

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Carlos

Rosario

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?

Planning 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

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

CA

95111

City

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Wing

Product Counsel

Employer

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[REDACTED]

**Spouse's Job Title**

N/A

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

Question applies to multiple boards

[REDACTED]

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[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.**

Santa Clara University School of Law - Santa Clara, CA, JD, 2008-2011; University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA, MS in Computer Science, 2006-2008; University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA, BS in Computer Engineering and Computer Science, 2001-2005; Bellarmine College Preparatory - San Jose, CA, High School Diploma 1997-2001.

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

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County of Santa Clara, 2/2021-Present - Health Advisory Commissioner; Sacred Heart Community Services, 6/2021-Present - Board Member; Santa Clara County Bar Association, 9/2020-Present - Trustee; Katherine and George Alexander Community Law Center, 7/2020-Present - Advisory Board Member; Santa Clara County Black Lawyers Association, 6/2020-Present - President; Bay Area Community Health (result of merger between Tri-City Health Center and Foothill Community Health Center) 2014-Present - Board Chair and CEO; Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, 2014-2018 - Board Member; Silicon Valley Intellectual Property Law Association 2012-2017 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer; San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association - Membership Chair; Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association, 2013, 2018-Present - Board Member and policy committee member.

**Languages Spoken**

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English

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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2021 Silicon Valley Business Journal - 40 under 40

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

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The Planning Commission touches on every aspect of our lives. It affects each of our families, friends, and colleagues. In my own life, I've seen my immediate family members taken advantage of by landlords, and subsequently get displaced. I also see the Commission's impact on kids' quality of life. Between my previous house and my son's elementary school there were 2 marijuana dispensaries, 4 liquor stores, and 3 abandoned auto repair shops - which made it difficult for me to let him walk to school on his own. In my work in San Jose's Parks & Recreation Department, on the freeways while driving to tech companies, at the network of Federally Qualified Health Centers I managed, throughout the local Superior and Federal Courts during the housing crisis, and as a father in District 2, I've learned a lot about the folks in this town and the issues we face. I want to help the people I've met along the way on the Planning Commission with data driven decisions that promote equitable housing and job growth, as promulgated by the General Plan. I also want to fight displacement and gentrification, particularly considering the effect it has on our underserved communities. Additionally, after working for multiple automated car and delivery-drone companies, I would like to see land use decisions that promote a connected and environmentally progressive city.

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

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To summarize as best I can: I grew up in a household with a single mother who became an advocate for her fellow co-workers. She taught me to be engaged and understand the relationship between business and labor. In high school I learned all about San Jose, and loved it. I volunteered at Agnews, Sacred Heart, and the United Way. On weeknights after practice, and during the summers, I worked for the City in the Parks and Recreation Department at Mayfair, Guadalupe River Park, Ryland, Burnett, Fair, Camden, Seven Trees, James Lick, Leigh, and Alviso. In law school, I was student body president and voted student leader of the year. This taught me how to work with different types of personalities, and diplomacy. While in law school, I learned more about the kids in our city and the challenges they faced, while volunteering at Fresh Lifelines for Youth and as a mock trial coach at KIPP San Jose Collegiate. I also worked for a few courts. I spent time working for judges in the Superior Court on a criminal calendar on Hedding St., in the family court at Park Center Plaza, and in the US District Court on S. 1st Street. There, I learned more about the very real need to keep our citizens safe, and to be compassionate to those attempting to better their lives. I feel the courts have many parallels with the Planning Commission. In particular, regardless of what the Judge and their staff may feel about a case, they are not the policy makers. The legislators create the policy, and the Judges make sure they understand the law inside and out, and apply the relevant facts to the law. After law school, I spent a few years in the law firms, where I spent many billable hours navigating complex laws and regulations. I deliberately joined the board of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto to see how to combat a housing crisis using class action lawsuits, community organization, and impact litigation. While I learned helpful tools to help residents after a housing crisis reached extreme levels, I learned more about the need to address difficult and complex planning issues before it is too late. After the firms, I spent time at automated electric vehicle and delivery-drone companies, where I studied the future of mobility, connected cities, reductions in pollution and VMT, and how these technologies can help the underserved. I also understand what it's like to run a nonprofit. After dropping in as CEO of Foothill Community Health Center, I spent every night pouring over cash flows, potential financing sources, commercial leases, working collaboratively with regulatory bodies at the local and state levels, and eventually merging the company with another – always with an eye toward employing the folks that live here, and maintaining the continuity of care of the 65,000 patients we served. Lastly, I understand the amount of time it takes to serve on this Commission. While considering applying, for each Planning Commission meeting I read all materials, visited all of the sites, and made sure to keep up on other commissions and committees that impact the Commission (e.g., the 2019-2020 General Plan 2040 task force). Additionally, I have attended many Planning Commission meetings during my career.

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

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interest in real property, personal finances or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain 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.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Shiloh Ballard

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted Address]

Carlos Rosario

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Maricela Lechuga

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Email address

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Reference 2 Phone

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Supplemental Questions

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

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

☒ 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

**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

Carlos Rosario

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

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The common theme running through the boards I've served on is working toward an equitable community that supports its underserved. In Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, we brought class-action lawsuits against unlawful housing practices. In the bar associations, I've worked to promote higher education pipelines in San Jose high schools, legal clinics for folks that can't afford lawyers, and diversity in the legal profession. And at the Community Health Centers, we provided primary, dental, pediatric, women's, and behavioral health care to 100,000 patients - 80% of whom use medi-cal - in Fremont, East San Jose, and Gilroy. Similarly, on the Health Advisory Commission I have advocated for those whose health is negatively affected by lead and other heavy metals in the environment.

**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).**

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I believe my experience working in the private, nonprofit, and government sectors give me unique and broad experience, and evidence my work ethic. I have two engineering degrees and a law degree; I practiced as a lawyer in law firms, startups, and currently at a Fortune 15 company. I also spent time as a kid working at over a dozen sites in the City, and I spent a short time as turn-around CEO of a health care nonprofit in the City with a \$60M budget, 16 locations, and 400 employees. Given the broad array of topics that I have covered in my career, I am proud to say that I have developed an understanding that issues require an assessment of facts in order to identify solutions to problems. I consider myself to be driven by the principals of always wanting to help, and not allowing political philosophies to govern my decision-making.

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

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The commission makes recommendations to the City Council on the projects and plans presented to it. It opines on whether projects and plans comply with the General Plan, adopts EIRs, reviews zoning proposals, and listens to the city staff and community.

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

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Homelessness, Jobs, and Housing

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

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Anything else you would like us to know?

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## Retirement Board Questions Only

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### Verification

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

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

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☒ I Agree \*