

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Kristen Brown  
First Name Last Name

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Email Address

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library and Education Commission: Archived

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

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

☒ District 6

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose CA 95125  
City State Postal Code

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Unemployed, student Mother, Advocate, Student  
Employer Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Apple, Inc.

Kristen Brown

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[REDACTED]

**Spouse's Job Title**

Edge Operations Manager

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

Question applies to multiple boards

**If appointed, would you be able to show proof of updated COVID-19 vaccination (inclusive of booster)?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

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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.**

Los Gatos HS (Class of '87), Santa Clara University (BA, Theatre Arts '91), currently enrolled at Grand Canyon University, AZ for a Masters in Early Education and Special Education

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

Vice Chair (June 2016-June 2018, September 2020 - present) and Chairperson (June 2018-June 2020) for Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, SELPA IV

## Languages Spoken

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English

## 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 ran for my local school board this last year. As I looked into the community organizations that support students, I was once again impressed with our San Jose Public Library system. The system feeds students over the summer break, hosts community building events, I have met staff that knew de escalation techniques and mental health strategies. There is so much more to what our San Jose Libraries offer our community. I would love to be on the board to see further programs that meet the needs of our community.

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

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My 'job' for the last three years has been as parent to parent support for other parents of children with disabilities. I am a proud mother of two sons with Autism, and one of them is a prolific reader. We have appreciated our local Willow Glen Library and staff who would direct me to appropriate books when our son was young and reading at college level. I have also volunteered with The Tech, and been with the Tech Challenge team in libraries during the summer to engage with the children in the community and have some hands on experiences. I may not have awards to list, but I have many rewarding experiences in our community. Last year, unhappy with the San Jose Unified School Board, I ran for school board. I did not get the votes needed, but I did have a wonderful opportunity to connect with our San Jose residents. I am not yet able to support decisions for our local school board, I would like to be involved with our Library and Education commission because I have a lot to offer and am willing to take on the work necessary.

**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

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

☐ 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

Tiffany Maciel

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Eddie Truong

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

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## Supplemental Questions

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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 to the selected commission(s).

I have been a Chairperson and Vice Chair for the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education. I have also attended the SVO's Candidate Cultivation Academy to learn more about local policy as well as campaigning. I am a bit of a meetings nerd, so you will see me pop up at Councilmember, Supervisor, and community meetings. I have advocated for educational rights of students and recognize the complex systems that are in place for them are mirrored in many systems of policy.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To advocate and participate on a team with the goal of continuing the education and library services our community needs. This involves collaborating with community members so that we are offering high quality programs to serve and support this cities changing needs.

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

Digital literacy COVID-19 Learning loss STEM based hands on opportunities

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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

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

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I am a parent and started a Reading Buddies program at Willow Glen High School one year. I am currently a volunteer with Reading Partners. Early literacy skills are very important, contributing to the school to profession pipeline. At Halloween in Willow Glen I have volunteered for Rebecca Morgan's Books for Treats.

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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Gladly. I love community engagement and learn a lot more about our community when asked to go outside of my own circles.

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

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Our library system is part of the commitment to level the playing field for those in poverty. Literacy is such a key factor in life long success. I look at how San Jose Libraries created pods, the art installations from the community they house, the staff training in mental health and deescalation, meeting the meal needs of students over summer break. Libraries are much more than a place to go check out a book this day and age. It is very exciting. It would be my honor to be on this commission.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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**Retirement Board Questions Only**

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**Verification**

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

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

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☒ I Agree \*