
Profile

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Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

District 2

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San Jose

City

CA

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95111

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Primary Phone

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Employer

Job Title

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Address of Current Employer

Current Employer of Spouse



Address of Current Employer of Spouse

None

Spouse's Job Title

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

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



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.

Stanford Online High School- Class of 2020

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

None

English, Spanish

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

None

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As a member of the Youth Commission, I would work towards starting projects, and continuing existing programs, for improving the living conditions of youth, helping youth avoid addictive substances, and making sure that youth stay educated and find gainful employment later in life.

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

I have experience in Stanford Online High School in working with the school counseling team for the past year to bring students together and help them adapt to online schooling, and I think this experience would be useful when working to bring together, and improve, the San Jose community.

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

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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.

Katherine Ho

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Reference 2 Name

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Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

I have volunteered at Edenvale Library since September 2015. I worked from September 2015 to May 2016 as a part of the Homework Help Club at Edenvale Library, and I also worked during the summer of 2017 as a part of the MATHeasy tutoring program at Tully Library. I have also been part of the District 2 Youth Advisory Council since November 2016.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

Personally, I am interested in integrating STEM more effectively into the city's schools. By doing this, we could lower the number of dropouts, increase the number of students interested in attending college, and give San Jose's students a greater chance of receiving gainful employment later on in life. I am also interested in educating San Jose students on the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and smoking, as many people adapt these habits at a young age, and we could improve public health by making sure students understand how these habits will negatively affect their lives.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

Some of the problems facing the city's youth are high dropout rates, which affects their future employment prospects, and exposure to addictive substances at a young age. Issues like crime in the city are partly caused by the problems facing youth in San Jose, and by solving these problems we can also address symptomatic issues such as crime.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

I think that the Youth Commission should prioritize programs that persuade the city's youth to stay in school and attend college, in order to improve their lives and benefit the economy, as these youth will be able to get more lucrative jobs later in life if they have higher education. I also feel that the Youth Commission should attempt to fight overuse of electronic devices for non-educational purposes, as this is an addiction in its own way, which hinders students' ability to do well in school and become productive citizens. Overuse of electronic devices can also lead to higher exposure to misinformation distributed through social media, which may prevent our youth from forming an educated and well-informed community in the future.

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.

I have never served on a Commission/Board.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

In my 1.5 years on the District 2 YAC, I have worked on projects such as the Through Teens' Eyes project, in which we published a book of the life stories of teens in San Jose. The District 2 YAC has also begun the Edges of San Jose project, for which I have written an editorial piece about the dangers of substance addiction. By working on projects like this, I have gained valuable experience that would qualify me to be part of the Youth Commission.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

As I understand it, the purpose of the Youth Commission is to alleviate the problems faced by youth in the city by working on various projects to improve the education, living conditions, and community understanding of youth.

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

1. Social Media Addiction - Many students become too occupied with social media in high school or even middle school, leading to negative views later in life about their own lives, and a preoccupation with how they are perceived by others. This can lead to an unhealthy frame of mind and a lack of focus on actually studying in school, which can hinder students' ability to do well in classes and make them unable to find meaningful employment later in life. The Commission can create programs to encourage healthy social interaction to create a healthier state of mind in our youth. 2. Addictive Substances - Because of exposure to addictive substances during youth, many students become more likely to end up without jobs or commit crimes in the future. By giving students more education related to addictive substances, the Commission can prevent these problems from happening, improve public health, and reduce deaths or crimes caused by addictive substances. 3. Dropout Rates - The dropout rate of San Jose students is high, which leads to a community that is less informed and educated. By working on projects to increase students' exposure to STEM and support while learning it, the Commission can give students employable skills, in order to make them productive members of the community, create lower dropout rates, and improve students' lives.

I would like to say . . .

I have experience in working for and with the community, and I have also helped to bring together the community at my high school. As part of the Youth Commission, I would work to help the city's youth to be better educated, well-informed, and productive members of society.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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I Agree *



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Kaitlyn

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Not Applicable

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



Interests & Experiences

High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or Other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates Attended, Degree and Date of Degree.

I currently am a freshman (class of 2021) at Piedmont Hills High school.

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

Piedmont Hill's High School Gay-Straight Alliance treasurer September 2017-now

English, Vietnamese

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Piedmont Hills High School Interactor of the semester

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

I want to be a San Jose Youth Commissioner because I have learned so much from my time on the District 4 Youth Advisory Council. I have gained an incredible amount leadership and have only deepened my passion for politics, social justice, and my community this past year. Being able to represent the youth of San Jose would be an unbelievable experience and honor. By being youth commissioner, I think I would learn invaluable skills and deepen my understanding and passion for serving my community. I would do everything in my power to represent the youth commission during city events and represent the youth of San Jose during youth commission meetings. As youth commissioner, I would also continue serving on the District 4 Youth Advisory Council and I would work to keep the council updated on the youth commission and help with their projects.

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

N/A

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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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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

I am a member of Piedmont Hill High School's Red Cross club, Interact club, Key Club, and California Scholarship Federation (CSF), and Gay-Straight Alliance, Red Cross, Interact, Key Club and CSF are all service clubs. I try to volunteer every weekend for these clubs, many of the activities that these clubs do include volunteering at community institutions like Sacred Heart, Loaves and Fishes, and the Children's Discovery Museum. I currently have served 86.5 hours for Key Club, 64 hours for Interact, 9.5 hours for Red Cross, and 12 acts (how CSF counts the amount of service that its members do) for CSF. I am also a general member of the District 4 Youth Advisory Council and I am one of the leaders of the D4YAC Overfelt Park Mural project, serving as the co-head of the marketing committee.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

My seat on the District 4 Youth Advisory Council has given me the opportunity to serve my community in the best way possible, our projects, like A.I.M, helps us guide the youth of District 4. It also educates them on their options for the future. The Overfelt Park Mural Project helps engage youth and allows them to contribute to their community in a way they are passionate about. I am very lucky to be educated and aware of city policies and current events in my community, one of the things I am very passionate about is youth voices being heard in government. I think that educating teens about current events in the city is very important and it is crucial to any community that wants a conscious youth to turn into conscious citizens later. In my free time, I try to volunteer every weekend to contribute to my community outside of D4YAC. I am always eager to do everything I can to help my community and to make the lives of the people in my community better. A lot of the places I volunteer at are there to help low-income families, which is great because I love to help others in a hands-on way.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

Some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose are lack of guidance, mental health, and stress from school. Most youth today have very little idea about what they want to do in their future or even what field they want to go into. It's stressful for teenagers especially because you usually have to choose your classes and extracurriculars based on what they want to go into since getting into colleges have become even more competitive. School counselors can help guide students, but most school counselors have hundreds of students. Also, keep in mind that schools in San Jose may lose counselors in the future as East Side Union School District has already shown interest in decreasing the number of counselors in school no matter how many students there are in the school. Students in San Jose also face the immense pressure to go into computer sciences and engineering because they live in the heart of Silicon Valley. Mental health and stress from school also heavily impacts youth in San Jose. Many teenagers have a diagnosable mental illness but do not receive treatment for them. I know in my community and many other communities in San Jose have the same attitude toward mental illnesses, which is that they aren't important. Schools do a little about mental health awareness for students at the beginning of the year but I think it's important to remind students that their health should be the most important thing in their life all year round and give students more opportunities to get help. Reaching out to parents and teaching them the importance of mental health and how to talk to their children about it is also important. Academic pressure is a common obstacle for youth. Many find stress in trying to balance academics, sports, clubs or other extracurriculars, and a social life, youth today feel like they're being pulled in 500 different directions. Helping students learn when too much is too much is another thing I think the Youth Commission can help with.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

I feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be trying to empower the voice of San Jose's youth and giving them an outlet to express their opinion in city-related matters. As a commission made of San Jose youth with the purpose of serving and representing these people, the youth commission's first priority should always be to focus on the youth of San Jose. Commissioners should be open to listening to their peer's opinions outside of meetings. Not only should commissioners represent youth in city-related affairs, but commissioners should also represent the city to their peers.

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.

I am a general member of District 4 Youth Advisory Council, this position has allowed me to help serve my community and has given me a new perspective and appreciation for local government. I have gained a lot of leadership experience from being one of the co-heads of the Overfelt Park Mural Project and I've learned even more from working closely with the other members of D4YAC.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

As co-leader of the D4YAC Overfelt Mural Project, I have gained leadership experience and experience in government projects. I co-lead the marketing/outreach/design committee, in this position we have done our best to engage youth in our project and I've learned to delegate work in my committee. Having leadership experience in D4YAC is important because as youth commissioner I will have to work closely with D4YAC and the experience I have from D4YAC will be used in the Youth Commission because D4YAC and the Youth Commission both have the same mission to empower youth.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Youth Commission is the bridge between the city of San Jose and youth. The Youth Commission advises the city council about the next fiscal year budget, has meetings where people are present to the commission and gain the input of youth, and create events that help support the youth of San Jose as a commission or in the commissioner's respective District Youth Advisory Council. The purpose of the Youth Commission is to foster youth involvement and advise the city council about policies relating to youth and their city.

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

Human Trafficking, poverty, and the school to prison pipeline are 3 issues that I feel the Commission should address. Human Trafficking is a thriving form of modern slavery. Human Trafficking is a hidden and dangerous issue that many are at risk to but aren't educated about. Teenagers are often the target of sex trafficking and need to be educated on how to stay safe. Poverty terribly impacts youths education and potential. Schools are trying to make it easier for students in poverty to have the same opportunities at school as students from middle-class or wealthy families, but the inequality, socially and academically, should be addressed. The school to prison pipeline is an issue that affects youth in the U.S. every day. The school to prison pipeline is a social trend in which zero tolerance policies lead to incarceration and obstructs education. It disproportionately affects minority students, it is important to remember that most of San Jose's population is made up of minority races. School policies should not push students onto a road to jail or prison, and this issue should be recognized by the Youth Commission.

I would like to say . . .

N/A

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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I Agree *

Profile

Chris

First Name

Zazueta

Last Name

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Email Address

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Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

6 or more years

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District 6

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Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95125

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

NA

Employer

NA

Job Title

[Redacted]

Address of Current Employer

I have no spouse I'm 16

Current Employer of Spouse



Address of Current Employer of Spouse

District 6 Youth Commissioner

Spouse's Job Title

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

Not retired

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



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.

As of now, I currently attend Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, CA. Considering that I am only a sophomore I am still sceptical where I am going to end up going to college. However, in the coming years, I aspire to get accepted into a university such as Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, UC Berkeley in Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, or Georgetown in Washington DC just to name a few. As for major fields of study, I want to either go into a film, political or entrepreneurial career. However, I am still relatively unsure which of these fields I wish to follow.

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

Currently, I serve as the San Jose, Youth Commissioner for District 6. As of this month, I have held this position for about a year. I would say that it has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. Furthermore, I believe that government work has changed me as a person. It has made me a more giving and compassionate human being.

English and Spanish

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

A few but nothing government related. Simply some awards from grammar school.

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

I want to become a member of this board because of the reasons from last year. I want to use my abilities given at birth to help people for the greater good because I believe that public service is one of the greatest things a person can do.

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

I am able to code in a few languages, fluent in Spanish, very proficient in Geography, Science, History, English, and Photography.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

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[REDACTED]

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Yes No

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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.

I do not have any fiscal responsibilities as I am under the age of 18

Betty Ramirez

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Sam Liccardo

Reference 2 Name

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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

Throughout my life, especially in the past year, I have been involved in a variety of community events and programs. For example, I have been a part of the San Jose Youth Commission, an organization that aims to be a voice and a representative for the Youth of San Jose. Considering as this is the application to reapply for this commission then I feel obliged to mention that I have gone to events such as Viva Calle, SJ. An event where the citizens of San Jose gather to participate in a day of exercise around the streets of San Jose via bike or body. I have also participated in events such as the Women's March fighting for women's rights and awareness, the March for our lives, a march to raise awareness for gun control and school protection as well as many more community events. As for volunteer work, I attend Bellarmine College Preparatory which mandates us to do service hours around the Bay. However, I do service hours in the areas that I believe need my skills the most and are in the most need. In retrospect I have enjoyed the work I have done for the city of San Jose, I believe public service is one of the most fulfilling things somebody can do for their community.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

As mentioned in the previous paragraph I have a variety of interests when it comes to community involvement. I love charity work and volunteering with the less fortunate. Furthermore, I love getting involved in community marches to do my part in making sure change happens. Ever since a young age I have had a passion for politics and public service, I love helping people become the best they can be and doing my part to make sure those people thrive. I have a good 5 members of my family that are lawyers so I have definitely had a lot of exposure to the law along with how it works. Not to say that I am an expert, of course, however, I would love to become one over the next couple of years.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

Generally speaking, ever since the industrial revolution, the quality of life for youth and adults has gone up exponentially. However, today the youth of today are still facing great travesties. For example, the recent debate on gun control and the violence they invoke in our nation's schools is something to keep in mind. We cannot have psychopaths going around schools killing innocent people all because they can freely carry a weapon of war around a residential area. Not to say that guns alone are the problem, however, there is something to be looked at in that area. Nevertheless, this is typically not a problem in San Jose, considering the strict gun laws that are present in California. A severe problem that youth in San Jose face is the issue of proper education within our public schools as well as the housing crisis affecting the Bay Area. With one bedroom, one bathroom houses going for millions in Sunnyvale, it is no wonder that the Bay Area has one of the biggest homeless populations in the United States, and its not just the adults of San Jose that are facing this problem, kids and youth of San Jose also have to begin work at a young age to make sure that their family makes ends meet this cannot stand.

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

I alone cannot decide what the overarching priorities of the commission should be, that should a decision carried out by the commission as a whole. Over the past year, the commission and I have held many debates on the topic of what we should focus on for the Youth of San Jose. Generally, as of now, we have figured that making sure the youth know that they have a voice for the city is on the top of the list. As well as making sure that they are not scavenging off the streets and they have a home. Truly, the Youth commission focuses on nearly every topic that comes to mind about Youth in San Jose.

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.

Overall, in the year that I have served on the San Jose Youth Commission, it has been a very positive experience. I have met some great people and done some great things for the city of San Jose. Next year I would like to continue participating in these programs and further our projects in the city. Moreover, I will never forget the experiences I have had working with the people of San Jose and my fellow Youth Commissioners, it has truly been once in a lifetime experience.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

As mentioned in the previous paragraphs above, I have already served a year on the San Jose youth Commission which has given me the skills to participate in city work and programs throughout the year. As well as my involvement in a variety of community and charity events. I also attend Bellarmine College Preparatory which has us do service hours at various locations throughout the Bay Area.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

For me, the purpose of the Youth Commission is to serve the youth of San Jose and make sure that they are treated to the best of our ability. It really is as simple as that.

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

Three issues that we as commissioners want to tackle are the protection of schools, for the greater safety of our Youth, universal housing protection for youth to make sure they stay off the streets and awareness of Youth voice in local government. These I believe are the main priorities for San Jose's youth as of now.

I would like to say . . .

That I am honored to have served on the Youth Commission for the past year and hope to serve for the next few. I hope to achieve more for the City of San Jose and the Youth that inhabit it.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Jenifer

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Herrera-Damian

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High School: Junior Year

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

Student Government: 2015- now Government Fundraiser: 2015- now

English, Spanish

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Special Awards or Recognitions Received

High academic awards Good character Students of the Year Leadership

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I have always been interested to be apart of my community and be able to help other. I love being out and volunteering during events, whether it be picking up trash or helping set up for an event that the city is having. I always look for someway to help. I want to bring new ideas to the table. To be able to become even more involved with my community, and be the voice of my peers. I am interested in doing everything possible to better my community and bring even more opportunities to my community and others.

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

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Gloria Hamouie

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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

Community Plays Community Fundraiser help Student Government Working with students

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I have always been interested to be apart of my community and be able to help other. I love being out and volunteering during events, whether it be picking up trash or helping set up for an event that the city is having. I always look for someway to help. I want to bring new ideas to the table. To be able to become even more involved with my community, and be the voice of my peers. I am interested in doing everything possible to better my community and bring even more opportunities to my community and others.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

I believe that the youth in San Jose are not very connected with the community. Especially at the moment I strongly believe it is at high importance that the youth be connected to the community to be able to acknowledge what is, not only going on in our community but in the state, and country. As well as how issues that are being addressed with the White House can possibly affect us. Another problem I see in our community is the fact that all these students are extremely passionate about learning, although they aren't give as many opportunities as others are. I know that many communities are low on resources, and we need those resources.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

I believe that the priorities of a Youth Commissioner should be to not only to help the youth be more involved in the community, but as well see the problem the youth in our city are facing, and see how we are able to help them out. The youth of San Jose is the future of San Jose. We know how great our city is, and we have to share that with our youth. Whether it be after school clubs, or recourse we have to listen to what they need to help them become successful in this city. The Youth Commissioner are the voice to the youth of the district. Another priorities of a Youth Commissioner is to become involved in the community. To help set up events, clean up, promote an event or anything along those lines. As a teenagers we see how things work with social media, we know how to better promote fundraiser, and events.

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.

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I have worked with and on student governments recently at my school, I have gotten the feel of what leadership is. I have as well brought light to issues that my peers believe need change. I have brought ideas for fundraisers and events, growing the money we have. My team and I were able to fundraising more than \$800 in a short period of time. I am open minded and listen to every ideas and suggestions, which is important to bring people what they want.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding of becoming a Youth commissioner is helping out my community. My understanding is that I will be working with other youth commissioners of different districts to solve a problem we see in our community. We will bring to light problems that the youth in San Jose is facing in hopes to bring change and a better San Jose.

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

Opportunities for working with the city in all district Support groups to help out students Speaking at schools to get students more involved with the community

I would like to say . . .

I am honored to have the opportunity to apply to become a youth commissioner. Lately I have been really getting into politics, and I believe that this is my chance to make a difference. I want to begin by making a difference in my community. I hoped that it will affect my community in a positive way. I hope you consider me a valid candidate for this position, I will work hard, and bring great ideas to the board. I hope to hear from you soon!

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Profile

Rushil

First Name

Srivastava

Last Name

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Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

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Yes No

Length of Residency

6 or more years

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Evergreen Valley High School

Employer

Student

Job Title

[REDACTED]

Address of Current Employer

n/a

Current Employer of Spouse



Address of Current Employer of Spouse

n/a

Spouse's Job Title

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

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



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.

Evergreen Valley High School: 2016 - Present

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

Founder and President at Project enVision U.S. (Non-Profit) - December 2015 YAC Member - Jun 2017

English, Hindi, Spanish (basic)

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

- Commendation from the Honorable Mayor of San Jose, Sam Liccardo, and Vice Mayor, Rose Herrera for Stem Leadership in Community (2016) - Commendation from the Honorable Mayor of San Jose, Sam Liccardo, and Vice Mayor, Rose Herrera for Stem Leadership in Community (2017) - President's Volunteer Service Award: Gold Medal (2018) - Congressional Award: Silver Medal (2018)

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

- I would like to become a member of the Youth Commission, as I feel I effectively represent the youth in my District. I feel there is a need to balance out the amount of public school and private school kids serving in the commission, as views and opinions from teens attending public schools are very limited and often not heard. I attend a public school in my District and work with many teens attending the other schools in my District i.e Silver Creek through my non-profit Project enVision. - I have built connections across the city that will allow me to best serve this position. - I plan to host more community events through the YC for teenagers. - I plan to build awareness and importance of the YC. I wouldn't have known about this program had Ms. Sylvia Arenas not shown me. I plan to make sure that we have the larger meetings, as there should be no reason to only have 2 or 3 active members in a district - I would like to run more community service events, as Teenagers are often looking to give back, but don't know where to start. I have lots of experience in this sector, and have the right connections to make this happen.

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

I believe another application was submitted last week, but I never received any confirmation. Please disregard the previous application.

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

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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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Supplemental Questions

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

I am very passionate about community service and involvement and have a long history of giving back and getting involved with the community. - For example, I noticed that Evergreen, my community, doesn't have a dedicated Teen Center like many other communities do. This led me to work with members of the City to incorporate a Teen Center at the Evergreen Community Center. This center provides an ideal location for Teenagers to get involved with their local community, and even give back to the community through the Teen Committee while staying out of trouble - something that didn't exist before. (Program Launches April 2018) - Through the YC, I helped pass a Graffiti Wall idea that would help boost tourism, and provide a location for Teenagers to demonstrate their artistic skills - effectively reducing vandalism. - I learned to give back to the community through my 8+ years of being a Boy Scout. I have over 250 hours of general scout volunteering (picking up trash, collecting food, soup kitchens, etc.), and am currently a Life Scout - the second highest rank in Boy Scouts. I have cleaned up beaches, built benches, tables, shades, and more at schools, community centers, and parks. - I founded a 501(c)-3 non-profit called Project enVision in 2015 to give Teenagers the platform to give back to the community. For over 2 years, our goal was to provide STEAM classes in community locations in San Jose (libraries, community centers, etc.). I provided a platform for any Teenager to easily give their skills to their community. Through my dynamic partnerships with the City, teenagers were able to easily teach classes such as programming, speech and debate, tutoring, robotics, and more. In 2018, I decided to take it a step further and started fundraisers for community causes, while continuing to create classes and events at community centers and libraries. I started book drives to start Libraries in 3rd world countries, purchased computers at discounted rates through partnerships with Google and Microsoft, to provide to lower-income schools. I have personally volunteered 1000+ hours, and have received the Presidential Gold Volunteer Award. - I am also a Congressional Award: Silver Medalist. For my volunteer projects, I worked with lower income students to teach Programming Concepts and even developed my own language to help teach younger kids programming concepts. - Worked with Ms. Sylvia Arenas' office to help coordinate events with the Evergreen Community Center, and sponsor Robotics kits for community outreach. Received great help from office in starting the Programming Olympiad, a contest for elementary and middle school kids to encourage STEAM. - I will use my connections and experience with the Libraries and Community Centers to involve more Teens in community and city events.

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

My community interest is in volunteering. For me, giving back to the community is very important, and I value it very highly. I never really have free time, because I am always working in the community and with Teenagers. My community interest revolves around connecting Teenagers and youth to volunteering opportunities, so that volunteering isn't dreadful, but enjoyable. I would like to spread the same feeling that I feel when I volunteer with others. That's why I started my non-profit, because it gave me the platform to make volunteering easier and enjoyable for others. I would like to change the perspective on volunteering, and although it seems as a large task, it is very clearly achievable. Other than volunteering, my other community interest may include community gatherings and events, such as the bimonthly teen social held at the Evergreen Community Center, as it gives me the opportunity to meet with new people, share ideas, and learn new things.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

In my opinion, youth in San Jose are currently directionless. It is no secret that we have one of the most stressful educational environments in our nation, and often, many teens succumb to that stress. When that happens, they often choose to make bad decisions, such as getting high on drugs, taking alcohol, or vandalizing property, regardless, youth in San Jose is currently directionless. They also tend to start doing poorly in school. This is primarily because of the lack of support systems in our community. We need to work on supporting the youth in San Jose, as we can easily prevent these problems.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

It is my personal goal, and strong belief that the Youth Commission should focus on spreading awareness. To most teens in San Jose, the YC is a non-existent program. To make a real impact, we need to sincerely try to spread awareness in Schools, Libraries, and Community Centers to get more Teens involved in this program. It is important to remind the youth that they have a voice! Another priority for the Youth Commission should be to conduct more panels and general meetings to hear the concerns and voice of all youth across the district. This will help ensure that we as a commission can all address these concerns and make a real difference. These events should be planned out, and made available on a global calendar for all events conducted by the YC. Furthermore, more partnerships with non-profits should be established to develop a sense of pride in volunteering. By building partnerships with a variety of non-profits, we can allow the Youth in San Jose to easily volunteer and give back in something they are interested in. This will help develop a positive vibe with volunteering. Lastly, I would like to make sure that there is a Teen Center in each District. For the longest time my District did not have a teen center. Since my YC representative disregarded the concept, I took matters in my own hands and decided to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to launch a teen center in the Evergreen Community Center. It is my strong belief that Teen Centers are an important place for Teenagers to spend their time, and do productive activities. I would like to ensure that each District has Teen Centers, and it is my belief that should be a priority for the YC as well.

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.

I have served as the President on my own Non-Profit's board. I have gained lots of experience over the past few years, including effective ways to lead a meeting, getting tasks done, and working with others. I say this because working with other members of a board or commission is very important to get tasks done. I made it my personal goal last year to work with and meet with as many of the other youth commissioners to help build connections to work with them in the future.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

In my opinion, a member of the San Jose Youth Commission has to be able to effectively represent and understand their peers. Representing and working with many students in both my non-profit and in school clubs, I have learned to listen. Listening is a very important aspect of being successful in this type of position because if you can't listen to others, you can't represent them. I noticed this skill being demonstrated at the Youth Panel, and I am sure anyone that I have worked with in the past can attest to the fact that I am a great listener and communicator. I am very organized with my work, and that is clearly evident from my work with my non-profit. Since I manage all the legal work, volunteer work, and finance in my organization, I have to meet very strict deadlines, and I never fail. This is because I keep my team updated with calendars, and make sure I finish my tasks early. I have also demonstrated this in my professional work at Stanford University. My job requires work to be finished quickly, as there are many different projects I have to work on. I meet my deadlines early and often lighten the load work off my team by doing some of their work as well.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The San Jose Youth Commission's purpose is to represent the Teens and Youth living in San Jose. It is the official youth voice of the city and ensures that the opinions, concerns and voice of San Jose teens are heard. We advise the city council in matters regarding or that may affect the youth and represent the interests of the youth of San Jose.

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

- Outreach for the YC: The YC is a very unknown program to most of San Jose. - More events to hear the voice of the youth in each district: The YC only held 1 panel in the 2017-2018 year. There should be more panels to hear the voice of youth collectively (all districts combined). - Completion of primary projects started last year and currently uncompleted in each district (i.e. District 8: Graffiti Wall, Drug Awareness Night, etc.)

I would like to say . . .

This position is very important to me, and I feel I can make important contributions to both the Commission and my community. I do hope that I am given this opportunity to serve my community. This is a very important position, with lots of responsibility, and I have lots of great ideas that I would love to contribute. I have built many connections with the other commissioners, and am sure I can easily start working on amazing projects with them.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Profile

Clarabelle

First Name

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Last Name

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Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

N/a

Employer

n/a

Job Title

[Redacted]

Address of Current Employer

n/a

Current Employer of Spouse



Address of Current Employer of Spouse

n/a

Spouse's Job Title

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

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



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.

Branham High School

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

San Jose District 9 Youth Advisory Council Vice Chairman 2017-2018 San Jose Youth Commission Intern 2017 Campbell Unified High School District Control and Accountability Plan Branham Student Representative 2016-2017 Campbell Unified High School District Site Vice Chairman 2017-2018

english, Veitnamese, learning
spanish

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Branham ASB/leadership Hard Worker's Award Branham Feild Hockey Most Inspirational Award Branham Varsity Women's Soccer Most Inspirational Awards Scholar Athlete Award All League Honorable Mention (Women's soccer)

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

San Jose is an amazing city filled with so much opportunity and rich culture. As I have worked with current commissioner, Aruni, on events for SJ District 9, I have fallen in a deeper love for my community and the people who live in it. I want to continue to embrace and live by the mission statement YAC district nine holds: "To increase the knowledge of our youth as well as the awareness of the voice of our youth, so that they can become cognizant and active citizens in order to effectively address the issues of the community and act upon it." Working as SJ D9 YAC Vice Chairman I have experienced how people in the community are impacted by the events the Youth Commission hosts and how the smile on others' faces says that they love where they live. I live for that smile. I want youth in my community to be empowered, heard, and be devoted for something greater than themselves. I want youth in my community to grow into selfless leaders who appreciate those who have served before them. I want youth in my community to be a force that drives San Jose in success. As Youth Commissioner, I will address more ways youth can give back to firemen, policemen, and veterans and hope to increase the morale and unite the youth of San Jose. Topics I will target include: school safety, mental health, and ways to help new American youth assimilate in the community through outreach.

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

Anything that needs to be done will be done quickly, effectively, and have the best outcome as possible. I will work diligently with my fellow Youth Commissioners to ensure that youth in San Jose are involved and feel apart of a greater community of young men and women who seek to make positive change.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

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Do you rent property in the City of San José?

Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

NARF volunteer, St. Timothy's Church homeless packaging, Kaiser Permanente House, Branham NHS, District Day of Service, Branham Day of Service

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

Community is all about the people. No matter where you travel, it is the people who make a destination magnificent. In my community, I love to be involved by helping others through volunteering, obtaining a position of leadership, and being apart of a team whether it is sports or work environment. I love being apart of youth groups and being with my peers. I believe having a strong group of people who are going through similar tribulations is the best way to help you overcome the hardships in life.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

I have seen an increase of immigrant youth come into the city and they do not assimilate well into the community. As a very diverse city, it should be expected that new American youth mold into the community very quickly. Unfortunately, this is not the case. I know that this is often overlooked by many adolescents and educators; however, I have seen that a language barrier is not main issue they face but the lack of information and lack of support they receive from kids their age.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

To empower youth and provide more opportunities for civic engagement.

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, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

As a Youth Commissioner intern and SJ D9 Vice Chairman, I understand and mastered the process of coordinating events for the commission (policy proposal, etc.) and how the youth commission proposes policy and provides input. In those positions, I have gained skills such as business networking, organization, and most importantly, grit.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the commission is to foster youth in government and study concerns and issues of youth in San Jose

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

-Safety of Public Areas: making youth feel safer at parks, library, and community centers -Immigrant Youth struggling to assimilate -More expression of gratitude from youth towards first responders in the community. Change the youth's view of policemen/women as allies not enemies.

I would like to say . . .

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Profile

Jacqueline

First Name

Paredes-Kao

Last Name

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Email Address

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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.

Currently a sophomore at Willow Glen High School. Interested include art, soccer, piano, tennis, learning Spanish and mandarin chinese, reading and writing, and community issues as described in answers to Youth Commission questions.

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

Fundraiser for Asoddeca Dental Clinic from 2015 to 2016

English

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

-Commendation from Constitutional Rights Foundation for participation in the final round for the 2017-2018 Santa Clara County Mock Trial tournament -Golden Book Honoree at Willow Glen Middle School - Award for Excellence in Writing at Willow Glen Middle School -4th place in Expository Speech at the Burnett Middle School Spring Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament

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I want to make a substantial impact in the community, and I know that the Youth Commission would give me the opportunity to work with other determined youth throughout the county and connect with the City Council to address issues such as gun violence, environmental sustainability, and the need for a reliable water supply. I have provided more information on my objectives and priorities in my answers to the supplemental questions.

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

I have attended public schools my whole life, and the exposure to so many kids with different cultures and backgrounds has opened my eyes to different perspectives. I have friends from well off, educated families, as well as those who have been homeless. This has enabled me to understand youth facing varying life situations and will help me better represent them.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

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Supplemental Questions

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Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

From 2015 to 2016, I worked as a fundraiser for Asoddeca Dental Mission, a nonprofit in Arequipa, Peru, that provided free dental care to the local children in need. During that time I raised \$6,690 through crowdfunding. In the past, I have volunteered at the library, helped set up and waited tables at the Crab Feast, packaged food for the poor with Rise Against Hunger, and helped out at the senior center. In 2017 I was selected to serve in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Stewardship Commission where I learned about California's water system, toured the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant, Water Quality Lab, and Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, and visited local waterways. I currently tutor math and science after school at Willow Glen High School.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I want San Jose to be a place where today's youth can thrive in the future. In order for that to happen, youth need to have safe schools and neighborhoods, a sustainable relationship with the environment, and a reliable water supply. San Jose has made headlines recently regarding its rise in violent crime, most disturbingly youth crime. Just in the past three months, my neighborhood has experienced a series of thefts and attempted break-ins, which, coupled with my growing fear of gun violence in schools, has convinced me that something has to be done to address these problems. Furthermore, what with global warming, climate change, and pollution, the relationship between humans and the environment is unsustainable and people throughout the world have been coming together to try to save the planet. I believe it is important to unite the people within the community to do what they can to help the environment on a local level. Reducing waste is key to reducing the impact that our community has on the environment, and, just by looking at the actions of youth around me at my own school, I can see that many do not take the benefits of simple recycling seriously. Although there is both a recycling bin and trash can in each class, the majority of both garbage and recyclables just go into the trash. I am interested in helping youth understand the mark that they leave on the environment and prompting efforts at waste reduction and environmental awareness throughout the community. In addition, my time with the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Stewardship Commission has made me aware of the importance of water supply reliability. Currently, 55% of our water is imported from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which faces many threats, such as land subsidence, sea level rise, climate change, ecosystem decline, and loss of natural habitat. Most of today's youth, and even adults, do not understand how vulnerable our water supply is.

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

As I described above, the youth of San Jose is faced with rising crime and gun violence, the need to confront global environmental issues and sustain the environment, and a fragile water supply system. Since 2012, there have been over 180 school shootings in the United States, and lately it seems that barely a month passes by before news of another school shooting reaches today's youths. The fear that a school shooting will occur at a school in San Jose is palpable and the need for gun control is stronger than ever. While school shooting has lately been a nation-wide topic, global warming and climate change have been prominent issues for some time, although the significance of these issues are harder for youth in San Jose to realize because their impacts are indirect. Actions need to be taken on a home and school scale to reduce waste and lessen our footprint on the environment. Global warming and climate change has already affected the citizens of San Jose — last year was the end of a 5 year long drought that seriously threatened our water system. Our reservoirs were depleted and, though the drought fortunately ended before jeopardizing our water supply drastically, had it continued then serious problems would have ensued. The drought made it clear just how unreliable our water system currently is. These are not the only problems facing today's youth. Homelessness is also a major issue in our creeks and waterways that impacts our water quality and stream habitat. The issue of homelessness is all the more urgent given the unaffordable housing market of Silicon Valley. With the median home price of San Jose above one million, many of today's youth might be unable to afford to live here in the future. Another related issue that is extremely important to youth is the quality of teachers in public schools, as it is getting harder to attract good teachers with the limited pay that is being offered.

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

The priorities of the Youth Commission should be to raise awareness of youth about these issues and link with youth and local agencies to develop plans and implement actions to address them. As a Youth Commissioner, I would reach out to more schools to inform students of the issues facing San Jose, of the efforts already being made by fellow youth to make a difference, and to help make their voices heard. There are many youth who do not understand the issues facing the community and it should be a priority of Youth Commissioners to provide them with an outlet to utilize the power of their opinions and actions. After engaging youth who are passionate about facing these issues, I would build up a strong and driven District 9 Youth Advisory Council (YAC), and together we would brainstorm policies that can protect schools from gun violence, develop systems to more effectively reduce waste, and educate youth about our county's water supply. The Youth Commission should also partner with local agencies to confront the issues stated previously. I have already contacted the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and found out that it has an outreach program with the goal of raising awareness of our water supply, and with the Youth Commission helping the SCVWD to connect with today's youth, we can tackle the issue of a fragile water supply system head on. By engaging as many youth as possible in making a difference in the community and actively solving issues throughout the community with the support of local agencies, the Youth Commission can truly turn San Jose into a place where today, and for generations after, youth can prosper.

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.

I served on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Stewardship Commission, and it was an eye-opening experience. I got the opportunity to hear speakers on issues such as flooding and water supply reliability. I attended monthly meetings for half of a year and visited the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant, Water Quality Lab, and Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center. I toured local waterways with an employee who taught me about the maintenance of riverbeds and watched a board meeting on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies (PAWS).

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

At school, I learned to work hard. With my soccer team, grew up knowing that teamwork is crucial to success. With three years of speech and debate and two years of Mock Trial, I learned to speak strongly and with confidence in what I believe in.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Youth Commission acts as the official youth advisory group to the Mayor and City Council and represents and supports youth throughout the county who want to make a difference in the community.

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

The Commission should address rising gun violence, maintaining environmental sustainability, and the need for a reliable water supply.

I would like to say . . .

Thank you for your consideration!

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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I Agree *

Profile

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First Name

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Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

6 or more years

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

District 10

[REDACTED]

Street Address

[REDACTED]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95120

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

[REDACTED]

Address of Current Employer

NA

Current Employer of Spouse



Address of Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Spouse's Job Title

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

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



Interests & Experiences

High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or Other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates Attended, Degree and Date of Degree.

I am currently a freshman at Leland High School and I am an avid learner and I also participate a lot in speech and debate as well as volunteer opportunities.

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

In 7th grade after a grueling election I became the fundraising chair at Bret Harte Middle School, which was one of the highest positions one could attain in 7th grade; and next year I will also try to achieve a leadership role in speech and debate as well as the Youth Commission!

English

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

I have done well in speech and debate, my winning streak started in 7th grade going undefeated at my first tournament in Lincoln-Douglas debate at the Peter Burnett Tournament. Additionally in the Presentation Invitational in 9th grade, and I was the only one who went in the Lincoln-Douglas debate event, I was 5th place in the entire tournament and I achieved the 2nd place speaker award. Additionally, I was also able to speak at my 8th grade graduation as well as attaining multiple character awards in middle school, and I have a lot of experience helping others and organizing meetings and groups due to my fundraising chair role in 7th grade.

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

I want to become a member of this commission for a few reasons. First of all, I really enjoy working with the commission and to attain a leadership role in it and help those who have just joined the Youth Commission would be fantastic. Second of all, I also want to promote the Ad Hoc meetings, even though I could not make them due to a schedule conflict, I believe they will be a great experience for all and will greatly benefit those who attend. I know that many people who should go to these meetings do not because they do not understand the incentive to go to these Ad Hoc meetings however by promoting these meetings and highlighting the incentives to go I believe we would have a greater attendance rate.

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

I am extremely passionate and dedicated about what I do and how I do it and I feel I would be a great addition to your team.

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

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.

Jo-Ann Wang

Reference 1 Name

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Reference 1 Address

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Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

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Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

I have volunteered with the library consistently by tutoring math to those who need it. Additionally, I am trying to secure a job to teach Speech and Debate. I also have volunteered at opportunities presented by the Youth Commission, such as Viva Calles.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

Volunteering to help underprivileged kids in San Jose and I have started to take the first steps to make this interest a reality by volunteering at the local library.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

I feel not enough of the youth in San Jose are exposed to opportunities like the Youth Commission and other programs. Thus one of my main goals if I was to be on the board would be to recruit more people specifically because on the District 10 Youth Advisory Council we do not have a single member from Gunderson High School despite our attempts to reach out to them.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

The priorities of the Youth Commission should be to recruit people and then once we recruit them to expose them to all of the benefits that the Youth Commission has to offer.

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.

I have worked with the Associated Student Body in 7th grade as a fundraising chair and I am part of the District 10 Youth Advisory Council.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

The experiences I have had have developed my leadership skills, my organizational skills, my communication skills, and my knowledge of government which qualify me for appointment to the Youth Commission.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I understand that the Youth Commission's purpose is to educate, develop, and train students for leadership and government roles as well as develop skills that we will use throughout our life.

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

Education, equal opportunity, and funding distribution are three issues facing San Jose that I feel the Commission should address.

I would like to say . . .

I would like to use this application for the District 10 Youth Commissioner and the City-Wide Youth Commissioner.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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