
Profile

Nia

First Name

Celestin

Last Name

Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Neighborhoods Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

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

☒ District 3

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95112

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Polycom

Employer

Senior Product Marketing
Manager

Job Title

Address of Current Employer

Ring Central

Current Employer of Spouse



Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Sr Product Marketing Manager

Spouse's Job Title

If 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.

BA 1988 Georgetown University -Sociology MA 1992 Univ of Maryland - Criminology & Criminal Justice

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

2003-2005 Board Member (Ways and Means) Almaden Parent Preschool

English

Languages Spoken

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. 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.

As a soon to be empty nester it is time for me to make a permanent commitment to community service. We moved downtown last year from Cambrian Park. These 2 neighborhoods are very different and require different priorities to maintain the highest quality of life. The explosive growth of downtown San Jose will bring economic opportunities for citizens but it is also important that we meet the challenges that come with development. It is important to make sure that our neighborhood is a safe, accessible and inclusive 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?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

[REDACTED]

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interest in real property, personal finances or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which indentifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Please review the scopr of your board/commission in Municipal Code Chapter 2.08. Based on your best judgment, does this Board or Commission make decisions that may affect sources of income, interests in real property, personal finances or investments of you or your spouse?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain. Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or associated that might be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission, and the positions you hold in these entities.

As a condo owner in downtown San Jose, the successes of the Neighborhood Commission will improve the community and may impact Realestate values.

Marc Eisenhart

Reference 1 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

Maria Riggio

Reference 2 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Would you be available to attend meetings at the scheduled time?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

As the Ways and Means Commissioner at APPS, we raised more money than any other board in the history of the organization. Our goal was to build a new playground and execute a plan for a community playgroup build. We meet our goals and children have enjoyed the playground for many years

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

As a professional, I have run and managed projects and people for 25 years and I have worked in the interests of my community. I am a collaborator seeking the best outcomes based on a consensus driven approach. This style comes from my graduate work, subsequent research and. As a program evaluator I used the application of scientific methodology to learn what works (and what doesn't work) in public policy. I have evaluated adolescent drug prevention programs for the Governor's Commission of Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the State of Maryland. I have conducted an evaluation of multicultural education in the city go Pittsburgh, PA and worked at the National Center for the Advancement of Prevention in Washington, DC. All of these projects required an immersion into the communities served by these programs and as a result I am well versed in listening to concerns and translating them into action plans.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Review and make recommendations regarding city policies, and programs affecting the quality of life in San José neighborhoods.

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

Safety in Downtown San to make our neighbor a safe and inviting environment for Families and singles of all ages Homelessness in Downtown San Jose

I would like to say . . .

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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

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

☒ I Agree *