

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Harriett Arnold
First Name Last Name

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Email Address

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic Landmarks 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 4

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose CA 95132
City State Postal Code

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone
L. Benerd School of Education, Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Employer Professor Emeritus
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

The Health Trust

Harriett Arnold

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Program Coordinator/Part Time

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

I am semi-retired teaching courses for the university. Pension: TIAA-CREF

Question applies to multiple boards

Demographics (Optional)

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Question applies to multiple boards

Ethnicity

Question applies to multiple boards

To which gender identity do you most identify?

None Selected

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.

San Francisco State University, BA Degree, Social Welfare Major/Psychology Minor San Jose State University, MA Degree, 1974, Reading Specialist Major Course of Study University of San Francisco, Ed.D.(1984), Curriculum and Instruction, Major Course of Study

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

At the present time, I do not hold an office or position in a charitable organization other than my church where I serve at present as the Chairperson of the Historical and Archival Committee. I am a member of the Board of Directors of San Jose State University Alumni Association and recently serve as the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

Languages Spoken

Some Spanish.

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

See my CV.

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.

A number of years ago I applied to serve on this Commission. I was interviewed by an individual and not selected to serve and due to my travel and work schedule unable to apply again. At this time, I am applying because my work schedule has changed and I usually teach one course per year in our early retirement program.

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

I think that information that might be useful in reviewing my application might include the fact that I am extremely interested in California history and have worked professionally in the field in order to focus on the importance of this intersection of the past, the present and with the future.

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

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☒ 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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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Tony Alexander

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Brian Bates

Harriett Arnold

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

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☒ 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.

My experience serving on a Commission or Board for the City of San Jose actually goes back to a time when I served on the Child Care Commission. I served as an active member, attending sub-committee meetings, meeting with staff and then was elected to serve as Vice-Chairperson. I have served on the Historic Landmarks Commission for one-year in fulfillment of an expired term.

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

My knowledge, skills, training, and keen interest in historical preservation provide me with the qualifications to serve on this commission. I am "excited" about the importance of a place, person and their relationship to a location and to time itself. My academic preparation, teaching experience, relationships with the historical communities of San Jose and the museum community of Stockton, my publications, speaking and "keen interest" in making a difference sets me apart from other individuals. In closing, I a reminded of the children's story, "the little engine that could", in that I applied once before, was not invited nor selected to serve but I am now trying once again!

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Antioch Baptist Church is an historical landmark and I am familiar with the Commission. In addition, when doing research about a family or individual in 19th century San Jose, I use the historic inventory for a variety of purposes in my work. A review of the Commission website indicates the purposes of the Commission as: The Historic Landmarks Commission is required and established in accordance with the Municipal Code (Part 13 and Part 26). The seven members are residents of the City of San Jose (unless specifically authorized otherwise) with a range of expertise related to historic preservation, appointed by the City Council. The Historic Landmarks Commission has the responsibility of forwarding comments and recommendations to the Director of Planning and City Council on: •City Landmark, City Landmark Historic District, and Conservation Area Nominations; •Mills Act Historic Property Contracts; •Historic Preservation Permits for work performed on a City Landmark or within a City Landmark Historic District; and, •Preservation, exhibition, and protection of the History San Jose Historical Museum. •Maintains the Historic Resources Inventory, utilizing the Inventory as a tool in recommendations and Inventory listings as appropriate, by: •Providing comments on land use/development proposals with the potential to impact cultural resources; and, •Where appropriate, adding properties identified through those proposals to the Historic Resources Inventory.

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

This is not an easy task to complete. 1. Housing: How do you preserve the past, while being concerned about housing for the homeless in the 21st century? 2. Senior Citizens: How do you preserve the homes and work with those senior citizens in order to meet their needs as they "age in place"? 3. How does the commission face the economic, social and educational shifts that are taking place and chart new directions in the area of preservation?

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

The role of the Historic Landmarks Commission is complex in San Jose. There are multiple opportunities to build on the past achievements while charting new directions in the 21st century. Today it is time to work and seek new directions that will involve a diverse range of experiences, knowledge, skills and approaches to continue to define the primary purpose of the Commission.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

My prior experience with historic preservation and working with the City of San Jose is that I have had demonstrable interest and expertise in historic preservation, specifically, in the areas of history, anthropology, folklore and collections/curator. I am currently serving on the Collections Committee of History San Jose, a member of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose, Chairperson of the Antioch Baptist Church Historical and Archival Committee. I have taught courses in social studies/history for teacher certification in California, served as a member of the California Social Science Textbook Selection Committee for K-12 students in the state, completed program evaluation of historical museums and made higher education presentations on the importance of history and the intersection with preservation.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I would like to say that I have served on the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission completing a one-year term and wish to serve a full-term that will end on June 30, 2022. This first year has been a "learning year" and I wish to continue to serve.

(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.

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PaulBoehm

First NameLast Name

Email Address

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☒ District 6

Street AddressSuite or Apt

San JoseCA95128

CityStatePostal Code

Primary PhoneAlternate Phone

Campbell Union High Schoolteacher

EmployerJob Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

San Jose Unified School District

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

Instructional Aide

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

Matrix Trust Company (California School Employees Association), Social Security, and California State Teachers Retirement System

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[REDACTED]

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To which gender identity do you most identify?

None Selected

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 attended Monta Vista High School in Cupertino, De Anza College, Chico State University, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, and San Jose State University. Bachelor Arts in Liberal Studies, minor in Spanish in 1979. Teaching degree in 1980. Master of Arts in Education Administration and Supervision in 1986.

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

None of any consequence. I am the lay leader at my church, a volunteer position. I volunteer as a docent at the Roberto Adobe and Sunol House. I am a member of the Planning Team for the Preservation Alliance of Santa Clara County.

Paul Boehm

Languages Spoken

English and Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

I won scholarships from the Lions Club and CA Teachers Association. I was a mentor teacher for San Jose Unified. I trained teachers at trainings for SJUSD. I presented multiple times at conferences for bilingual teachers and ESL teachers.

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.

I would like to contribute to the richness of culture in San Jose. San Jose is a special place. It was the first "pueblo" of "Alta California" in 1777. I would like to see the diversity of the citizens flourish with the memorializing of the districts in the city that correspond to places where Chinese immigrants lived, as well as historic sites for Japanese, Italians, Latinos, and other immigrant groups. The connection with the past will help our citizens feel an inter-connectivity to the city and one another.

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

I teach "Santa Clara Valley History" for Campbell Adult Education and would bring a wide understanding and appreciation of our history to the examination of historical monuments and historical events in the city.

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Don Barrett

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Sylvia Hew

Paul Boehm

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

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.

I have served on the Historic Landmarks Commission as Commissioner, Vice Chair, and currently as Chair.

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 bought two houses in San Jose, and I am aware of procedures and requirements for remodeling and building new units on properties in San Jose. I have worked for a union, and I understand politics as a citizen. I am unbiased regarding ethnicity as I support diversity, and am married to a Latina.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To encourage and promote the preservation of historic landmarks and sites, and to counsel and make recommendations to the City Council in designating, acquiring, and preserving landmarks and sites and other property for historic preservation.

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

The addition of properties to the Historic Resources Inventory, the designation of landmarks, and the promotion of preservation in San Jose are some of the most important goals of the Commission.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

I have served on the Historic Landmarks Commission since 2018.

Anything else you would like us to know?

Thank you for your consideration.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Rachel Royer

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

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Historic Landmarks Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Length of Residency

☒ 3-5 years

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

☒ District 6

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95126

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Lendlease

Employer

Senior Development Manager

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

Palo Alto Networks

Rachel Royer

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Senior Contracts Negoatiator

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

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Demographics (Optional)

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To which gender identity do you most identify?

Interests & Experiences

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Washingtonville High School 1992-1996 State University of New York at Albany, B.A. Urban Planning, 1996-1999 University of Pennsylvania, M.S. Historic Preservation, 2001-2003

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Chair, Main Street Wilmington Design Committee, 2007-2010 Member, Board of Directors, Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation, 2008-2010 Commissioner, Philadelphia Historical Commission, 2016-2018 Commissioner, City of San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, 2018-2022

Rachel Royer

Languages Spoken

English

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.

I have training and experience in Historic Preservation and am passionate about preserving historic resources. I am new to San Jose, but was very involved in the preservation community in Philadelphia for nearly 20 years and was appointed to the Philadelphia Historical Commission by the Mayor in 2016. I had to leave my post there when I moved out of Philadelphia and want to continue that important work in my new home City. I know there is a lot of development pressure in San Jose and I think it is important to balance that with preserving historic resources. I want to help protect San Jose's architectural history.

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

I have extensive training and experience in historic preservation theory, techniques and practice. I can bring that hands-on preservation work and my experience as a real estate professional to the Historic Landmarks Commission.

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

Reference 1 Name

Jon Farnham

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

David Hollenberg

Rachel Royer

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

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☒ 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 was appointed to the Philadelphia Historical Commission by the Mayor to fill the seat of a Real Estate Development Professional in 2016. I served for 2 years, until I moved to San Jose. I also was a member of the Financial Hardship Committee of the PHC. I currently serve on the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission. I was awarded the seat in 2018.

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 a M.S. in Historic Preservation from University of Pennsylvania and have been working in preservation, design and real estate development focusing on historic properties for nearly 20 years.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Commission has a responsibility to provide comments and recommendations to City Council regarding matters of historic resources and programs in San Jose.

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

Balancing demand for development with historic resources. Protecting historic resources as density increasing in the areas around those resources. Providing ways to make preserving historic resources affordable and accessible.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Historic Preservation in San Jose maintains and enhances historic resources in the City. The Commission has a responsibility to provide comments and recommendations to City Council regarding matters of historic resources and programs in San Jose.

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

I have many years of training and practical and professional experience in historic preservation. I have worked hands-on for many years to preserve historic buildings and adaptively reuse them. I was a Commissioner in Philadelphia prior to moving to San Jose. Since moving to San Jose, I have worked with city staff on projects, so am familiar with the permitting process and have served on the HLC since 2018, so am familiar with the Commission process, as well.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I am passionate about historic preservation and would be honored to continue my service with the Historic Landmarks Commission in San Jose.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Adriana

First Name

Ayala

Last Name

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☒ District 3

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95127

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Chicana Latina Foundation

Employer

Executive Director

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

Kaiser South San Jose

Adriana Ayala

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Medical Doctor

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N/A

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1991, BA in History, Minor in Ethnic Studies, University of California at Berkeley 1996, MA in History, University of Texas at Austin 2005, Ph.D. in History, University of Texas at Austin

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

Chair, Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS) - an organization serving women of color in college Board Member, Chicana Latina Foundation (CLF), a community based organization, serving women of color in college.

Languages Spoken

Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Received recognition from various organizations and student groups: Women's organization, Earth Day organization, TRiO, etc, at the National Hispanic University; Sorority at Santa Clara University; High Schools such as Luis Valdez High School, UCB Latinx organization, etc.

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'm interested in the Historical Landmark Commission because this commission is critical in highlighting the diversity and inclusion of San Jose's rich population and in establishing equity across historical landmarks. I've taught History and Ethnic Studies at the National Hispanic University, Evergreen Valley College, San Jose City College and at Presentation High School. I can contribute a historical analysis and provide historical evidence to contextualize the work of the historical landmark commission. San Jose is my home. We adopted our two children in Santa Clara County, and we are raising them in San Jose schools. Contributing to San Jose is a responsibility that I take seriously. Protecting San José's Heritage is important to continue leaving a legacy based on historical accuracy and, most importantly, celebrating what makes San José the 10th largest and best kept secret. For example, Cesar Chavez's development as a civil rights leader took root here in San José. His home has a historical marker, but it's still unknown and in poor condition. It's easy to pass it on the street without recognizing what took shape there. I have a solid understanding of the the local, state, and national policies regarding historical landmarks. Our children's knowledge of their history and heritage relies on our work in the Historical Landmark Commission. I look forward to working as a team-member with the other commissioners. Adriana

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

I am a Chicana, a lesbian, a daughter of immigrants, first generation college student, and come from a working class background. I'm a trained historian, who is well aware of local, state and national government. I work well with everyone, as I always try to find common ground as residents of San Jose to improve our city for generations to come. I have served many years as an administrator at the university level and know how to get things done; work with people of different backgrounds (race, gender, income, sexual orientations, age, etc); value diversity, equity, and inclusion; respect people for who they are, and love San Jose's history.

Do you own 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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If yes, please explain in complete detail.

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Dr. Ramon Martinez

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Dr. David Lopez & Blanca Alvarado

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Phone

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.

My experience serving on a Board is taking responsibility for my role and position to the stakeholders. I'm there in the capacity to serve, do my best, be honest, give back to the community, be fiscally responsive, uplift, and leave the organization in better shape. I have served on the Board of the Chicana Latina Foundation for 5-6 years. Along with the rest of the Board, we were responsible for the success of the organization and that it continued to serve the community and students.

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).

I bring more than 20 years as a professional, professor, administrator and volunteer in San Jose. I'm a trained historian. I bring a wealth of experience as a professional and I also bring experience as a Chicana/Latina, lesbian, daughter of immigrants, and working class background. I'm a resident of San Jose and have worked here for more than 20 years and we are raising our children in the city. I have worked at the National Hispanic University, Evergreen Valley Community College, San Jose City College, and Presentation High School. My children have taken many classes at the School of Arts and Culture and we support cultural institutions that support all communities in San Jose.

Adriana Ayala

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The person selected to the Historical Landmark Commission guides the "City's landmarks, historic districts, conservation areas, and the History San Jose Historical Museum." We maintain the Historic Resources Inventory and ensure maintenance and preservation. We collaborate with others to ensure historic preservation.

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

1) Maintenance and preservation of the Cesar Chavez historic home landmark. 2) McDonnell Hall at the Guadalupe Church was a great addition. This needs to be linked with other landmarks to trace the importance of this structure and the people aligned with it. 3) Working with other departments in naming a boulevard after Cesar Chavez. I know it does not fall within the purview of the commission, however, the conversation and guidance adds value to the other work within the commission.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

The Historic Landmarks Commission nominations for city landmarks, city landmark historic districts, and conservation areas; Historic Preservation Permits for work performed on a city landmark or within a city landmark historic district; and, Preservation, exhibition, and protection of the History San Jose museum.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Although I do not have a specific prior experience with historic preservation, I'm invested in the preservation and maintenance of historical buildings and history in San Jose.

I would like to say . . .

That historical preservation and working with city council and the director of planning are important in expanding our historical legacy.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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☒ I Agree *

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Lawrence Camuso
First Name Last Name

[Redacted]
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?

Historic Landmarks 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 6

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose CA 95126
City State Postal Code

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Self-employed Business Owner
Employer Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

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

N/A

Question applies to multiple boards

Demographics (Optional)

The demographic information you choose to provide is **VOLUNTARY** and **OPTIONAL**. This information will be kept separate from your application and will not be used for evaluating applications or making appointments. The City of San José will use this information to solely conduct research and compile statistical reports regarding the composition of its Board and Commission applicants.

Question applies to multiple boards

Ethnicity

Question applies to multiple boards

To which gender identity do you most identify?

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.

Graduate of San Jose High School 1978 Graduate of The Institute of Design San Francisco 1980 West Valley College AS degree in Interior Design 1983

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

N/A

Languages Spoken

English

Lawrence Camuso

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

No civic awards however I have received numerous awards from my 40+ year involvement in the antique & classic car hobby.

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.

As an avid restorer of homes, commercial buildings and antique & classic cars, I have a special interest in historic preservation & restoration. It is most important to protect the historic inventory of San Jose as too many historic structures have been lost to neglect or insensitive redevelopment. I am most interested in being a commission member to be involved in the approval process of historic landmark applications and to perpetuate an ongoing and very important interest in local preservation.

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

I currently own and have rehabilitated seven buildings of historic interest within the city limits. I also own a classic car collection consisting of approximately 100 cars. I maintain all of these structures and my entire car collection myself which has enabled me, over many years, to fully appreciate the true importance of historic preservation.

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I have owned and operated several successful business ventures since 1978. These ventures have included either ownership, restoration and preservation of special interest & historic architecture within the city limits of San Jose. I have personally supervised the restoration of several residential & commercial properties in San Jose. I have been a member of PACSJ for many years and have hosted numerous fund raising events at my 1926 historic San Jose home. I am one of the founding neighborhood members of Hanchett Park Heritage Project. I have hosted numerous historic home tours including HPHP, St. Leo's & Rose Garden Home Tour. I am also a long time member of The Sainte Claire Club, a historic social club established in 1888 and currently housed in a spectacular Mission style structure built in 1893. I am a member of the historic preservation foundation within the club. I possess a keen sense of style and understanding of historic and special interest architecture and preservation.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of this commission is primarily to review historic landmark applications, use permits relating to historic recognized structures, & advise within the planning and permit procedures to maintain and preserve historic inventory within the City of San Jose.

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

Due to the increasing value of property within the city limits and especially within the downtown historic districts the following are issues of most concern to me and the city: 1. Preservation of smaller historic structures that exist on valuable real estate. 2. Working closely with area developers who seek to redevelop while repurposing part or all of the historic structure while understanding the developers financial interests 3. Educating the community on the extreme importance of preserving our past.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Great strides have been accomplished over the decades by the commission landmarking structures of historical importance to avoid demolition by developers and residential property owners therefore protecting the greatly depleted historic inventory. An ongoing effort must be made and perpetuated to protect what we have in existence. This, I believe, is the primary purpose of the commission.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

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

My first experience with the Historic Landmarks Commission was in 2007 when I applied to landmark my home located at 295 Sequoia Ave. Over many years, I have worked with Building and Planning during the development of several businesses in the City of San Jose. I have restored several single family homes as well as repurposed existing commercial structures of interest.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I can send photos of several structures that I have rehabilitated or repurposed over the years.

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