Title**

None

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

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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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.**

Santa Teresa High School Gavilan College - AA in Liberal Arts San Jose State University - BA in History

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

Member, California Masonic Foundation

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**Languages Spoken**

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**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

Volunteer of the Year, San Jose Public Library

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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.**

Joining the Library and Education Commission is a compelling opportunity for me to contribute meaningfully to the development and enhancement of educational and library services in our community. I am particularly excited about the chance to work on initiatives that support literacy, lifelong learning, and equitable access to resources. Libraries are vital community hubs that provide essential services beyond just book lending—they offer educational programs, digital resources, and a safe space for intellectual exploration. I believe that my background as a teacher and administrator in secondary and adult education, coupled with my commitment to community service, would enable me to contribute effectively to the Commission's goals. Additionally, I am eager to collaborate with like-minded individuals who share a dedication to enhancing educational opportunities and library services. By working together, I am confident we can address current challenges and innovate solutions that will benefit all members of our community.

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**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?**

Yes  No

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

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?**

Yes  No

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Yes  No

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N/A

**Reference 1 Name**

Jenice Condie

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Email address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Jakob Jones

Marvin Mccrary

**Reference 2 Address**

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**Reference 2 Phone**

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[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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Yes  No

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I have no prior experience serving on a Commission or Board with the City of San Jose.

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As a Social Studies Teacher for over a decade, I've worked with students from various backgrounds, which has deepened my commitment to educational equity. This perspective is also crucial for ensuring that library and education initiatives are inclusive and address the needs of all community members. In addition, my role required frequent collaboration with colleagues, parents, and administrators. These interactions have honed my skills in communication and teamwork, which are essential for working effectively within a commission to develop and implement educational policies and programs.

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

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The Library and Education Commission studies, reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding existing or proposed library facilities, programs, operations, services, and financing. As such, I believe the commission plays an important role in ensuring information access for, as well as a supportive role in the education of, the community.

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

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As a lifelong resident of San Jose, I believe that three issues the city should address are homelessness, civic education, and transparency. These are crucial if we are to ensure a thriving, equitable, and functional community.

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Question applies to Library and Education Commission

**Do you have a background in early care and education issues?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

**What involvement have you had in library and/or early education issues?**

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In my professional journey, I've had the privilege of engaging deeply with both library and education issues through various roles and initiatives. In the library sector, I have been involved in various volunteer roles, where I worked on improving library services, developing adult literacy programs, and organizing community outreach events. This experience allowed me to contribute to enhancing access to information and building stronger bonds within the community. For example, I spearheaded a summer writing workshop for ELLs, which has successfully provided additional skill development for those members of our community trying to improve their language skills. In the realm of education, my involvement has been centered around expanding civic education within the community. I've collaborated with educators and local libraries to provide opportunities for community members to gain further knowledge about the foundations of American government, history, and an understanding of the civic process. In addition, I have been teaching for 10+ years in local schools. Both of these experiences have underscored the importance of accessible resources and quality early education in fostering lifelong learning and development. I am committed to continuing my work in these areas and look forward to exploring new opportunities to support and enhance library and early education initiatives.

Marvin Mccrary

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

**Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?**

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Yes. I'd be happy to represent the Library and Education Commission at local special events and meetings. Engaging with the community and advocating for our community is something I'm passionate about. It's a great opportunity to connect with stakeholders, share updates, and gather feedback.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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Last Name

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Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

San Jose  
City

CA  
State

95120  
Postal Code

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District 10

Home: [Redacted]  
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

### Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Measure T Community Oversight Committee: Submitted

Kaiser Permanente  
Employer

Supervisor, Data and Analytics  
Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

Unmarried

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

**Spouse's Job Title**

N/A

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[Redacted]

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**Interests & Experiences**

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1) Leland High School, 2003 - 2007 2) De Anza College, 2007 - 2010 3) San Jose State University, 2010 - 2012

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1) Good Samaritan Hospital, 2008 - 2010 2) San Jose Sikh Gurdwara, 2009 - Present

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**Languages Spoken**

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English, Punjabi

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**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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1) Summa Cum Laude 2) President's Scholar 3) Gary J. Sbona Honors Program

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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.**

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I'm eager to serve on the COC and make a real difference in our community. The positive changes brought by Measure T, especially the improved street infrastructure and safer streets, have been impressive. However, I'm also aware of concerns about ensuring these funds are used wisely. As a commissioner, I would focus on two key objectives: 1. Boosting Public Confidence: With faith in government declining, I aim to change that narrative. My goal would be to ensure these funds are used exactly as voters intended and approved. Tangible results, like those I've seen in my neighborhood, can help rebuild trust in our civic institutions. 2. Keeping Projects on Track: I'll closely monitor our Measure T initiatives to ensure smooth progress. By regularly checking project timelines and status, we can ensure our community sees real results. I'll also advocate for clear, frequent updates to keep the City Council on pending projects and projects completed.

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

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I am a native of San Jose, born and raised, and am invested in its ongoing development. While I appreciate our city's strengths, I also recognize opportunities for improvement. My motivation for joining this committee is twofold: 1. I am eager to contribute to my community and give back to the city that has shaped my life. 2. I will work to ensure taxpayer money is used as intended, promoting transparency and building public trust in our city's financial decisions. Thank you for considering my application. I appreciate your time and look forward to the possibility of serving on this committee. Jay Anand

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

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Matt Caselli

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Email address**

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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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Yes  No

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I do not currently have explicit experience serving on a Commission or Board. However, in my professional career, I have led multiple subgroups within my organization. These roles involved initiatives such as developing new financial reports and educating end users on interpreting financial statements. These experiences have honed my leadership, collaboration, and financial skills, preparing me to contribute effectively on this committee.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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My background in finance through education and professional experience has prepared me well for this appointment. My finance and accounting coursework at SJSU provided a strong theoretical foundation. This, combined with over 12 years of practical experience in finance and analytics, including my current role as an analytics supervisor, has equipped me with valuable skills in financial oversight, data analysis, and leadership. My key qualifications include: 1. Financial expertise and analytical skills 2. Experience in project management and team leadership 3. Ability to interpret and communicate complex financial information I believe these skills would allow me to contribute effectively to the committee's mission of fiscal oversight and responsible fund management.

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

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The Measure T COC serves three crucial functions: 1. Fiscal Accountability: It ensures Measure T funds are used strictly in accordance with voter-approved purposes. This involves review of expenditures to maintain public trust. 2. Financial Oversight: The COC is responsible for forwarding audits of Measure T Bonds Financial Statements to the City Council. It also ensures the annual report from the Director of Finance, detailing bond issuances and tax collections, is properly communicated. 3. Project Monitoring: The commission tracks the progress of Measure T-funded projects, providing regular status updates to the City Council. This helps ensure projects stay on track and deliver the promised benefits to the community.

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

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Homelessness: Addressing the escalating homelessness crisis is paramount. Over the past 5-7 years, visible encampments have proliferated across the city, posing challenges not only in terms of public health and safety but also impacting the soul of our community. Finding compassionate and effective solutions is essential to restoring a sense of well-being for all residents. Crime: There has been a noticeable increase in crime since 2019, impacting everyday activities such as shopping at local stores where security measures have been heightened. Items being locked behind glass shelves not only inconvenience residents but also degrade & erode public trust. We must find ways to enhance public safety without compromising our quality of life. Downtown Revitalization: San Jose lacks a vibrant downtown that attracts both residents and visitors. Many of my friends seek entertainment elsewhere, despite living here for years. A thriving downtown would boost the local economy and instill civic pride.

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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José’s public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## **Retirement Board Questions Only**

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### **Verification**

**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 \*

# Boards and Commissions Application

## Profile

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 City

CA \_\_\_\_\_  
 State

95148 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code

### Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

**What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:**

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District 8

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

### Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Measure T Community Oversight Committee: Submitted

Tipalti Inc

Employer

Program Manager

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

**Spouse's Job Title**

N/A

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

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[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.**

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Business Administration - Bachelors of Business Graduated in May, 2020

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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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N/A

**Languages Spoken**

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English, Panjabi, Hindi, Urdu

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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At Work - Got recognized twice as an employee of the quarter

**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.**

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I am eager to become a member of the Measure T Community Oversight Committee because I am deeply committed to enhancing public safety and infrastructure within San Jose. The objectives of Measure T align closely with my own values and professional background, and I believe my participation on the Committee can significantly contribute to the successful implementation of the vital projects. My specific objectives as a member of the Committee would include: Ensuring Transparency and Accountability: I aim to ensure that Measure T funds are spent transparently and strictly aligned with voter-approved purposes. By diligently reviewing financial statements and audit reports, I will work to guarantee that every dollar is spent effectively to improve public safety facilities, infrastructure, and environmental resilience. Improving Infrastructure and Environmental Protection: I will prioritize the repair and maintenance of critical infrastructure, including bridges, streets, and flood prevention systems. Additionally, I am committed to supporting projects that protect our natural resources, such as acquiring land in the Coyote Valley to prevent flooding and water contamination. Community Engagement and Representation: As a resident of San Jose, I understand the importance of representing our community's diverse interests and concerns. I will strive to ensure that the projects funded by Measure T reflect our residents' needs and priorities, advocating for equitable resource distribution across all districts. I am dedicated to making a tangible difference in our community through this role, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to collaborate with other Committee members and city officials to achieve the goals set forth by Measure T.

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

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Happy to answer any other questions.

**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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[REDACTED]

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?**

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.**

**Reference 1 Name**

Sukhdev Singh

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Mansukh Singh



**Reference 2 Name**

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Harbhajan Singh

**Reference 2 Address**

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**Supplemental Questions**

**If applicable, have you ever attended or watched a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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N/A

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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In my career, I have garnered a diverse range of experiences and skills across various sectors, which I believe qualify me for appointment to the Measure T Community Oversight Committee. Here are some key aspects of my background that are relevant:

- Professional Experience** • Program Manager at Tipalti: In my current role, I manage complex large-scale projects and budgets, which has equipped me with a deep understanding of financial management, strategic planning, and project oversight.
- Educational Background** • Degree in Business Administration: I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Honors in Finance), providing a solid foundation in financial analysis, policy-making, and Strategic planning.
- Community Involvement** • Volunteer Work: I have been actively involved in Sikh Gurdwara San Jose where I have worked on projects related to community . This involvement has given me a strong sense of the community's needs and priorities.
- Skills and Expertise** • Financial Oversight and Accountability: My experience in managing budgets has developed my ability to ensure financial accountability and transparency. I am adept at reviewing financial statements, identifying discrepancies, and ensuring funds are used effectively. • Project Management: I have successfully managed numerous projects from inception to completion, ensuring they meet their objectives within budget and on time. My project management skills include planning, execution, monitoring, and reporting. • Strategic Planning: I have a proven track record in strategic planning, helping organizations develop and implement plans that align with their goals and objectives. This includes setting priorities, allocating resources, and assessing outcomes. • Stakeholder Engagement: I excel in engaging with diverse stakeholders, including community members, government officials, and industry experts, to build consensus and drive collaborative efforts. My communication skills enable me to convey complex information clearly and effectively. • Commitment to Public Service: My dedication to public service is evident through my ongoing volunteer work and active participation in community initiatives. I am passionate about contributing to the well-being and development of San Jose.

Overall, my diverse background, combined with my commitment to transparency, accountability, and community service, makes me a well-qualified candidate for the Measure T Community Oversight Committee. I am eager to contribute my expertise to help ensure the successful implementation and oversight of Measure T projects. Thank you for considering my application.

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

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The purpose of the Measure T Community Oversight Committee is to ensure that the funds raised through Measure T are used effectively and in alignment with the voter-approved objectives. The Committee serves as an advisory body to the San Jose City Council with key responsibilities that include:

- Reviewing Expenditures:** The Committee reviews the expenditure of Measure T funds to ensure they are consistent with the purposes approved by the voters. This includes funding for upgrading public safety facilities, repairing infrastructure, preventing flooding, and protecting water quality.
- Auditing and Reporting:** In connection with its review of Measure T expenditures, the Committee examines the annual audit of the Measure T Bonds Financial Statements and the Director of Finance's annual report on bond issuance and ad valorem tax collections. The Committee then forwards these documents, along with its findings, to the City Council.
- Project Status Monitoring:** The Committee reviews the status of projects funded by Measure T, ensuring they are progressing as planned and meeting their intended goals. The Committee then forwards a status report on these projects to the City Council.
- Ensuring Transparency and Accountability:** By providing an independent review and reporting on the use of Measure T funds, the Committee promotes transparency and accountability, helping to build public trust in how the funds are managed and spent.
- Advising the City Council:** The Committee serves as an advisory group to the City Council, offering recommendations and insights based on its reviews and findings to help guide the Council's decisions related to Measure T projects.

Overall, the Measure T Community Oversight Committee plays a crucial role in ensuring that the funds raised are used appropriately, efficiently, and in a manner that directly benefits the community by enhancing public safety, infrastructure, and environmental resilience.

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

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Certainly, here are three key issues facing the City of San Jose that I believe the Council should address: 1. Housing Affordability and Homelessness Issue: San Jose continues to grapple with high housing costs and a significant homeless population. The lack of affordable housing options places a heavy burden on low- and middle-income residents and exacerbates homelessness. Recommendation: The Council should prioritize affordable housing initiatives by increasing funding for affordable housing projects, streamlining the permitting process for affordable units, and exploring public-private partnerships to develop mixed-income housing. Additionally, enhancing support services for the homeless, such as job training, mental health services, and temporary housing solutions, is essential. 2. Infrastructure and Transportation Issue: Aging infrastructure and inadequate transportation options are major concerns for San Jose residents. Potholes, deteriorating roads, and limited public transit options affect the quality of life and economic vitality of the city. Recommendation: The Council should invest in comprehensive infrastructure improvements, focusing on repairing and upgrading roads, bridges, and public transit systems. Expanding and improving public transportation networks, including bus and light rail services, can reduce traffic congestion and provide more sustainable commuting options. Implementing smart city technologies can also enhance infrastructure efficiency and maintenance. 3. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Issue: Ensuring the safety and security of residents is a fundamental responsibility of the city. San Jose faces challenges related to crime, emergency response times, and preparedness for natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Recommendation: The Council should enhance public safety measures by increasing funding for police, fire, and emergency medical services. Investing in modern equipment and training for first responders can improve response times and effectiveness. Additionally, developing comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, conducting regular community drills, and investing in resilient infrastructure can help mitigate the impact of natural disasters. Addressing these issues will require a collaborative effort between the Council, community members, and various stakeholders. By focusing on these critical areas, the City of San Jose can improve the quality of life for its residents and build a more sustainable and resilient future.

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## **What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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**Purpose of Historic Preservation in San José** The purpose of historic preservation in San José is to protect, conserve, and celebrate the city's architectural, cultural, and historical heritage. Historic preservation aims to:

- Maintain Cultural Identity:** Preserving historic sites and buildings helps maintain the unique cultural identity and character of San José, connecting current and future generations with the city's rich past.
- Enhance Community Pride:** By protecting landmarks and historic districts, the city fosters a sense of pride and belonging among residents, enhancing community cohesion and appreciation for local history.
- Promote Economic Development:** Historic preservation can stimulate economic growth by attracting tourism, fostering investment in historic districts, and enhancing property values. It can also create jobs through restoration projects and related activities.
- Sustainability:** Preserving historic buildings promotes sustainability by conserving resources and reducing the environmental impact associated with new construction. Adaptive reuse of historic structures is a key component of sustainable urban development.
- Educational Opportunities:** Historic sites serve as tangible links to the past, offering educational opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about the city's history and heritage.

**Role of the Historic Landmarks Commission** The Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) plays a crucial role in achieving the purpose of historic preservation in San José through the following functions:

- Identification and Designation:** The HLC identifies and evaluates properties of historical, architectural, and cultural significance. It recommends the designation of landmarks, heritage structures, and historic districts to the City Council, ensuring these sites receive formal recognition and protection.
- Review and Approval:** The HLC reviews proposals for alterations, restorations, and demolitions of designated historic properties. It ensures that any changes are in keeping with the historical character and integrity of the site, adhering to established preservation standards and guidelines.
- Advisory Role:** The Commission advises the City Council, Planning Department, and other city agencies on matters related to historic preservation. This includes providing input on policies, regulations, and development plans that may impact historic resources.
- Public Engagement and Education:** The HLC engages with the community to raise awareness about the importance of historic preservation. It organizes events, workshops, and educational programs to inform residents about the city's heritage and the benefits of preserving historic sites.
- Grant and Funding Assistance:** The Commission assists property owners in securing grants and other funding sources for the preservation and restoration of historic properties. This support helps ensure that financial barriers do not prevent the maintenance and protection of historic resources.
- Monitoring and Enforcement:** The HLC monitors compliance with preservation regulations and conditions of approval for historic properties. It works with city enforcement agencies to address violations and ensure that preservation standards are upheld.

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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While my direct experience with historic preservation and San José's public planning processes is limited, I am eager to learn and contribute effectively to the Historic Landmarks Commission. My diverse professional background has equipped me with transferable skills that I believe will be valuable in this role: Adaptability and Quick Learning: • In my previous roles, I have demonstrated a strong ability to quickly learn and adapt to new responsibilities and fields. For instance, when I joined Tipalti, I quickly familiarized myself with specific need processes or technologies, enabling me to contribute effectively to the team. Project Management: • As a program manager at Tipalti, I successfully led complex projects involving multiple stakeholders. This required strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and the ability to navigate regulatory requirements—skills that are directly applicable to managing preservation projects. Collaboration and Communication: • My work with various teams and departments has honed my collaboration and communication skills. I have experience coordinating with different stakeholders, including city staff, community members, and experts, to achieve common goals. These skills will be essential in working with the City and other public agencies on preservation initiatives. Community Engagement: • I have been actively involved in community initiatives, where I organized events and facilitated discussions to gather input and foster community support. This experience has prepared me to engage with the public and ensure that community voices are heard in the preservation process. Commitment to Learning: • I am committed to continuous learning and professional development. I have already begun familiarizing myself with the principles of historic preservation and San José's planning processes and am eager to further expand my knowledge through training and collaboration with experienced colleagues. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring my skills and dedication to the Historic Landmarks Commission. I am confident that my willingness to learn, coupled with my diverse background, will enable me to contribute effectively to the preservation of San José's historic heritage.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## Retirement Board Questions Only

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Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95117

Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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District 1

Mobile:

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

Parks and Recreation Commission: Submitted

Academy, Union City, CA and  
Bells Preschool & Childcare,  
Auburn, CA

Employer

Self Employed, Owner of  
multiple Childcare Centers in  
California

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[Redacted]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

Anmol Daycare

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[Redacted]

**Spouse's Job Title**

Owner of Anmol Daycare, a Family Childcare Home

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

N/A

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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 [Redacted]

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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.**

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- Bachelor of Engineering from IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Roorkee, Roorkee, India - May 1995 - Intermediate Science from Cooperative College, Jamshedpur, India - May 1991 - 10th Grade (Matriculation) from Shiksha Niketan, High School, Jamshedpur, India - 1988

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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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N/A

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## Languages Spoken

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English, Hindi

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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They were related to my work, like: - Project Management Professional (PMP) - Sun Certified Java Professional

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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.**

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I like to bring people together and help them get involved with Fun activities, like organizing Summer Picnic, Christmas Hayride, motivating them to leave their houses during their free time and engage into sports, community events, etc., so they can let go any sadness they may have in their lives and they can allow room for positivity, make new friends as well along the way. I think helping on Parks and Recreation Commission will be in-line with what I already have been doing in my neighborhood (Eden) so far. I will get to know more on these areas which will enable me to spread happiness and positive energy further into the lives of our people around.

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

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I moved into Early Childhood Education area as full-time work by 2021. Prior to that, I worked into IT field for around 25 years, last 16 years of that have been into Engineering Leadership positions with companies like eBay, IBM, Target, etc. There were two aspects common at the core of these positions: A) Leadership and B) People Management. They helped me become someone who can work with anyone and everyone. I learned to recognize the importance of Diversity into our lives, without which, America would never be as good a country to live in, as it is today! Once I quit working for others and got into owning schools, my leadership and my ability to delicate a work, allowed me to scale further and have time to help my neighborhood, which is Eden (surrounded by San Tomas, Payne, Winchester and Williams streets). I made efforts to bring the residents of my neighborhood together. Thought of initiatives and common areas of interests, like sports activities, motivating them to help the Eden Neighborhood Association (ENA) Board organize various events throughout the year, helped the residents understand that all of these fun events are for them, so we need their active participation as well! Created groups of active volunteers who are ready to help the community anytime now, be it a Dumpster Day, Clean up our streets, distributing printed monthly newsletters across 875 households here, etc.

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

Yes  No

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

[REDACTED]

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes  No

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**Reference 1 Name**

Betty Kabanek

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Lloyd Bass

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**Supplemental Questions**

**If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.**

I have been serving as Vice President of Eden Neighborhood Association (ENA) Board since over 2.5 years. Have been joining the San Jose District 1 meetings (Board Meetings and the General Meetings), following the Mayor and Vice Mayor with their updates via their newsletters, social media updates and public gatherings, etc. With these, I have been learning a lot on what is happening in my city and what are the focus areas of my City Leaders.

**Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.**

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- Leadership, - People Management, - Ability to organize anything, say, an event, - Planning, Execution and Evaluating the effectiveness of an initiative, course-correction, when needed, - Ability to motivate others (for a common cause), - Ability to make life-time friends anywhere and everywhere.

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

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As I am told, looking for areas where more parks and recreational spaces can be built, ensuring documentation, effective usage, maintenance and cleanliness of these assets so city residents can leverage all the benefits intended behind the city making these investments.

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

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- City needs more parks, we do not have enough - City needs more of (free / affordable) grounds / courts for fast emerging sports in United States, like PickleBall, Badminton, etc. - Ensure our residents are able to use our available parks and recreational assets effectively by deterring bad actors among us misusing those places, addressing homelessness there, etc.

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**What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?**

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With my limited knowledge at this time (with intention to learn a lot more in coming time), I think it will be about being able to keep track of everything that falls into our definition of historic landmarks, document every important details about them and using our available resources to preserve and maintain them so our residents can make use of them by visiting there more regularly and appreciate what we already have in our beautiful city.

**Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.**

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I will be a new comer in this area but as mentioned above, I am a fast learner, I expect to catch up with details quickly and be worthy of my team.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

**Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.**

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I only have experience as consumer so far. As mentioned above, I own Childcare Centers, one in Union City, CA, called Adventure Montessori Academy, which is licensed for 60 kids and one in Auburn, CA, called Bells Preschool & Childcare, also licensed for 60 kids. For my Union City school, I have been working with City of Union City from last 3 years on permit to expand my school to 96 kids capacity since the property I own there is pretty big (0.69 acre). The permit was approved by planning commission on February this year. That was my experience working with various department of the City Planning. I also work with State / California Department of Social Services (CDSS) closely since they issue state license for Childcare Center owners like me, to operate. There are also many public agencies who pay for parents who don't have enough resources. I partner with them and help these parents (like, Single Mom, etc), get paid by State via those public agencies.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

**As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, how would you handle a situation where you have a volatile Community group which is opposed to a staff proposal?**

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I believe the underlying issue behind a majority of conflicts, is lack of communication, lack of effective dialogues, or not being carried out in a right tone with clean and constructive mind set, that was needed to be done. If approached properly, discussion can be initiated and hence, I will be able to deal with this group in a professional manner. I do understand, not every demand can be fulfilled, but talks done in such a way that the other party feels they are heard properly and here I am, really trying to find a good middle ground with benefiting my city residents being my only interest, should lead me to find a good resolution there.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

**Can you provide examples of major public policy issues that you have been involved in and what your role was in the issue?**

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This will be my first opportunity to volunteer and serve with a government agency. As for my experience being on the other side of the table, I provided suggestions to public agencies who provide for needy parents for their daycare needs and many a times they accepted my inputs for process changes at their end. On my Union City school expansion project as well, I do have quite a few ideas on how can this painful process of 3 years, just to get verbal approval from Planning Commission (to move to construction phase) can be cut down from 3 years to probably a year or year and a half. This will benefit Small (& Medium) Business owners like me, who want to serve the community more by services we offer, create more jobs, etc. Being an outsider, an applicant and also not being a resident of Union City, I did not know how to really influence those folks from the Commission with suggestions I had, but I am willing to, if I get an opportunity.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

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I have good success stories, right from my school days, being the topper of my class, getting into best possible engineering college of the country I was born in (India), working with top tier IT companies on engineering leadership positions, run my schools so efficiently (with my HR Policy being so simple, Respect Each Other), successfully serving Eden Neighborhood Association on second term of Vice President (Board's likely choice as President will be myself, once current President finishes his second 2 year team), influencing 100s of residents of Eden Neighborhood on the power of being together, benefits of never feeling alone, take care each other, continue to have fun and good time (among each other), being a fast learner, I think I will do well in this Commission.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## Retirement Board Questions Only

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## Verification

**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 \*