

Profile

John

First Name

Leipelt

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

CA 95138
State Postal Code

☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ District 2

Alternate Phone

☒ 6 or more years

Airport Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

Supervisor _____
Job Title _____

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Evergreen school district

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Teacher

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

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[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.

Homestead HS- 1983, De Anza JC- 1983-1986 Admin. of Justice, Santa Rosa Police Academy- 1986, Ohlone JC- 1990 Business Mgmnt

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

Promenade HOA-1994-present, Basking Ridge HOA- 2017-present, District 2 Leadership BOD-2022-present

Languages Spoken

english

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Chief of Police Commendation-1988

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 a passion for aviation and Government and I would like to be more involved in both entities. I feel SJC can be the best airport in the country and I want to be part of the growth at SJC. We need to have a transparent government that works for the citizens of San Jose. I want to ensure our government is held to a higher standard.

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

I spent 26 years at UPS interacting with the Union and Management. I participated in meetings to resolve issues that benefited both sides, while maintaining professionalism, integrity, and high ethical standards. I understand the importance of aviation for the Bay Area. I have two sons who are private pilots and SJC is a valuable asset for their future.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain in complete detail.

Question applies to multiple boards

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Wanda Wong

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted Address]

John Leipelt

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Kelsey Colson

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.

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 an HOA Board for over 15 years. i work collaboratively with other board members to resolve any issues that effect our community.

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.

I have sat in on many Labor meetings, Union/Management discipline panels, HR panels,

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and to the Director of Aviation on issues related to Mineta San Jose airport.

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

Homelessness, Public safety, Bight

Question applies to Airport Commission

What are the three most critical challenges facing Mineta San Jose International Airport in the next five years? What do you bring to the table in terms of experience, expertise, or perspective to help address these challenges

Growth, Budget, Safety. In order to have a profitable airport, we need to continue to increase flights and bring in more airlines. We need to create an environment where travelers want to fly out of SJC. We need to provide excellent service, accessible parking, top notch restaurants, easy entrance/exit routine with proper signage.

Question applies to Airport Commission

What can the Airport do to balance its obligations as a “good neighbor” and as a world-class international airport for Silicon Valley? If there is a conflict in achieving an appropriate balance, how would you resolve it?

To maintain a "good neighbor" status, we need to monitor the flow of traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods near the airport. Flight patterns should be monitored for increased noise levels at certain parts of the day. Work with the surrounding neighborhoods to create a team of citizens who are interested in being advisors/spokespersons for their area, and we all can work together to reach common goals. Hold community meetings

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What can the City of San José and the Airport do to engage Silicon Valley business leaders and other communities to support the Airport's efforts to increase air service and add routes to SJC? What can you do personally to help achieve this goal?

advertise. communicate. create a long term plan/goal. Get more leaders involved by explaining the importance of the airport. Hold community meetings.

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Anything else you would like us to know?

I would be a perfect fit for the two commissions.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Mike Campbell
First Name Last Name

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Email Address

[Redacted]
Street Address

[Redacted]
Suite or Apt

San Jose
City

CA 95120
State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple) *

☒ District 10

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Mike Campbell

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Airport Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc.
(MIG)
Employer

Director of Environmental
Analysis
Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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

Mike - City of San Jose Office of Retirement Services

[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.

Humboldt State University - B.S. Natural Resources Planning & Interpretation 1983 (attendance 1978-1983) Leland High School - Graduated 1978

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

City of San Jose Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement - 1988-2000. Positions held - Planning Technician, Planner I, Planner II.

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.

Recognizing that San Jose Mineta International Airport is a significant gateway to the City and to the Silicon Valley business community, I am interested in making a contribution to the oversight and improvement of this important facility in whatever capacity I can. My professional background in land use planning with the City of San Jose and in environmental planning and consulting in the private sector have provided much experience with development issues in and around San Jose Mineta International and Reid Hillview Airports over the years and I find these facilities and the issues surrounding them to be very interesting. In addition, I enjoy air travel and aviation in general.

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

I have lived and worked in San Jose for most of my 35+-year career and am very familiar with the geography of the area and the workings of local government.

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Robert Hencken

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Kristy Weis

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Phone

[Redacted]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.

No previous experience.

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.

In my position as a Director at MIG, I rely on constant and clear communication with others, from employees that I supervise, to my own supervisors, to clients and subconsultants. I believe that I am an effective communicator, and that would be a beneficial skill for a Commissioner. And, as a long-time resident of San Jose and someone who has been involved professionally in the planning and development of the City for over 30 years, I believe that I possess the background knowledge to fully understand airport-related issues.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Commission exists to review, analyze and provide advice and guidance to the City Council regarding issues affecting the City's two airport facilities, and related to commercial and general aviation in the San Jose area. They are an advisory board to the Council to help facilitate the Council's decision-making process regarding these issues.

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

Police Department staffing
Homeless encampments along the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek Street
repairs - improving road surface conditions

Question applies to Airport Commission

What are the three most critical challenges facing Mineta San Jose International Airport in the next five years? What do you bring to the table in terms of experience, expertise, or perspective to help address these challenges

1. Appropriate uses of the airport approach zone, south of the airport. I would like to see if there are ways to work with FAA restrictions to allow the restoration of existing recreational facilities (Columbus Park) or construction of new facilities to address the City's shortage of playing fields and parks. 2. Attracting and maintaining commercial airlines' use of the airport as a destination or hub. 3. Maintaining passenger satisfaction in the face of competition with SFO and OAK for ease of use, parking, concessions, security screening, etc.

Question applies to Airport Commission

What can the Airport do to balance its obligations as a “good neighbor” and as a world-class international airport for Silicon Valley? If there is a conflict in achieving an appropriate balance, how would you resolve it?

I think consistent enforcement of policies such as the nighttime curfew is important, as far as maintaining it's "good neighbor" status. To balance that with the demands of a world-class international airport would require careful scheduling of flights and examination of potential changes to the policies that would strike more of a balance between the needs of the neighboring community and the business community. Stakeholder engagement, including community residents as well as business and political leaders in developing these changes is critical.

Question applies to Airport Commission

What can the City of San José and the Airport do to engage Silicon Valley business leaders and other communities to support the Airport’s efforts to increase air service and add routes to SJC? What can you do personally to help achieve this goal?

The City should consider the Airport one of the top of the priorities when engaging in branding and public relations campaigns. Outreach to the business community should include promotion of the Airport's convenient location, easy accessibility, and wide range of available national and international flights and schedules.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Mike Campbell

Verification

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- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Steven

First Name

Martinez

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San jose

City

CA

State

95131

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Steven Martinez

[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.

Sjcc 2012-2016 (AFA) 2016

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

N/a

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

City of San Jose commendation 2022

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 Artist and D3 community member it is my passion to improve, uplift, and inspire people of san jose. By creating projects and events where I can beautify and educate my community. With the knowledge I have obtained over the years i would love to teach other artist like myself how to become valued and successful members of our city by instructing and showing the way of charity and endowment. In the consequence of practicing racial equity together we can preserve our culture.

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

With years of being part of san jose's art community, I have worked and networked with a list of many artist from different collectives, studios and crews. While being a member of Citadel Art Studios, I had the opportunity to be mentored and work under accomplished artist for quite some time. I believe I have acquired an intellectual repertoire where I can accommodate artists to future projects. As a muralist, I understand the requirements and essential preferences of the city's community.

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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[Redacted]

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Dee barragan

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Anjee Helstrup Alvarez

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Phone

[Redacted]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 has been very insightful, The times I have attended I had learned the process of the meetings, The agendas and outcomes. I had also learned how voting plays a major part in delegating funds for future projects. The importance in listening to public comments and considering others opinions is key when being a board member.

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.

In my experience being an art teacher in my earlier years for Child Development inc, to current co-founder of a local art collective, I know the work and training behind building a professional platform for others to follow. I have acquired a skill in connecting the youth and inspiring others through my art. As a leader in my collective it is my duty to further my peers careers, from promotion. contributing to concepts, allocating funds, accruing leads and executing projects.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I believe the purpose of the commission is to identify the community's needs and enabling a resolution. The duty to gather information and determine how to delegate projects. To serve as an intermediary between the public, council and staff by providing information, explanation, and support for different point of views.

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

I feel as though the Council should address more artists whose projects are culturally relevant to the City, give more opportunities towards helping smaller and/or newer art collectives grow, and have more collaborative group projects between different artists and art collectives.

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe recent San José arts activities you have participated in during the last twelve months (up to five activities) and what drew you to attend?

In the last 12 months I have participated in numerous activities such as, old school band "War" at Music In The Park where I showcased a live painting dedicated to the lowriding community. A live painting at "Subzeros first friday" dedicated to local hip-hop artist. Mexican Heritage Plaza's "Avenida De Altares" dedicated to the chicano movement. "Sj Makers" pop-up events with a community free wall for kids to experience different art mediums. Macla's art mixer where I networked with artist, influencers and organization leaders to share my experience, opinions, and insight on being a local creative. what drew me to these activities was the cultural influence and the desire to inspire others.

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe the ways in which you believe the arts bring value to the general community.

I believe community and public art is very important because it brings and adds enormous value to the cultural aesthetic and economic vitality of a community. It contributes to a community's identity, fosters pride, heals and brings a sense of belonging. I believe it enhances the quality of life for its residents and visitors. It connects citizens to their neighbors and their shared history through documentation and celebration.

Question applies to Arts Commission

Should the City of San José have an active role in arts and cultural development? If so, in what ways and why?

I feel the city of San Jose should have an active role in arts and cultural development by giving more opportunities to local artist to create public art projects that are culturally relevant. Many local artists here in San Jose come from marginalized ethnic groups, and in supporting these artists we are helping to shine a light on the diverse cultures of this city.

Question applies to Arts Commission

How can you contribute to advising City Council on policy and programs related to cultural development in San José?

I believe I can contribute to advising City Council by being support on policies that produce a balance of high profile projects by local,regional, national and international artist, focusing on quality. I also would like to contribute by developing a ongoing series of seminars and workshops to educate local and regional artist who would like to enter the public art field.

Anything else you would like us to know?

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Alexander

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Nguyen

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☒ District 8

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 3-5 years

Alexander Nguyen

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Hot Boi Chili Oil LLC
Employer

CEO
Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

Asian Health Services

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Covid/Vaccination Scheduler

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Interests & Experiences

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Silver Creek High 2013 De Anza College 2013-2016 San Francisco State University 2016-2018 BA in Economics Santa Clara University 2021-2024 MBA concentration in Food Entrepreneurship CEO at Hot Boi Chili Oil LLC Cofounder at Jasmine Market

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Languages Spoken

English, Vietnamese

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Vietnamese American Roundtable: Volunteer Award Director of short film, Ephemeral – selected to screen at Viet Film Fest, Seattle Asian American Film Festival, DC Asian Pacific Film Festival, Asian American International Film Festival, Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival Business Ethics Panelist at SFSU Business Week Presidents' Leadership Fellow at SFSU Lead Organizer for Viets 4 Biden SJ Rally

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.

Growing up in Evergreen, I've always felt this strong sense of community, however, I feel that we don't have many community events that brings the entrepreneurs, artists, and creatives together to uplift each other. As a member of this Commission, I would love to connect with my community to build up our artistic creative community, for example, having marketplace places where we can showcase small businesses, artworks, and mural painting for businesses to beautify the community.

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

Do you own property in the City of San José?

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[REDACTED]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Huy Tran

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Huan Pham

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Email address

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Reference 2 Phone

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None

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Effective leadership and communication, wide network of creative artists and entrepreneurs in the Bay Area, economic research, business owner

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding of the purpose of the Commission is to provide City Council with advice and recommendations, even advocate for city policies and programs that could benefit our respective communities for access toward arts and cultural opportunities in San Jose

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

1. Usage of public spaces to promote small business and local artists/creatives 2. Cultural events for ethnic holidays 3. Spaces to have creative after school programs 4. Needs more savvy individuals that can market events and increase participation

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe recent San José arts activities you have participated in during the last twelve months (up to five activities) and what drew you to attend?

I have only attend small markets such as SJ Makers and Jasmine Market

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe the ways in which you believe the arts bring value to the general community.

The arts tell us a story about who we are as people, especially immigrant people who have come here through various means.

Question applies to Arts Commission

Should the City of San José have an active role in arts and cultural development? If so, in what ways and why?

San Jose should always have an active role in the arts and cultural development because we are the center of Silicon Valley, where folks from all over the world come to be residents and visit. The arts define who we are as San Jose residents, it helps build city pride and brings the community together.

Question applies to Arts Commission

How can you contribute to advising City Council on policy and programs related to cultural development in San José?

Due to my background in organizing successful events, my main career as a business owner and creative, as well as my academic background, I can contribute to new ideas and collaborate to build ideas with a team together.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

Alexander Nguyen

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Karen

First Name

Adamski

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95118

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 9

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Karen Adamski

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Self
Employer

Artist, Teacher & Shamanic
Practitioner
Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

Applied Materials

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Manager of Facilities Engineering

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

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 graduated from Cupertino High School in 1984. i graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in San Fransisco in 1986. I attended SJSU and took some business courses yet did not graduate. I became an HR manger and stayed busy in that career for over 25 years. During this time I took many HR courses and HR Law courses. I had to stay current with laws and policies so classes and certifications were ongoing. I started my own consulting company, Adamski Consulting, which allowed me the flexibility to set my own hours while raising my two children. I worked with such companies as Apple Computer, Philips Electronics, National Semiconductor, Idexx Laboratories, Logitech, Hewlett Packard, and Amazon. During the last 10 years of my HR career I was studying and practicing Shamanism. I slowly transitioned out of Corporate America, and into my spiritual and creative arena. In my current practice I guide people as they step into their spiritual selves, I heal with energy and vibration, I help them reconnect with their true self, and more. You can learn more at my website: ShamaMama.com. I teach people to Walk In Beauty. I also teach meditative art one on one or to large groups. I lead sound baths for county employees every week. I lead community drumming circles. And, I have had the pleasure of painting a couple of ArtBoxes in my neighborhood...so fun! In 2019 I was honored to receive a Star 9 Award from Mayer Sam Liccardo and Council Person Pam Foley. Such an honor!

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

I was a scout leader from 1998 - 2014.

Languages Spoken

English and ASL

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Star 9 Award November 2019. Certificate reads as; Whereas: Karen Adamski's anonymously hand-painted sings of everyday encouragement bring a much needed smile tot the faces of all her neighbors; and Whereas: Karen has made a commitment to brighten her neighborhood through her wonderful contributions to The Art Box Project; and Whereas: Karen's lending library, among her many other thoughtful creations, displays her giving and welcoming spirit that inspires other members of her community to give back to those in need; and Whereas: Karen Adamski focuses her time and energy on spreading positivity through her joyful art and her compassionate, kind attitude to everyone around her.

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 be involved with bringing more joy and beauty to our community through the arts. There are so many opportunities to bring sparks of inspiration and happiness to city by being open to an abundance of artistic expression. Everyone is an artist and our community is our canvas. I hope to work with others to implement ideas and inspire creativity within residents. I want to make smiles bloom on people's faces as they drive/walk/bike through town. A little bit of art goes a long way to making someone's day. And I would like to create MOMENTUM within the community to bring in more art in countless ways. Often, when someone finds joy in a piece of beauty they have seen or heard during their day, they are often motivated to want to share with others, then a fabulous momentum starts.

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

I'm very interested and committed to the possibility of moving forward in this position for a two terms. If you have any questions, please feel free to text/call me at [REDACTED]

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Vikki Bows-Mok

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Claudia Loens

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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.

NA

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What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I believe the members of the Arts Commission work as a team. Each Commissioner is responsible for a territory/district, hence the entire city is represented.

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

Community Involvement Community Awareness Overall Beautification

Karen Adamski

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe recent San José arts activities you have participated in during the last twelve months (up to five activities) and what drew you to attend?

Senior Safari at Happy Hollow, Scout events at History Park, Trail Cleanups, ArtBox, Aztec Dancers, Mexican Heritage Plaza Art Showing, visits to the SJ Museum of Art

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe the ways in which you believe the arts bring value to the general community.

Art is a language that everyone speaks. Art inspires. Art is beauty. Art makes people think and talk. Art makes people take notice and it most often makes them smile. This is SUPER valuable to any community.

Question applies to Arts Commission

Should the City of San José have an active role in arts and cultural development? If so, in what ways and why?

Yes. Because the city is like one giant team. We need to all be on the same page as much as we can be. Art is just as important as all the other things the city has to offer.

Question applies to Arts Commission

How can you contribute to advising City Council on policy and programs related to cultural development in San José?

I am a very fair and loving person and I am open to facilitating open conversations. I might not have a lot of knowledge in this area, but I feel cultural development is very important to the city and should be brought to light as often as possible. I am open to learning more and contributing how I can.

Anything else you would like us to know?

Not a this time. I appreciate you taking the time to review my application. If you have any questions and/or concerns just let me know.

Karen Adamski

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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Linh Vong
First Name Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose CA 95132
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
<https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple> *

☒ District 4

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing and Community Development Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

[Redacted]

Fremont Hospital Clinical Case Manager
Employer Job Title

Current Employer Address

[REDACTED]

Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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

NA

[REDACTED]

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[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.

Andrew Hill High School 1997-1999 Evergreen Valley College 2001-2011 - AA in Psychology San Jose City College 2001-2019 - Drug and Alcohol Studies UC Santa Cruz 2011-2014 - BA in Psychology University of Southern California 2020-present - Master of Social Work - August 2020-August 2022

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

NA

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

NA

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 want to be a board member, so that I may give a voice to those who are voiceless. I am passionate about the homeless and other marginalized populations and believe the key to change will be in policy. My objectives are to use policy to make changes that improve the lives of the community. Housing is a basic right and we need to ensure everyone has access.

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

I was homeless on and off for 20 years. I worked with the homeless population for 6.5 years.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Question applies to multiple boards

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Question applies to multiple boards

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Thomas Herena

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted Address]

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Issac Garcia

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 been on the Housing Community Development Commission since April 2021

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.

I have been on the Housing Community Development Commission since April 2021. I have a master degree in social work. I worked in housing services for the homeless for 6.5 years.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To review housing policy and advise the council.

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

Homelessness, rights of the homeless, rights of the community

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If you live in, own, lease or manage property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), please list the address here. This includes mobilehomes, mobile home parks, and apartments/apartment buildings building during or before 1979.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If your employer or other source of income owns, leases or manages property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), or if you are unsure, please list your employer's name or other source of income and address here.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

I have over 20 years of personal experience and almost 7 years of professional experience with affordable housing issues.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?

I understand it is funds from the federal government to assist low to moderate income people in the community and to address other community needs.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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I am applying for a Low Income Position on the Commission. See requirement below.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I qualify for a Low Income Seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission. Please indicate how you qualify by selecting one of the following: Refer to this link to determine your eligibility:
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/90049/638003812008400000>

☒ Low- or moderate-income person as defined by HUD

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I meet the requirements for one of the Housing and Community Development Commission Special Eligibility Seats. Please note, if you indicate you are mobilehome resident or landlord representative, you will need to submit a copy of a letter from that organization indicating their nomination of you as their representative.

☒ n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Do you have experience in any of the following areas? *

☒ Homeless Services

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I am applying for the Lived Experience Seat in Homelessness on the Commission.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If you are applying for the Lived Experience Seat, please describe your experience with homelessness. Include when and for how long you experienced homelessness, and any information you'd like to share about how you lost your housing.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Have you stayed at any shelters or used any homeless services programs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience any homelessness in Santa Clara County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience homelessness in San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

How would you use your experience with homelessness to inform your work on the Commission?

I would share perspectives of someone who was homeless and also work with the homeless.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I am a social worker, a longtime resident, and have worked extensively with the homeless.

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Last Name

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95131

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☒ District 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing and Community Development Commission: Submitted
Planning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards



Justice at Work Law Group, LLP

Employer

Partner

Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

The David and Lucille Packard Foundation

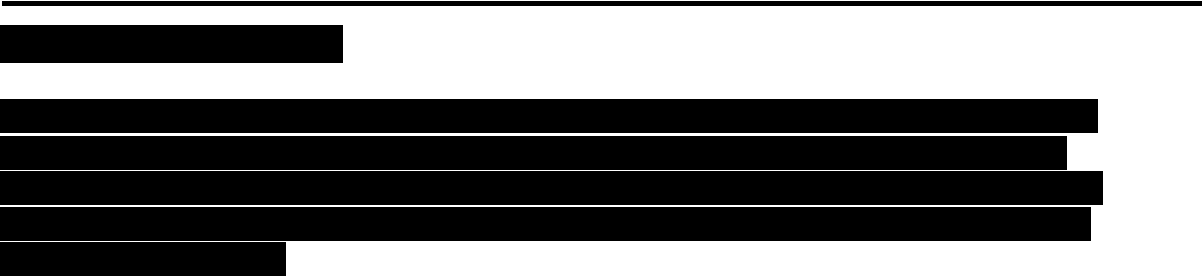
Address of Current Employer of Spouse



Spouse's Job Title

Program Associate

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Huy Tran

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Reference 1 Name

Alex Shoor

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Christina Johnson

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

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 various boards since 2003, serving in capacities from members of the board of directors to committee chair. The boards that I served on as a student include Student Union, Incorporated and Associated Students, Incorporated while at SJSU, and on the board of community organizations such as United Vietnamese Student Associations and the Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations as an alumnus. Currently, I serve on two boards: Vietnamese American Roundtable, Inc. and the Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations. I am also a current member of the Housing and Community Development Commission and have served as a member of the Charter Review Commission.

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.

In my service on the Housing Commission and the Charter Review Commission, I have learned a lot about the structure of San Jose's government. On the Housing Commission, I developed an intimate understanding of the rules and regulations that apply to new developments, such as the Ellis Act and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. I also led the effort to recommend to the City Council that we enact the Commercial Linkage Fee and to study residential vacancies in San Jose. On the Charter Review Commission, I led the subcommittee that recommended the adoption of ranked choice voting and the expansion of the number of districts in San Jose. The Commission itself also studied and recommended against changing to charter to adopt the Mayor-Council model.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Housing Commission plays an advisory role to the City Council on matters related to housing policy such as the MHO, ARO, TPO, and more. We also serve as entity that can hold public hearings for the grants that require the City to do so.

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

The Commission's top priority should be generating ideas to increase the housing supply for the LI, VLI, and ELI population. Second, the City should prioritize the assessment of how additional housing will affect the ability of the City to continue its current level of services, such as garbage and law enforcement. Third, the City should work with its communities, developers, and other stakeholders to develop a plan to boost the housing supply while matching any growth in the need for services or resources for the additional residents who move in to San Jose.

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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N/A

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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N/A

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

I have served on HCDC since 2017 and led efforts to implement the Commercial Linkage Fee. As a member of HCDC, I have been part of discussions to help frame San Jose's proposed housing element.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?

I have served on HCDC since 2017 and have reviewed and approved CDBG spending reports since serving on the Commission.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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I am applying for a Low Income Position on the Commission. See requirement below.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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None Selected

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None Selected

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Do you have experience in any of the following areas? *

- ☒ Community Development
☒ Homeless Services

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I am applying for the Lived Experience Seat in Homelessness on the Commission.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If you are applying for the Lived Experience Seat, please describe your experience with homelessness. Include when and for how long you experienced homelessness, and any information you'd like to share about how you lost your housing.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Have you stayed at any shelters or used any homeless services programs?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience any homelessness in Santa Clara County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience homelessness in San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

How would you use your experience with homelessness to inform your work on the Commission?

My experience with homelessness is a big part of who I am because I was pulled out of it through the kindness of others. I am reminded to pay it forward and ensure that we address homelessness in a way that is dignified and effective. I carry those values towards all of the policy matters that we review and discuss as well.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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☒ I Agree *

Huy Tran

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- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Roberta

First Name

Moore

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95120

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 10

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Roberta Moore

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing and Community Development Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

[Redacted]

Self Employed. Affiliated with
Compass
Employer

Broker Associate
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A - Widow

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.

N/A

[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.

Bachelor of Science of Business Administration, CSU, Chico 1981 Masters Business Administration, CSU Chico (IC)

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

Partial List - Dates approximate: HCDC D10 and Landlord Rep (Since 2019) General Plan 2040 Task Force President and Co-founder, Via Monte Hoffman Association (2014 to 2016) ARO Stakeholder Advisory Council (2015 to 2016) San Jose Day Nursery - SJDN (2010 to 2020)

Languages Spoken

English, Some Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Received award for work with Via Monte Hoffman Association (VMHA) and efforts to improve neighborhood for its residents. VMHA is a community of approximately 150 4-plexes that are owned by 90+ individual owners. As a volunteer, I worked full-time for a couple of years to get owners engaged to improve the neighborhood. This included setting up monthly meetings for which approximately 40 people would attend. Speakers included the City's Code Enforcement and Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative. Crime measurably reduced with these efforts.

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 care deeply and passionately about safe and affordable housing for all. I have lived and worked in San Jose since 1992.

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

My background is qualitative research. I care about understanding the issues and finding the best solution. I seek to understand everyone involved and find win win solutions. I am long term oriented.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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 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.

n/a

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain in complete detail.

n/a

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Matt Mahan

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matt.mahan@sanjoseca.gov

Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Jose Salcido

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Email address

jose.salcido@sanjoseca.gov

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 care about making a positive difference in our community. As a result, I have served on many boards in different capacities from Director at Large to President. The most relevant are listed above. Others include organizations that benefit at risk families (e.g. San Jose Day Nursery). I have been a proactive and engaged board member.

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.

I look beyond my own perspective to find what's going to be best for the community. I am a problem solver. I work cooperatively with others. I work to find common ground to reach agreement whenever possible. I care about continually improving and learning. Training includes Tony Robbins and Dale Carnegie.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To review recommendations from the Housing Department and give an objective recommendation for City Council to review.

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

Keeping a diverse socio-economic resident population. Determining best use of government resources to solve the housing crisis. Reducing homelessness and providing solutions that give people dignity.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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5699 Tucson Drive, San Jose, CA 95118

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

I provide affordable housing. I know renters and owners of affordable housing and the issues unique to these neighborhoods. Helped build VMHA (150 4 plexes). Was On ARC board 2010 to 2022. (50 4 plexes)

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?

My understanding is that San Jose has Block Grant funds to provide affordable housing.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Low- or moderate-income person as defined by HUD

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☒ n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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☒ Development

☒ Community Development

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Have you stayed at any shelters or used any homeless services programs?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience any homelessness in Santa Clara County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience homelessness in San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

How would you use your experience with homelessness to inform your work on the Commission?

I have experience through close friends and family in homelessness caused by mental illness and addiction.

Anything else you would like us to know?

It has been an honor to serve the city. Johnny Khamis (former D10 council) and Michelle Dexter (D10 Chief of Staff), who I worked with for years, have also agreed to be a reference for me.

 Michele Dexter, City Hall Thank you for considering my application.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Coco - Nicole

First Name

Banks

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95111

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 2

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 3-5 years

Coco - Nicole Banks

Employer

Job Title

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.

Crowley High School: - High School Diploma 2009 - 2013; Degree obtained: May 2013 University of North Texas: - BA in Sociology - Dual Minor in Health Promotion and Peace Studies; 2013 -2017 Degree obtained December 2017 University of Denver, University College: - MA in Communication Management w/ concentration in Organizational Development; - Graduate Certificate in Executive Leadership & Governance - June 2022 - Current

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

Breakthrough Silicon Valley: (San Jose, Ca) Corporate & Community Engagement Manager 5/22-Present City Year: (San Jose, Ca) Program Director: Feb/21-Mar/22 Diversity, Belonging, Equity, & Inclusion Council Member: June/20- Mar/22 Mental Health & Well-Being Advisory Council Member: Nov/19-Mar/22 Program Manager: June/19-Feb/21 AmeriCorps Member: Jul/18-Jun/19 Austin Street Center: (Dalla, Tx) Program Coordinator: Aug/17-May/18 Legacy Counseling Center: (Dallas, Tx) Community Health Education Assistant: Aug/16-April/17

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

n/a

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.

The Library and Education Commission's mission states that it advocates for high-quality, impactful, and innovative library and education services that serve as a foundation for the city of San Jose. Over the last 4-5 years, I have dedicated myself and my work to supporting the next generation of learners. I have taught in classrooms, coached, collaborated, and managed individuals, all striving to support our students and their families to get the education and resources they deserve and hope for. During this time, I have learned that education does not stop in the classroom. It goes beyond that; it is about access and knowledge, and now my goal is to dive deeper into the strategic workings of educational access, advocacy, and planning. The work that this commission is doing is meant to support a vision of equity and quality access for youth and their family. I would love to work towards supporting students with college and career readiness, equity and inclusion, and policy and governance within education and digital literacy.

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

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

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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.

n/a

Reference 1 Name

Jose Magana

Coco - Nicole Banks

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Sandra Sarmiento

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 two separate advisory boards with my previous organization, City Year. During that time, I supported the strategic development and oversight of learning opportunities that would foster a culture of DBIE and anti-racism in society, primarily focusing on education for staff members. I also supported the Mental Health & Well-Being council, where I collaborated with individuals to make recommendations and strategies that supported positive mental, social, emotional, and psychological well-being for employees across 29 sites in the US. Both positions have allowed me to support in evaluating current plans or policies, realigning programs and strategic planning, and making recommendations to necessary parties.

Coco - Nicole Banks

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.

I have spent the past seven years working in the nonprofit sector; the last four years have been spent in San Jose working with educational nonprofits to promote educational equity and access for youth and young adults. As a former education nonprofit director, board member, and after-school provider, I believe I can make sound judgments for recommendations that support education, programs, services, and developments for the San Jose community. I have a direct and personal understanding of the role and importance of education and library service in SJ. I understand that change does not come quickly but does not come without hard work and dedication. I aim to be a part of a group striving toward equitable change. As a program director, I oversaw the implementation of educational programs in school and after-school for elementary and middle schools. I have collaborated with school districts, third-party educational providers, and teachers and personally worked alongside students and their families. I have been a program manager for after-school STEAM programs, I have coached and trained young adults on new and innovative approaches to education, and I once taught 5th-grade students as an AmeriCorps member. In addition to the work I have done in education, I have served on boards that have allowed me to develop the skills necessary to make evaluations and recommendations that influence policy or change. I pride myself on my ability to plan strategically and think critically before making decisions that impact the lives of others from a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. I believe I can leverage my past professional experience and my learning from undergrad and graduate school as a tool for this commission to inform and make sound recommendations alongside other individuals.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The commission's purpose is to evaluate and make recommendations, share advice, and submit reports regarding libraries (programs, ops, funding, etc.) and educational programs to the City Council and the San Jose Public Library. They act as and hold public forums to discuss needs and then collectively communicate recommendations to the City Council and the San Jose Public Library.

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

- continued college and career readiness and education (family resources, financial literacy, college prep, etc.) - tech/digital access - fostering safe and supportive learning environments

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Do you have a background in early care and education issues?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

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

- oversee expanded learning programs (STEAM, SEL, and academic support) - College and career readiness (ensuring access to resources, stewarding mentorship, direct application, and education)

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?

yes

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Deniz

First Name

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San Jose

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CA

State

95132

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 4

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Deniz Westphal

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library and Education Commission: Appointed

Question applies to multiple boards

Aruba Networks.- A Hewlett
Packard company

Employer

Customer Advocacy and
References Manager

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

N/A

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

N/A

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.

Carnegie Mellon UniversityCarnegie Mellon University Master of Science, Learning Sciences 2004 - 2006
Activities and societies: Carnegie Mellon Bay Area Alumni Events Chair UC Santa Barbara Bachelor of ArtsBachelor of Arts 1991 - 1994 Activities and societies: Student Alumni Association (member and Vice President), Homecoming Committee Burlingame High School 1985 - 1989

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

NOBLE ELEMENTARY: - Spring Carnival - Auction Chair Jan 2020 - June 2021 - Fall Festival ChairFall Festival Chair Aug 2019 - Nov 2019 - Yearbook Chair Aug 2018 - May 2019 - School/Scripps Spelling Bee Chair Sep 2017 - May 2019 - Spring Carnival - Auction Chair Feb 2019 - Apr 2019 · - Executive Committee Member - Parent Participation Program Secretary - Executive Committee Member Jul 2017 - Jun 2019 -Executive Committee Member - Financial Secretary (Noble PTA) Jul 2017 - Jun 2019 · - Executive Committee Member - Parliamentarian (Noble PTA) Aug 2016 - Jul 2017 Nomination Chair-Northern California Association Mothers of Twins Group Jul 2015 - Jul 2016 Nomination Committee Northern California Association Mothers of Twins Group (NCAMOTC) Jun 2014 - Jun 2015 · Board Member - Northern California Association of Mothers of Twins Club (NCAMOTC) Representative - Gemini Crickets (Parents of Multiples of Silicon Valley)Gemini Crickets (Parents of Multiples of Silicon Valley) Jul 2013 - Jul 2015

Languages Spoken

English, Turkish, Tatar, can get by with French

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Contributor: Software Engineering for the 21st Century: A basis for rethinking the curriculum Mary Shaw (editor) February 2005 Institute for Software Research International School of Computer Science Carnegie Mellon University · Feb 1, 2005

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 a mother of 11 year old twins, and as a volunteer in both of their classrooms, I was able to see firsthand what an impact reading had not only on academic achievement, but for student confidence, as well. Our libraries are a wonderful resource for our children and community, and I would work to like to see more structured programs to encourage and engage younger readers, as well as English learners. Additionally, I have experienced first hand how our local libraries have become more of a daycare rather than a valuable resource for learning and studying. I don't have the answers or parameters of what could be done about this, but my goal is learn as much as I can to bring the libraries into a place of peaceful, cooperative learning and resources.

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

I have a Masters in Learning Sciences, so I have an understanding of how minds develop with respect to learning, and how important "learning by doing" is to master skills rather than passively reading in a book. I would love to see more tutoring programs, especially in traditionally under-represented areas. I am also a mother of two 11 year olds and have first hand experience with the libraries' areas of excellence, as well as ideas on how to improve. I am a fair team player, I like to collaborate, and learn about different points of view. I am inclusive and a natural leader.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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.

Reference 1 Name

Helen Franklin

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Anzonette Pittet

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 held positions on a government commission or board, however I have held positions on the Noble Elementary Parent participation Executive Board, as well as the Noble Elementary Executive PTA.

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.

I am a parent, a life-long learner, and someone who wants to make change for the better. The confluence of my education, experience as a parent and member of school boards, married with my passion to get involved for all children - at the ground. up - make me a qualified applicant for this position. As a product manager and product marketing manager, I learned the best decisions are those based on data, so there is no ambiguity , but in the absence of data, a supportive, collaborative and "can do" team makes all the difference.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Library and Education Commission makes recommendations to the City Council based on studies, reviews, and evaluations to advocate and promote library services. The Commission works as a catalyst between the public and their needs, along with City Council and the library employees who are responsible for implementing the tactics of the agreed upon programs. The Commission is also responsible for making informed recommendations about the operational and capital expenditures across locations and programs. regarding existing or proposed library facilities, programs, operations, services and financing. The commission advocates improved library service, and as a forum for public discussion of library needs, the commission facilitates communication between the public, the City Council and library staff.

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

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Do you have a background in early care and education issues?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

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

I was a pre-school teacher years and years ago, but I have worked with children as young as 2 months from the time I was 9 years old. I have 2 children of my own, and have become well-versed in childhood learning, challenges and programs that can be effective to promote engagement, confidence and success. Last, I am very passionate about how children learn, and based on my Learning Sciences Masters, I have studied the best ways to children to learn, as well as hiccups along the way (developmental and emotional).

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?

Yes, of course.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I would like to be on the Committee because I want to make a difference - not just for my own children, but or all constituents in the district. I have always been a "do-er", and challenge my own children to solve problems, not complain about them. In taking my own advice, this is a great way to get involved and see what the future holds as far as additional roles I may want to take in the future.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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

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☒ I Agree *

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

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Additionally, applicants to the following commissions will be required to fill out a [Form 700](#) (California State required Statement of Economic Interest) within 30 days of appointment.

- Airport Commission
- Appeals Hearing Board
- Arena Authority
- Arts Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee (DCAC)
- Downtown Parking Board
- Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices (formerly Ethics Commission)
- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Maria Patricia

First Name

Mendoza

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95148

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 8

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Maria Patricia Mendoza

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library and Education Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards



University of Southern California
Employer

Masters in Public Administration
Graduate Candidate
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

County of Santa Clara

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

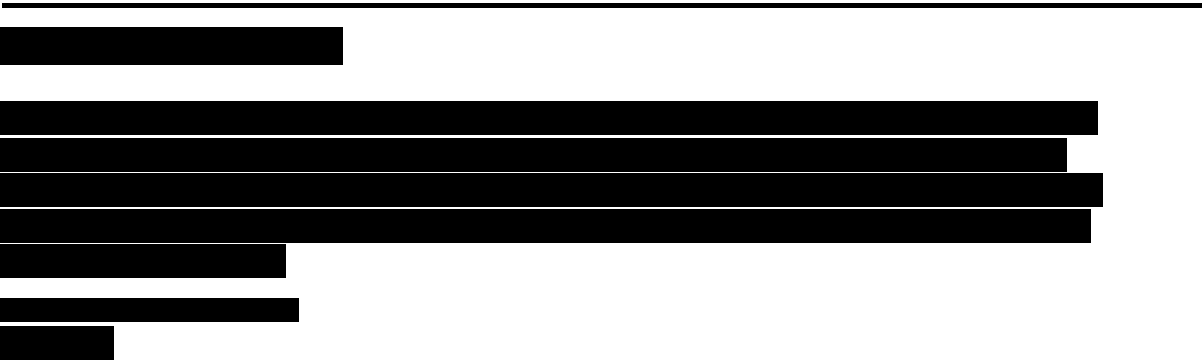


Spouse's Job Title

Senior Accountant

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

N/A



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 Attending University of Southern California, Masters in Public Administration since fall of 2022 (expected graduation date is spring 2024) -Attended San Jose State University from 2021 to 2022, pursued Masters in Public Administration (transferred to USC) -Graduated from San Jose State University in 2010 with a BA in Social Work and Minor in Gerontology, attended from 2005-2010 -Graduated from San Jose High School in 2005, attended from 2001-2005

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

-Steering Committee Member for the District 8 Community Roundtable in 2022 -President of Evergreen Leadership Neighborhood Association from 2019 to 2022 -President of East Hills Neighborhood Association from 2018 to Present -Secretary of Norwood Neighborhood Association 2017 -Secretary of Madera-Horning Neighborhood Association from 2015-2017 -Claims Analyst for Victim's of Crime Program from 2010-2015 -Interned at East Side Unified School District as a Case Manager from 2009-2010 -Interned at Catholic Charities as a Community Worker from 2008-2009 -Employed at Graham Elementary School as an Avid Tutor from 2006-2007 -Volunteer Third Street Community Center 2007

Languages Spoken

English and Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

-Inducted Member of The National Society of Leadership and Success, December 2nd, 2021 -Certificate of Recognition from California Senator Jim Beall's office, March 3rd, 2018 -Dean's Scholar Award from San Jose State University in 2010

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 the opportunity to be a member of the Board or Commission to help support services and programs for educational services at our public libraries and make recommendation to the City and San Jose Public Library staff based on the needs of our communities.

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

I have served on the Library and Education Committee this past term representing District 8 and am seeking a second term.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference 1 Name

Janet Holt

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Jonathan Perez

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

Jonathan.Perez@sanjoseca.gov

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.

For the past 3 years I have served on the Library and Education Commission representing District 8. As an active commissioner, I have advocated for library and educational services in my district and citywide. I have also supported the many events and program at the library including the Friends of the Library programs. In addition, I have taken an active part in the responsibilities of the commission by participating in ad hoc committees including the Internet Filtering Ad-Hoc committee, Budget Subcommittee, Bond and Audit Subcommittee and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Quality Standards Ad-Hoc Committee. In addition, I have 7 years of experience as a board member in various neighborhood associations. My responsibilities as a Board Member are administrative, managing meetings and events, working with other community members and issues in our neighborhood. I represent my community and work with businesses and neighbors in improving the lives of our residents. Additionally, I also work closely with our city and county representatives addressing issues and concerns from the community. A big piece of this community work involves collaborating with the City of San Jose, San Jose Police Department and other non-profit groups in obtaining valuable resources that will benefit our community. As a Board Member in the neighborhood associations and current Library and Education Commissioner, I have acquired many skills that can benefit the Library and Early Education Commission if given the opportunity to serve in the Board.

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

Over the years, I have developed many important skills that I believe will be useful in this position. I can work effectively with a diverse group of people through my participation in neighborhood associations, and I have excellent problem-solving skills and work well in both group or individual settings as acquired through my formal education. I can prioritize tasks and meet deadlines as demonstrated in my time with the Library and Education Commission, and I can listen to the community needs and advocate for services or program as needed. My education and experience can be of great use to the Library and Early Education Commission.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The commission reviews current programs and services the San Jose Public Library provides and voices any recommendations to the City Council and Library staff.

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

Three issues the facing the City that the Commission should address is: -Early education programs - Financially accessible services and programs for families -Culturally inclusive programs in native languages for families in our diverse community

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Do you have a background in early care and education issues?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

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

I have always utilized the many services our public library system offers. As a college student, the public library was my second home. As a professional, the library has always been a great resource to have for myself and my clients. As a mother, it is a place we visit weekly and enjoy as a family. The San Jose Public Library system has always been an important part of my life. My degree in Social Work included the study of the different stages of life, including the first years. I took child development courses and sociology courses in college and worked and volunteered with elementary school aged children. I support and take advantage of many First 5 Programs where I have been able to continue my education taking courses including the Positive Parenting Program, Opening Doors, and many other workshops.

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?

Yes.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Melanie

First Name

Sellar

Last Name

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Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95123

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 10

Primary Phone

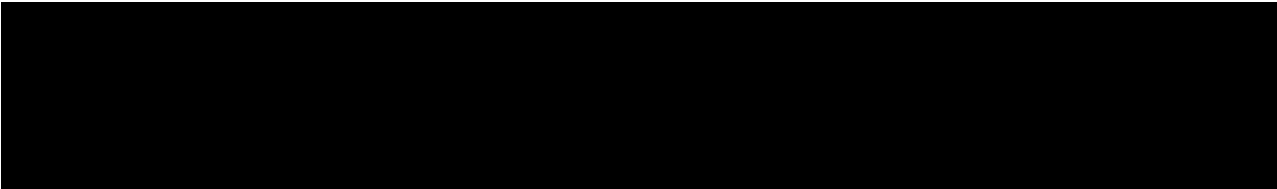
Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Melanie Sellar

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library and Education Commission: Submitted



Santa Clara University
Employer

Head of Instruction &
Assessment, University Library
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

Rivian Inc

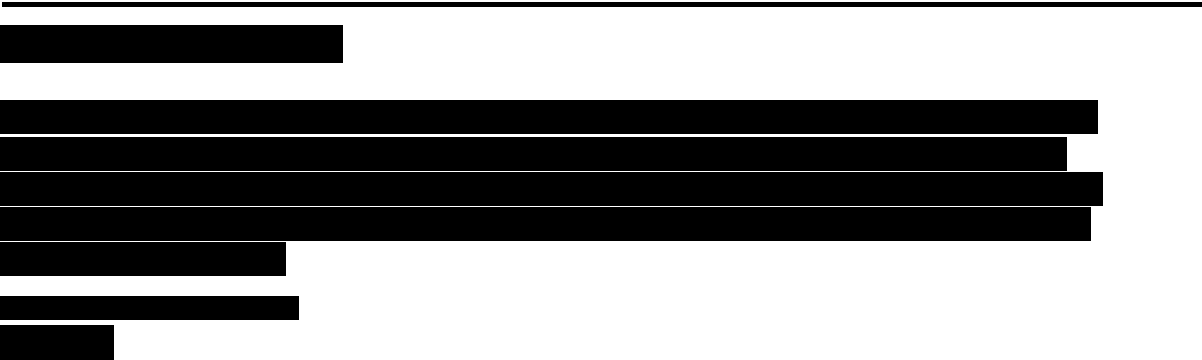
Address of Current Employer of Spouse



Spouse's Job Title

Principal Systems Performance Architect

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



[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.

University of Western Ontario, Master of Library and Information Science (2006) Areas of Focus: Digital Librarianship, Academic Librarianship University of Ottawa, Master of Arts, Linguistics (2000) Dissertation: The Acquisition of Temporal Connectives from a Reichenbachian Perspective McMaster University Honors BA, Linguistics (summa cum laude) (1996) Senior Project: The Impact of Orthography on Reading

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

Founder and Co-Executive Director, Librarians Without Borders (LWB), February 2005 - current
Multicultural Initiatives Program Intern, Library and Archives Canada, May – Oct 2005

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.

All of my progressive work in academic libraries over the last fifteen years leads me to apply for this San Jose Commission today. This board is of interest to me because it reflects my interests in libraries and education as important community actors, offering services that can enhance inclusion and lifelong learning for all the members of our San Jose community in a time when the socioeconomic divide continues to widen here. I'm interested in helping position our libraries as responsive community assets focused on user needs; the assessment practitioner side of myself is also very drawn to using evidence -- and disaggregating it to better understand sub-groups -- to support innovation and decision making. More specifically, I would like to help support SJPL's efforts to develop response user programs and services, to reduce barriers to access and create inclusive safe spaces, and to help SJPL's overall organizational health with respect to staffing etc.

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

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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

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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.

Reference 1 Name

Nicole Branch

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Melanie Sellar

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Kathryn Wise Hall

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 experience serving on Committees within the Santa Clara University (SCU) community, as well as prior college employers (Marymount California University, University of California Irvine). For example, I currently service on the University Assessment Committee and the Core Writing Committee. These groups have a cross-campus composition and are tasked with leadership in those areas. Within the SCU Library, I serve on the Library Management Committee and support strategic planning creation, implementation, and tracking; resource management; administrative issues and projects; and support the DEI efforts across the Library.

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11 years employed as an academic librarian in progressively more responsible roles; now serving on the library management council of Santa Clara University Library. My focus has been on public services (instruction, outreach, reference, programs) but I also have supported access services work and collection development. 7 years as an assessment practitioner: help create systems for gathering data and qualitative input, then using that evidence for informing decision making. In recent years I have particularly advocated as assessment as a tool for inclusion when it is designed appropriately and we disaggregate the data to focus on sub-groups. 17 year commitment to developing libraries in communities at-need locally and internationally (Guatemala, Angola, Costa Rica)

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding of the Commission is that we are to represent community voice in providing feedback, input, and perspective on specific initiatives and priorities of SJPL. It is an advisory body, making recommendations but it is not the final decision-making body.

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

Assuming this question means three issues of relevance to the Library and Education Commission, I believe these general issues are of relevance: 1. Recruiting and retaining a diverse library staff and providing opportunities for professional recognition and growth 2. Supporting digital literacy and citizenship across the lifespan, most specifically targeting children, youth and seniors 3. Supporting a sense of local neighborhood community through outreach (outward) and face-to-face programming/services (inward) 4. Developing mechanisms to solicit feedback from all user groups (of all ethnicities and neighborhoods) and ideally non- or low-users to continue to develop responsive programs and services

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Do you have a background in early care and education issues?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

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

I have worked as a librarian for 11 years in the State of California for the University of California Irvine, Marymount California University, and now Santa Clara University. My son is a 4th grader in the Oak Grove School District (OGSD). I serve on the School Site Council and most recently I was appointed the school's representative to the District Advisory Council for OGSD. I am also the Education Librarian at Santa Clara University Library.

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?

Yes

Anything else you would like us to know?

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Michelle Brenot
First Name Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose CA 95112
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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☒ District 3

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Measure T Community Oversight Committee: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

[Redacted]

unemployed none
Employer Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Miltenyi Biotec

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Scientist

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

N/A

[Redacted]

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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.

Aviation High School Manhattan Beach, University of California, Irvine - BA - History Major, University of San Diego - JD 1996. Interests in the Arts, travel and parenting.

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

Philanthropy Chair for the Santa Clara County Quilt Guild around 2001

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 participate in a list serve that covers many areas in San Jose. I review the messages and have participated in some of the discussions. I get frustrated by a lot of the complaining and the lack of discussion about solutions. So I started to really think about my responsibilities as a citizen of the City and began looking for meetings I could attend. I have always felt passionate about issues of housing and homelessness. When I found an open position on the Housing and Development Commission it gave me hope that I could actually make a valuable contribution to the City and to my neighbors and make my city better. I moved from southern California to the Bay Area because I wanted to raise my children in a smaller big city. I watched traffic in Los Angeles go from reasonable to unbearable, I watched the homeless wander around Venice Beach and down town L.A. and I watched large open spaces and trees bulldozed in order to build toll roads for wealthy neighborhoods. In the Bay Area we are now experiencing tremendous growth and live in an area of fabulous innovation. We need to be innovative in how the growth is addressed so the needs of all of the area's constituents' needs are met.

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

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

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Michelle Brenot

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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.

Only to the extent the decisions of the Commission affect all other home owners.

Reference 1 Name

Gloria Flores-Cerul

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Constance Carpenter

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.

None

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.

I have been a resident for of San Jose for the past 20 years. I have participate in activities in San Jose and I am interested in what happens in the city. I have had to remodel a home and been involved with the city during that process. I am also an attorney and face problems faced by many small business owners. I have supported a number of organizations in San Jose which are trying to improve our city. While I may not have any specific education in the matters covered by the commission, I do have excellent communication and negotiation skills. I am also able to listen and provide constructive feedback. I can think critically with the best interest of the City and its citizens as top priority.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding of the Measure T Oversight Commission is to review the spending of Measure T funds to make certain they are spent on voter approved projects, make recommendations for new projects and provide a status report on projects funded with Measure T funds. My understanding of the Parks and Recreation Commission to review audits of funds dedicated to parks and recreation and neighborhoods, take comments from the public and make recommendations on how to improve the use and access to pubic spaces for residents.

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

For the Measure T oversight, street lighting, flooding and run off issues, street safety and repair. For Parks and Recreation, communication, accessibility and relevancy.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

Court advocate

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, how would you handle a situation where you have a volatile Community group which is opposed to a staff proposal?

This is an incomplete hypothetical and does not describe the environment. How volatile? Are they armed? Are they just angry and want to be heard? I would try to listen to them and respond in a way that allows them to know that I have actually heard what they had to say. I would try to understand just exactly what they object to and if that issue has already been addressed by the staff I would try to discuss that issue so that there was understanding. If I could not get agreement, the meeting would eventually end with everyone having an opportunity to be heard and a decision being made even if not everyone is happy with that decision. That is life. If there was an armed angry threatening community mob, then I might have a different response.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Can you provide examples of major public policy issues that you have been involved in and what your role was in the issue?

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Michelle Brenot

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Enrique

First Name

Arguello

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95122

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No**What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:****[https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple)****[selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple) ***

☒ District 5

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Measure T Community Oversight Committee: For Review

LIUNA Laborers Union local 270

Employer

Business Manager CEO

Job Title

Enrique Arguello

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

none

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

none

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

none

[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.

Science Degree 1984

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

none

Languages Spoken

Spanish, English and Portuguese

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Bay Area Labor Leader and some other more

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 invested a lot of time to pass this bond measure and that is why I want to be part of the decisions on how to spend the resources wisely

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

I have been involved as a volunteer with my community for the last 30 years

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

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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.

LIUNA Local 270

Reference 1 Name

SJ Mayor Sam Liccardo

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Sylvia Arenas

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 recruited volunteers to advocate and push for this measure in the past

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.

I have experience in the bay area leadership, more specific in the South Bay Area in particular San Jose CA.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

to be part of the decision making in how to spend the resources

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

concern in the environmental, congestion the road with the increase of the traffic and the build of affordable housing.

Anything else you would like us to know?

good luck to all the applicants and thanks each one of them for the time spent with our community

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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- Downtown Parking Board
- Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices (formerly Ethics Commission)
- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Andre

First Name

Morrow

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95123

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 2

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Andre Morrow

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

Retired City of San Jose
Employee

Maintenance SupervisorR

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

City Of San Jose

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Staff Specialist

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

My pension is from the City of San Jose Federated Pension Plan

[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.

I graduated From Kalaheo High School ,Kailua Hawaii January 1977. I received my AA from Evergreen Valley College Spring 1988.I received my BS in Sports Medicine From San Jose State in Spring 1991. I received my Master Degree from San Jose State in Fall 1994.

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

I am currently the Parks & Recreation Commissioner from August 2019 to Current.

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Who's who in America Universities 1991 and 1994. Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist from 1993 to current. Certified Red Cross Instructor 1995 to Current. Certified Emergency Response Team from City of San Jose 2021. Certified Pool Operator 1993, California State Powerlifting 1981 & 1998. 1998 National Powerlifting Champion.

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 am currently the Parks Commissioner for the City of San Jose. I have dedicated the last 4 years of service to ensure that the residents of Council 2 are well represented and that their concerns are heard of pushed forward. I also have been a conduit between the CD 2 Current Councilmember and the residents who live in CVD 2 as well as residents who reside in other districts. I also have over 30 years of Public Service which includes 12 years at San Jose State University and 18 years with the City of San Jose - Retiring in 2018.

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

I have been married 42 Years to a awesome current City of San Jose employee Margaret (Momi) Morrow who oversee the D.O.T dispatch office. We have 6 Children who all live in San Jose ages 38-28 and 11 Grandchildren in Which the Oldest will graduate from Oak Grove High School in CD2. I have 15 family members whos reside with m3. # Generations in 1 home. I work with at risk youths in my district and keep my home gym open for the young men and women to have a safe place to workout since 1990. I speak every year at Stipe Elementary School in CD2 for ^th grade Teacher Mr. Friedman to educate his class on doing the right thing. Lastly, I am my 90 year old 30 year Marine Veteran Father fulltime caregiver and proud of it. The Morrows all have been giving Community service for over 40 Years tio our great City. The City of San Jose even named a trail at Shady Oaks Park after my awesome mom (deceased 2013) The Odette Morrow trail. Never stop giving was her mantra..

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference 1 Name

Sergio Jimenez

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Sgt. Manuel Rey

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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

Andre Morrow

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

I am currently The Council District 2 Parks & Recreation since August 2019.

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.

I have over 30 Years of public service all while living in San Jose. I am a retired Parks Superviosr with over 18 years and understand the nuances of how the Department is run and why things are done the way are are in order to get th ework done. My 30 years of service in both Parks and recreation also gave me the experiences needed to represent the population as a whole. I am a Senior and work with youths on my spare time . I have a guest speaker at schools, a Gang summit in 2000 at San Jose State University and at my Local church.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City council on the City's system pf Parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and facilities, and recreation programs, including community sports, plays, celebrations and other recreation activities. They are also the ears to their Community to listen to concerns and help move the concerns to the right places.

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

1. Homelessness 2. Mental illness 3. Gang violence

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

As a city Supervisor I worked with State agencies like Wildlife fish and game, Santa Clara County Water District, San Jose Unified School District, Eastside School District, Oak Grove School District, Santa Clara County Sheriff Department and on a Personnel note with Veterans Affairs.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, how would you handle a situation where you have a volatile Community group which is opposed to a staff proposal?

The first and most important thing to do is listen to the constituents concerns and acknowledge their concerns. Never make any promises and let the group participate in giving recommendations that the board may consider for future agenda items. It maybe an item that needs to be revisited before a ultimate decision is made.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Can you provide examples of major public policy issues that you have been involved in and what your role was in the issue?

When I was the Supervisor at Lake Cunningham Regional Park 2009-2015 I was involved from the very beginning in building a brand new Bike park. We held numerous meeting with the public to get their buy in and involvement of this future Facility and needed the approval from the budget office to move forward on this awesome project. Fast forward to current an we have one of the best Bike parks in the State of California!!!

Anything else you would like us to know?

People that know me know that I am one the most passionate public servants. I have given my whole life to serving the Community and continue to do so as I have entered my Senior years. I have taught my children and grandchildren the benefits of public service . I would like to continue where I have left off and give another 4 years to this commission.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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Kent Campbell
First Name Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose CA 95148
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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☒ District 8

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Commission: For Review

Family Matters Counseling Services President / Psychotherapist
Employer Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Comprehensive Financial Management

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Executive Assistant

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

NA

[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.

Bellarmino College Preparatory: Graduated 1992 as Pedro Arrupe award winner for community services
Willamette University: Graduated BA in Political Science in 1996. Awarded various honors at graduation.
Santa Clara University MA Counseling Psychology Department Graduated 2003 with awards 2006
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist California

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

Evergreen Elementary School District: Various bond measure oversight boards between 2010 and 2020
President and Vice President Amigos de las Americas Silicon Valley Chapter 2010-2020 Evergreen
Valley High School PTSA Vice President 2019-present Stone Church of Willow Glen Deacon and Elder
1991 and 1992

Languages Spoken

Fluent Spanish speaker

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

1992 San Jose Youth Volunteer of the Year 1992 Pedro Arrupe Award for service from Bellarmine Prep
1996 Key to Willamette University awarded for service to the school 2001 Most Outstanding Graduate
award from Willamette University

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 learn more about the process of caring for our parks, I would like to advocate for services in District 8, I would like to learn more about the city's government, and I would like to help solve problems across the city.

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

I enjoy using city, county, and state parks on a regular basis. I think I would be able to advocate well for the importance of parks to our city as well as the way our mental health and quality of life are improved with recreation and open space.

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference 1 Name

Kyle Kleckner

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Srikanth (Sri) Yellamraju

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 enjoyed my time serving on bond oversight committees for the Evergreen Elementary School District. It was a pleasure to work with local district employees, discussing with them their work and seeing the bond money put into action in our community. I think that my experiences running organizations and my company have honed my skills to find win-win solutions.

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.

I have had a broad scope of experience leading in the worlds of education, the private sector, and the nonprofit world. Union representative during a contract negotiation year for the certificated teachers at Santee Elementary School. I have been a small business owner since 2006. I employ ten staff members currently. I've worked as a staff member or consultant at over a dozen public and private schools. I taught or volunteered in preschools, elementary, junior high, high school, and masters degree classrooms. I enjoy public speaking. Extensive community service experiences. Trained in interpersonal communication and managing conflict. I appreciate the importance of how to validate others' perspectives to arrive at a compromised solution while serving on school boards and committees. I've been a committee member, a teacher, a president, a counselor. I know how to listen and participate, and I know how to set forth a vision and lead. I enjoy being active and getting things done. I enjoy meeting new people and cheering them on. I am proud to have lived in San Jose for most of my life. I am a parent and friend to many. I enjoy connecting with others with different lived experiences and points of view, and am eager to bring these skills and others to this position.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The commission oversees the management of the parks and recreation programs and locations in San Jose.

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

1. Increased funding for parks and recreation 2. Repair of facilities 3. Increased summer programming for youth

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

I volunteered with the Evergreen School District Bond Oversight committees.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, how would you handle a situation where you have a volatile Community group which is opposed to a staff proposal?

In the course I teach on "Legal and Ethical Issues" at Santa Clara University to graduate students, I show a clip of Ted Lasso playing darts that culminates in Ted talking about how being curious is much more important than being judgmental. I would like to think that my training as a marriage and family therapists, where I regularly help couples deal with high levels of conflict, would translate well to working with citizens in varying degrees of agreement to staff proposals. For me, reflective listening comes first and foremost -- letting people know that they have been heard. Modeling and teaching turn taking works with couples, and may or may not work with larger meetings at times. In the end, safety is most important, and our nation is seeing far too often citizens behaving badly; I can imagine situations when leaving a meeting to end a discussion could be most important.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Can you provide examples of major public policy issues that you have been involved in and what your role was in the issue?

My career has focused on major personal decisions (to divorce or not, how to manage anger, how to deal with anxiety) rather than public policy. I would like to learn more about this and contribute.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Melissa (lisa)

First Name

Bickford

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95132

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 4

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Melissa (lisa) Bickford

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Google
Employer

Sr Technical Program Manager
Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

Retired

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Retired

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

No pension yet, will come from IBM in a few years

[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.

CSU-East Bay (BA), University of the Pacific (MBA), Stanford (Cert)

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

Rotary of Sunnyvale, Secretary, 2004 South Bay Yacht Club, Various, 2010-2023

Languages Spoken

English, and some Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Some recognition for volunteer efforts.

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 am interested in ensuring San Jose is successful into the future, as a resident, and someday as a senior citizen.

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

I volunteer for South Bay Yacht Club, my partner, Dean McCully is training to be a SCVWD Water advocate and we love San Jose.

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

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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 work for Google, but not related to Real Estate or property decisions.

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain in complete detail.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Roy Hays

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Joy Beeson

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.

Melissa A Bickford [REDACTED] San Jose, CA 95132

Melissa (lisa) Bickford

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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 several non-profit Boards but no public entities.

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.

I have a business degree, I ran my own business in Stockton CA for 15 years, I understand bot business and personal issues related to planning and I'm eager to learn more!

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To understand the city's plan, to help make decisions that guide our future growth, development and support opportunities to help build a better San Jose.

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

Homelessness Downtown revitalization Support for senior citizens and children

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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- Civil Service Commission
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- Downtown Parking Board
- Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices (formerly Ethics Commission)
- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Christopher

First Name

Lee

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95136

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 2

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 3-5 years

Christopher Lee

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- ☒ Business Owner/Association
- ☒ Energy Advocate
- ☒ Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)
- ☒ Low Income Advocate

Packt Publishing
Employer

Author
Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

N/A

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

[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.

Benjamin N. Cardozo HS, Advanced Regents Diploma, 2002-2006 City University of New York - Queens College, B.A. Media Studies, 2006-2010

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

Young Supporters Committee - Hope for New York, 2012-2014

Languages Spoken

American English, Hong Kong Cantonese, Taiwanese Mandarin

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.

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

Former Sustainability Champion for Ernst & Young Eco Innovators Bay Area, former Ernst & Young San Jose Diversity & Inclusion Council member Commissioner, City of San Jose Council Appointment Advisory Commission Volunteer at Sierra Club

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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.

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain in complete detail.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Walt Lemmermann

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Email address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Ninous William Bebla

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.

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.

Question applies to Appeals Hearing Board,Civil Service Commission

Are you an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California? If you are, please provide your California State Bar Association Number:

Question applies to Civil Service Commission

If you are applying to the Attorney-at-Law position on the Civil Service Commission, please indicate how long you have been licensed to practice law in the State of California. Note, you must have been licensed at least five years to be considered eligible for the position. If this question does not apply to you, select 'n/a'.

None Selected

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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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What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

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

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe recent San José arts activities you have participated in during the last twelve months (up to five activities) and what drew you to attend?

Question applies to Arts Commission

Describe the ways in which you believe the arts bring value to the general community.

Question applies to Arts Commission

Should the City of San José have an active role in arts and cultural development? If so, in what ways and why?

Question applies to Arts Commission

How can you contribute to advising City Council on policy and programs related to cultural development in San José?

Question applies to Civil Service Commission

Council Policy prohibits former or current City employees to serve on the Civil Service Commission. Have you previously been employed by the City of San Jose?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Do you have a background in early care and education issues?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

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

Question applies to Library and Education Commission

Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, how would you handle a situation where you have a volatile Community group which is opposed to a staff proposal?

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Can you provide examples of major public policy issues that you have been involved in and what your role was in the issue?

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What is a major issue facing San José's older adults and what do you see as the Commission's role in this issue?

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

Please describe a leadership role you have assumed within the last five years.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

How would you handle differences in opinions or positions on issues being heard at a Senior Commission meeting?

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

Based on the stakeholder categories you selected, please briefly describe your qualifications and applicable experience. Please attach resume at the end of the application.

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

Given the small number of committee members, having a quorum is essential. Please describe your ability to make a commitment to attending and actively contributing to the committee (The committee will meet at least quarterly and in the evenings, but may meet more frequently in the early stages)

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Gina Gates-lopez
First Name Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose
City

CA 95116
State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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☒ District 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Gina Gates-lopez

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: For Review

[Redacted]

Gates Consulting Group
Employer

Partner
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

BD BioSciences

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Formulation Chemist

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

[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.

I am a community advocate. My previous experience includes: President of Mother Against Drunk Drive (Bay Area - Santa Clara County, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Cruz) (1996-2000), Co-Chair/Chair of People Acting In Community Together (2009-2014), Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley - Executive Board Member (2012-2014), San Jose Role Model Program (2007-2010), Licencias.US - created and facilitated workshops for over 2,000 undocumented Spanish speakers to prepare for the AB60 CA Driver License in San Jose (2012-2016), I currently sit on the Santa Clara County 211 Advisory Board (4+ years), San Jose Foreclosure, and work on parking issues in my complex. I attended Lincoln High School (GO LIONS), Various local community colleges and universities. My focus was on Computer Science, Marketing, Human Resources, and Business Development. I created the first online Driver Education in California. I advocate for challenging issues that impact change.

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

San Jose Senior Commissioner 2021-2022, Santa Clara County 211 Advisory Board, Latinos in Action 2020

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Certificates of Appreciation for service on CBO organizations: People Acting In Community Together (PACT) and Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley. Certificate of Recognition California State Senate, Senator Martha M Escutia Certificate of Congressional Recognition, Member of Congress Lucille Roybal-Allard Certificate of Congressional Recognition, Member of Congress Grace Napolitano Certificate of Special Recognition, Recognizing Extraordinary Woman in Santa Clara County, Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women Certificate of Appreciation, United States Senator Barbara Boxer

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 believe that I am best suited to "dig deep" into Senior concerns in the district I live in. Nearing 65 I see that there are many concerns facing my age group. Folks are so busy just trying to survive that seniors not only get neglected but pushed out of the community they helped build. I am concerned with Senior housing, transportation, food security, Medicare, employment, and over all quality of life. We can do better. I am concerned that the community has lost its ability to respect, engage with, and create space for seniors. Transitioning into various phases of one's life does not come with a handbook, though there are many books on the subject of aging. I don't have all the answers, but I have years of advocating on challenging topics, and the will to put my experience together with others to make things better for seniors — ultimately, for the entire community.

Gina Gates-lopez

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

I have been working on the San Jose Digital Inclusion Partnership effort for 3 years and now with the California Public Utility Commission. I have experience in assessing the needs of the low-income community and creative solutions. I am a People-Centric Digital Navigator!

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference 1 Name

Lynda Ramirez Jones

Gina Gates-lopez

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Robert Lopez

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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've served on the San Jose Senior Commission for one year.

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.

I have a solid presence in social media, a wide network that includes community-based organizations, a history of organizing hundreds of community members, and expertise in online training, workshop facilitation, and promoting issues/events/surveys.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the San Jose Senior Commission is to Collaborate with fellow commission members, to seek the voice of the Senior community on various issues, and advise the San Jose City Council.

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

An assessment of the quality of life for low-income and fixed-income seniors needs to be done. Issues that need to be addressed: Housing, mental/physical health, and "complete" digital inclusion services.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What is a major issue facing San José’s older adults and what do you see as the Commission’s role in this issue?

Major Issue: Housing and mental health. Role: Engage seniors, assess needs, seek solutions, ask questions of the city (and other stakeholders) to understand limitations, prior and current work on this issue, define commissions recommendation for Council to consider.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

Please describe a leadership role you have assumed within the last five years.

I continue to serve on the Bay Area 211 Advisory board, and 1+ years as a San Jose Senior Commissioner.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

How would you handle differences in opinions or positions on issues being heard at a Senior Commission meeting?

Create a space where different opinions can be heard and then determine the course of action using decided-upon measures: Will it get us to our next step, will it get us to our end goal, does it help, detract, support, or create new opportunities at the end?

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

I'm living it. I've loved seniors my entire life.

Anything else you would like us to know?

Thank you for the opportunity to apply and for the work you do.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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First Name

Hancock

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95132

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ District 4

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: For Review

Question applies to multiple boards

Transpak
Employer

Regional Human Resources
Manager
Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

Abbott

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Senior Staff Analyst

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

[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.

MBA, 2008, University of Phoenix San Jose campus

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

Catholic Charities, HR Manager 2000-2003 Girl Scouts of America, Troop Leader 2002 through 2018 PTA President Piedmont Middle School, 2010-2011 I have served on BUSD, budget advisory Council

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Leadership Awards, Service awards

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.

Affordability and program expansion for Seniors to remain in their homes and neighborhoods. Too many friends have moved out of the area due to the city not having affordable living. We need assisted living, increase age to increase to age 65 and create more of a group common area setting with Senior centers offering services that are accessible and affordable. Waive tax and lower cost of utilities at these homes.

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

I am Mental Health Certified, First Aid, CPR, Aed certified, have led Neighborhood watch groups, I believe in involvement and getting feedback from groups that are being impacted by decisions being made. I would like to facilitate communication between transitioning seniors to keep them in the 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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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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.

N/A

Reference 1 Name

Belinda Quezada

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Hester Lau-Kim

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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.

School Board commision I served on help with setting Budget. Meetings followed Roberts rules and were respectful and organized.

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.

I was Academic Senator, an elected position, in college since then I have tried to remain active in my community and my childrens schools. All 3 of my children are college graduates. One from SJSU, one from UCLA and the other from USC, I want what is best for our community.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Having an MBA and in my profession setting salies is very critical to attract candidates and keep them in their respective positions. As a person that has a wide array of frinds in the community I can help create healthy environments for Seniors that are cost effective.

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

Too many times elderly friends are having trouble staying in their homes once they retire or are "laid off". Many seniors have been victims of scams and do not trust "reverse mortgages" a plan should be devised where the city can help with tax breaks to help the seniors retain their homes.

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What is a major issue facing San José's older adults and what do you see as the Commission's role in this issue?

Affordability, seniors are asking for help and we need to see who can partners to help.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

Please describe a leadership role you have assumed within the last five years.

Currently, I am a Trainer in Anti-Harassment, Discrimination. I include the Blue campaign the Federal Government has outlined. I have had training to assist and report any elder abuse.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

How would you handle differences in opinions or positions on issues being heard at a Senior Commission meeting?

I have had training on Conflict resolution, Dealing with difficult People, Managing without being a Manager, Mental Health, Communication and Negotiations. In all the key is "listening" and making sure you understand the situation. Never make any promises outside your scope and when needed get information and get back to them in a timely fashion.

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

My father is 91 and my mother is 85 they do not live in our county. I am close enough to see the challenges they face and struggles dealing with different health providers, insurance agencies, my mom was a victim of a mugging (crime and sense of security is important), My husband is retirement age and says he cannot retire or we can't afford to live here in Silicon Valley.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I am a compassionate caring person but also know there are numerous challenges of what can be done. I think of myself as fair and equitable. I believe in JEDI principals of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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First Name

Last Name

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Suite or Apt

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City

State

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ District 5

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: For Review

NONE

NONE

Employer

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

NONE

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

NONE

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

[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.

High School Diploma, Registered Nurse

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

None

Languages Spoken

Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

None

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None

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.

Volunteer in at the Mayfair Community Center and is an advocate for Seniors and Active Adults. I would like to be the voice in my community.

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.

As an active member of my community and of Mayfair Community Center you want to represent my community and is knowledgeable of the problems and needs of my local community.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To make the local members aware of things in District 5 in the City of San Jose who speak Spanish. We have a large Spanish speaking community and I would like to represent and be the voice of my community.

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

- Transportation for Seniors and Older Adults - Community Center Activities for Seniors in Spanish - Housing

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What is a major issue facing San José's older adults and what do you see as the Commission's role in this issue?

One big issue is this particular community making sure my community is clean, the community has became more dirty and it should be more clean. Its important for Seniors is because it reflects the community members who live in it.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

Please describe a leadership role you have assumed within the last five years.

I'm a leader in my local community and specially in my local community center. I'm aware of the improvements that needs to be made in the community center for seniors and older adults. I am eager and very interested motivated to advocate for seniors in D5.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

How would you handle differences in opinions or positions on issues being heard at a Senior Commission meeting?

I believe we need to take a deep look on issues on how it will effect EVERYONE in the community, specially older adults. Get everyones opinions and concerns about the matter.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

I'm a seniors and have been in the local community center at Mayfair for over 10 years and have lived in San Jose for 43 years. I know my community and the people who live in it and I'm ready.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I think my local community have information in their local language is important. If I am chosen as a commissioner I can advocate for my community and can be the change.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

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Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

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☒ District 8

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Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Ruthie Medina

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: For Review

[Redacted]

Retired	N/A
Employer	Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

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.

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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.

High School Diploma

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

N/A

Languages Spoken

English and Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

N/A

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'm interested in volunteering for the City of San Jose.

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

Interested in older adult issues and would like to help my local community advocate.

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Question applies to multiple boards

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As a public viewer

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.

My age and living in San Jose for more than 30 years. I would like to serve my local community and older adults.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To advocate older adults issues and make changes in my local community.

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

Housing, Digital Literacy and Older Adult programs.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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None

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

How would you handle differences in opinions or positions on issues being heard at a Senior Commission meeting?

I would be a good listener and listen to all sides. I would provide good value to the older adult community and great feedback.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

My age and living in my local community. I'm active in my local community and would like to be an advocate.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I'm excited and would love to join!

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☒ District 4

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Thy Luong

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted



Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate



N/A
Employer

N/A
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse



Spouse's Job Title

N/A

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

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[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.

I'm a junior at Notre Dame High School (NDSJ), San Jose. Relevant classes include: AP World History, AP US History, AP English Lang, AP Spanish Lang, AP Environmental Science and 7+ honors classes. I'm additionally involved in the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), National Honor Society (NHS), and serve as a School Ambassador by operating events and visiting other schools to talk about NDSJ.

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

District 3 Office of Raul Perez - Intern (June 2021 to December 2022) GenerationUp - Executive Director of Communications (March 2023 to present) Learn4Justice - Founder & President (December 2022 - present)

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish (Work Proficiency), Mandarin (Conversational), Vietnamese (Conversational)

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

I'm a two-time finalist for the US Department of State's NSLI-Y Scholarship, selected from a national batch of 3500+ students to study abroad in China for 8 weeks and nurture interests in Chinese language, culture, and foreign policy. Alongside championing/finaling at local and statewide speech competitions, my speech and debate awards include being a Semifinalist in the prestigious NIETOC 2022 (top 14 nationally in original oratory speech). Art and poetry awards: My work has been published or awarded by the New York Times (2023 Student Review Contest), the YoungArts Foundation, and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. My artwork, which explores themes from social justice to my Vietnamese American heritage, has been featured in various local galleries like the San Jose Museum of Art (Downtown Doors), NUMU Los Gatos (Unarmed Truth Gallery), and the Bay Area Creative Foundation (CYA 2023).

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 had asked middle school me what civic engagement was, I wouldn't have been able to confidently answer you. But my transition from a girl who didn't even understand how elections worked to the activist and artist I am today has shown me why it's so important to provide opportunities for youth to simultaneously civically engage and engage in their passions. As a member of the Youth Commission, I'd work to empower youth to civically engage in what I believe is the best way to create tangible, sustainable change in a community: policy change. I am heavily interested in implementing a Youth Participatory Budgeting program within the San Jose area, which would directly source project ideas from youth and serve as a critical path to future civic engagement while also improving the community based on youth ideas--I would focus on uplifting actual youth concerns so that the City can address the issues that youth are actually facing; I'll write more on this later. Furthermore, I would work with my fellow commissioners to establish committees to address what we believe are the most pressing issues for youth. I personally would advocate for policies and initiatives that support alleviating youth homelessness, improving education policy, and strengthening mental health programs at schools. Supplemented by my experience at GENup (a grassroots organization of high schoolers and college students that works with CA legislators to write, lobby for, and co-sponsor student-focused bills), some of my ideas addressing these issues include pushing for a guaranteed income program for seniors (similar to SB333 Cortese in Congress right now), youth events like forums and fundraisers, investing in mental health support for schools, and nurturing youth-focused art and humanities programs or events. All in all, I want to be a member of this Commission because it would allow me to change things I wish had been different when I was younger and because youth voice is crucial to government action--it is our future. The SJYC would provide essential experience for my personal skill develop and career goals and also allow me to advocate for the youth community, which is often underrepresented, wrongly represented, or utterly nonexistent.

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

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Question applies to multiple boards

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Question applies to Youth Commission

• Please state your current responsibilities in other organizations and groups, as well as the time commitment associated with those responsibilities (including family responsibilities).

Stanford China Scholars Program (5 hr/wk), ends in June GENup Director of Communications (6 hr/wk)
Learn4Justice's Founder & President (6 hr/wk) Class Vice President (1 hr/wk)

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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Current community involvement: Asides from my work at GENup (detailed below and in my resume), I work with my organization Learn4Justice (a student-led organization focused on equipping underserved students with skills to be global justice advocates, whether that's speech & debate, journalism, or writing) to bring systemic justice-focused workshop programs to local elementary schools and am currently planning summer camps at the local and international level. Past community involvement: I've worked with SJPL to implement an extensive, social justice-centered speech and debate program that taught 100+ elementary schoolers in the past, collaborating with librarians and volunteers from other schools to research and develop curriculum. The program was recently recognized by the American Library Association and is titled Speech & Debate: Global Citizenship. In terms of internships or summer programs with the community, I interned underneath former Councilmember Raul Peralez and completed a lot of graphic design work, tabling, policy recaps and more. Last summer, I was also involved the Vietnamese American Roundtable's SEEDS program, receiving a monetary scholarship and planning a community cultural showcase from youth to adults in the community after a multiple-month educational program.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I'm intent on bolstering civic engagement and increasing youth access to success, whether that's mental health resources, awareness about social justice issues, or access to housing and help. I'm interested in going beyond the virtual and social media campaigns, and I'd like to suggest and work towards Youth Commission with a heavier focus on policy. I'll take this area to talk a little bit more about a Youth Participatory Budgeting program: although I fully understand that such an endeavor would take a lot of dedication and cross-department coordination, I am confident that this is a worthy project the SJYC should either advocate for or lead (Boston's Youth Lead the Change program, which I've been communicating with, is an excellent example of a successful youth participatory budgeting program). My work with former CM Peralez's 5-year participatory budgeting program and my research on the matter has emphasized the huge benefits of these programs--including but not limited to increased civic engagement, youth trust in government, and youth wellbeing. My work with GENup and Learn4Justice have all centered around uplifting youth with the proper skills to succeed in every aspect of their lives, and I'd plan to carry on that torch as a Youth Commissioner.

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

I'll split my answer into four parts to make things simpler. First, as I've already mentioned, I think youth lack entry-level ways to civically engage in their communities, creating adults who are reluctant or unable to civically engage. Even as a high school freshman, I was afraid to go to town halls and other potentially helpful events because they were either physically hard to access or simply too daunting. So, aside from my push for youth participatory budgeting, I'd want to consider implementing events that allow youth to engage in their interests while also contributing to a cause--I've seen great citywide talent shows focused on raising money for a cause. I'd also want to make a pointed effort to recruit other youth organizations and individuals to participate in meetings. Second, mental health and the lack of proper treatment in schools continues to be an issue in San Jose's education system and general society. As an SJYC member, I'd push for more access, more workshops for the younger youth population, and less punitive school environments; on that last point, I also believe that youth are more harmed than helped by police presence in schools. My work with Learn4Justice also aligns well with workshop awareness efforts. Third, I believe that youth of color face roadblocks to having their identities and histories recognized by schools and greater society. I think this can be addressed through out-of-school education initiatives, working with school district management to encourage greater emphasis on cultural and ethnic identity on the non-high school level, and city events that promote student diversity (whether that's a summit or an art competition). Last but certainly not least, I am disturbed by the fact that San Jose has the highest rate of student homelessness in the United States (85 young adults out of every 100,000 residents are homeless in SJ). I think we can counter this partially by increasing resources in schools and online for youth who may be experiencing homelessness. Additionally, we can consider working on programs like guaranteed income programs for homeless youth (see SB 333 again), which would help youth transition from high school to college and sustainably decrease the chance of homelessness by pulling out one of its root causes (inability to find education and work); successful programs have been implemented in various California areas including Stockton.

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

I think the Youth Commission should engage both in policy recommendation and bolstering the youth community through events and campaigns but focus more heavily on the latter in the coming years. As a youth body that works closely or even directly with the local government, the SJYC's power to influence policy recommendations should not be disregarded. Thus, I feel that the Youth Commission should focus on gathering youth opinions on pertinent issues through forums, surveys, workshops, and more, then highlight those in concentrated policy efforts. Of course, I believe the SJYC also should engage in educational initiatives and campaigns about student-relevant issues ranging from mental health to homelessness in schools or online.

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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've been a part of various leadership groups, but two I want to highlight are my experiences with GENup and Associated Student Body (ASB) at my school. As GENup's Director of Communications, I collaborate with other GENup departments, community partners ranging from universities like SJSU, and my team to write press releases and op-eds centered around student-centered education policy. We also occasionally write the bill language for the state Senate. Meanwhile, as class Vice President for the past few years, I've worked with my classmates and peers to represent student concerns, organize fundraisers, carry out school administration plans, and lead events.

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.

I believe my leadership experience in various social justice organizations, from Learn4Justice to GENup, qualify me for experience; I'm working with partners at the local, national, and international level to carry out campaigns and global education initiatives. Additionally, my extensive experience in Speech & Debate has provided me with the necessary critical thinking, writing, and public speaking skills that are essential to a role in the SJYC. I also think my love for creativity and my flexibility make me a good candidate for appointment. I'm passionate about identifying problems and finding effective, collaborative ways to solve them.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I understand that the purpose of the commission is to work together to better the lives of youth around the community. It does this with a focus on equity, education, and policy recommendations to the City Council. The SJYC is not simply focused on elevating youth voices, it also focuses on growing and including those voices in the conversation.

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

Homelessness (Affordable Housing), Youth Civic Engagement, Youth Mental Health.

Question applies to Youth Commission

If applicable, have you ever participated in your local District Specific Youth Advisory Council?

☒ No\,

Question applies to Youth Commission

If you answered Yes to the previous question, what are some projects you worked on in your Youth Advisory Council?

Question applies to Youth Commission

If applicable, have you ever participated in the Youth Commission's Special Events such as the Annual Budget Summit?

☒ No

Question applies to Youth Commission

If you are not selected for your district's Commission seat, would you be interested in the Citywide Commissioner role?

☒ Yes

Anything else you would like us to know?

No--but thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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