

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Stephanie

First Name

Southwick

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts Commission:

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

3-5 years

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

District 6

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95125

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Greenfield Draa & Harringotn
LLP

Employer

Managing Partner

Job Title

[Redacted]

Current Employer Address

Sutro Vision

Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

VP Sales and Marketing

Spouse's Job Title

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.

The George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C. ▪ J.D. May 2003, With Honors ▪ Approximate Class Rank: 20-25% ▪ Member, The George Washington International Law Review, Note on Education of Girls in Africa The University of Oxford and the George Washington University Oxford, England ▪ Joint Programme in International Human Rights Law, Summer 2001 University of Washington, B.A., 1998, Jackson School of International Studies Seattle, WA

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

Ballet San Jose Board of Trustees, Trustee and pro bono counsel, 2012-2013, 2014-2016 San Jose, CA United States Department of Justice, Law Clerk, 2002-2003 Washington, D.C. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), 1999, 2003-2007 San Francisco, CA and Seattle, WA ▪ Child advocate: conducted investigations, drafted reports, testified in court, participated in IEPs, mentored children, worked with social workers, handled placement issues Manhattan District Attorney's Office (New York, N.Y.) Summer 2002 Appeals Bureau, Legal Intern ▪ Drafted appellate briefs, second-chaired trial in Child Abuse Unit resulting in conviction of defendant for promoting prostitution of a minor American Inns of Court, 2014-present organization of lawyers and judges promoting civility in the profession

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.

I have been involved in the arts since I was five years old and the arts have played a major role in my life. Art helps us all understand and experience humanity. A City's arts and culture reflect the soul of its inhabitants. I believe that fostering and supporting arts in our community is essential to maintaining its vibrancy.

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

While I live in District 6, I spend just as much time, if not more, in District 3. My law firm is located at _____ and I eat and shop downtown five days a week. I am familiar with many downtown arts organizations from my experience serving on the Board of Trustees of Ballet 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

State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interest in real property, personal finances or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Please review the 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.

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

Bernie Greenfield

Reference 1 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

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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.

I served as the Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees of Ballet Silicon Valley (Ballet San Jose).

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).

Through my service as the Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees of Ballet Silicon Valley (Ballet San Jose), I became familiar with many local arts organizations and the people who operate and support these organizations. I have developed an understanding of the local arts community, its successes, its struggles, and its needs. As the managing partner of my law firm, I understand fiscal responsibility and accountability. I also understand consensus building and working together as a team. On the other hand, as a litigator, I am not afraid of standing up for and voicing what I believe.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To advise the City Council on how best to support the arts community in San Jose.

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

(1) Silicon Valley's focus on STEM to the detriment of art; (2) lack of funding of art in public school and the community in general; and (3) making art relevant and accessible to all of San Jose's residents

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?

concert and spoken word performances at the Content magazine because of the interesting performers and cool venue (top of the Hammer Theater); The New Ballet School summer performance also at the Hammer because I wanted to see their summer talent; Swan Lake at the California Theater because it's Swan Lake!!!; Symphony Silicon Valley performing to Harry Potter to expose my kids to the symphony; The San Jose Art Museum's gala to support the museum (and other events there to see an exhibition I really liked); various musicals at the CPA because they are entertaining; The San Jose Nutcracker at the Hammer because this new version is so clever in its focus on San Jose, the light tower and the Valley of the Hearts Delight; MACLA event hosted at my law firm

Question applies to Arts Commission

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

As I said above, art helps us all understand and experience humanity. A City's arts and culture reflect the soul of its inhabitants. I believe that fostering and supporting arts in our community is essential to maintaining its vibrancy. Art is a beautiful way to learn about other cultures and it is an extraordinary way to bring people together from completely different backgrounds (ethnic, geographic, socioeconomic).

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?

Of course. As we see in the budget cuts for arts education, art is often the first thing to go in tough economic times. The arts have required patrons for much of human history as art and artists doing the best and most important work all not always popular and commercially viable in their time. The City itself should be a patron of the arts to strengthen the City and its reputation as a first class city and of course enrich its citizens. The City should promote local, grass roots artists as well as encourage and aim to attract art from all over the world to come to San Jose.

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 learned much about the local art organizations and the local art community from serving as a Trustee of Ballet San Jose. I myself am a patron of the arts. I have lived in San Francisco, Oakland, Washington D.C., Seattle, New York, Paris and have explored art in all of those cities. I am the managing partner of a law firm located in downtown San Jose so I have real-world experience running a business and managing a budget.

I would like to say . . .

I am passionate about the arts, and have both a local and wider perspective on arts and cultural development. I also understand fiscal responsibility. I think most people (possibly excluding some opposing counsel) would I agree that I am fun to work with.

(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 *