# **Boards and Commissions Application**

#### Profile

John First Name

Callison

Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

⊙ Yes ∩ No

Length of Residency

☑ 3-5 years

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

#### District 6

Street Address		Suite or Apt	
San Jose		CA	95128
City		State	Postal Code
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone		
Symantec	Senior Manager Contract negotiations Job Title		
Current Employer Address	_		

N/A

Current Employer of Spouse

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

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.

Wheeling HS, Stanford U (Disaster recovery), Carnegie Mellon U (Project management), Uofl Chicago (Electrical Engineering)Many contract negotiation and sourcing classes, German language certified, 1992-2016

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

US Military (Army) 1988-1998

German, English, Basic Spanish

Languages Spoken

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received** 

Army related, Work related, nothing specific to environment or recreation. can I email a resume for reference?

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.

San Jose Parks and recreation sites are critical to many residents quality of life and peace of mind. Many families utilize the services and locations provided on a regular basis and do not have access to non P&R services, I feel it is important to continue these services and improve upon them where possible

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

I am a connector and People person who can make friends with just about anyone from any culture. I work well with others and can use the above to bridge gaps and create long term relationships with community leaders. This would be beneficial to the City P&R team and would allow me to fit well in this role. Additionally I have used park services my entire life and am a great believer in their benefit

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

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.

Joseph Minafra

Reference 1 Name

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Phone	
Joe LaJuenese	
Reference 2 Name	
Reference 2 Address	
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.

CSO Supernova Spirits (Board member and principle) Left board in 2016 CEO Over30cosplay and Board President current

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).

20 years or working and negotiating with people on high value contracts

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To manage, make decisions, and improve services related to San Jose Parks and recreation

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

Overbooked classes and services Park access and cleanliness difficulty accessing services online

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

10 years UR Army 1 year social media director SJ Sheriff campaign

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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?

Determine the concern or resistance and the core matter driving it, work to either resolve the issue or fit their issues into our decision while creating a knowledge bridge between the discontent and the expected direction. Create some affinity for the boards decision within the community group in order to mitigate the dissent. If that did not work make it clear the concerns were heard and valued, let them know we care about the reason for their dissent but this unfortunately is the direction the board must take for the benefit of the city. Then work with that group to perhaps include their issues or resolve them with the next project

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

Unfortunately not

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 \*