

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Tom

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First Name

Last Name

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?

Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices: 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 1

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

CA

95117

City

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

None (retired)

N/A

Employer

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

None (retired)

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

No pension plan - just 401k and personal savings.

Question applies to multiple boards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[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.

Ph.D. from Stanford in experimental particle physics (1996). Undergraduate degrees (SB) from MIT in math and physics (1988). High School in Dallastown, PA (1984).

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

Served on Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury in 2021 (Apr-Dec).

Languages Spoken

English, Czech

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member.

After serving last year on the civil grand jury, I'm looking for a civic volunteer opportunity with more of a part-time commitment. I don't have any specific objectives for the board, but I do believe strongly in transparency around campaign financing.

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

I have a strong background in analytics, statistics, and data science, which could potentially be useful in oversight of campaign finances.

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 scope 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.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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If yes, please explain in complete detail.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Britney Huelbig

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Han Wen

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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)

☒ 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.

see above

Question applies to Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices

Have you participated as a candidate in any election to public office in the year prior to your application to the Commission? Please note, if you have, you are ineligible for appointment.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices

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.

No specific experience, but see below.

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.

I have not previously served on any city or county boards or commissions. I did serve on the Civil Grand Jury in 2021, which is somewhat related (in the sense of understanding the roles of various county boards and special districts, and reviewing minutes/recordings/reports from various boards).

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 gained some exposure to state and county required campaign financing disclosures during my work on the Civil Grand Jury. I can't claim any expertise in election law, but I feel that I understand the basics of it. More broadly, I found that my skills in data analysis proved useful in Civil Grand Jury work and I expect there could be similar utility on the FCPP commission.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I understand the Commission serves to review or adjudicate allegations of campaign finance and lobbying or ethics violations, as well as to make recommendations to the city council for refinements and changes to the existing regulations.

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

My understanding is that the FCPP commission primarily investigates complaints, rather than working on an agenda of specific issues. I have not researched a list of top 3 issues in the area of campaign finance, but I expect that there is likely room for improving the public accessibility and transparency of campaign financing around elections, as well as lobbying disclosures and related non-election information.

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Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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

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.

☒ I Agree *