

Boards and Commissions Application

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No**Length of Residency**☒ Less than 1 year

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

95131

Postal Code

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Mobile:

Alternate Phone

N/A

Employer

N/A

Job Title

N/A

Current Employer Address

N/A

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

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.

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate

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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.

[REDACTED]

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

English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Commended Scholar Honor Roll

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.

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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☐ 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 Address

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Reference 2 Name

Reference 2 Address

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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

My friend and I volunteer to teach beginning Java class to young children at a local library. I volunteer at the [REDACTED], prepare and serve meals to the homeless people. I am also the member of the National Honor Society at school. I volunteer at various places like distributing food to the poor at the [REDACTED] and help out at the [REDACTED].

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In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I want to learn more about the community where I live and engage in activity that has a direct impact on the community. I like to expand my network beyond my own high school and establish positive youth/adult relationships. Through civic engagement, I want to develop my leadership and public speaking skill.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Stress, Bullying, Cyber Space Addiction, Drinking and Vaping, Time Management, Peer-Pressure and Competition.

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

Identify the needs of the youth in the city and plan fun activities and workshops accordingly.

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?

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I am the student ambassador at our school. I help in the School Open House event , serve as a tour guide to visitors, participate at the student panel to answer questions in front of over 100 people audience regarding the student curriculum and extra curricular activities.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The goal of the Youth Commission is to identify teen issues through meetings and address the issues to the City Council and Recreation Commission. Encourage teen leadership and responsibility through involvement.

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

1. San Jose is a big city with people from different nationalities. The Commission should plan activities that promote respect to multi-cultures. 2. Many hi-tech companies such as Google and HP are moving their offices to San Jose. As a result, many families are relocating to San Jose. As the population is expecting to grow rapidly, we should seek more people in helping the Commission to plan for events that can accommodate more people. 3. The crime rate for robbery, theft, carjack has an increasing trend. In order to make our living place a safe one, the Commission can promote the youth to participate in the neighborhood watch program or educate them how to prevent crimes in our neighborhood.

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 *

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First Name

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[REDACTED] Elementary - August 2009 - June 2015, [REDACTED] Middle School - August 2015 - June 2018,
[REDACTED] High School - August 2018 - June 2022 (current)

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San Jose Youth Internship, Civic Engagement Group - June 2018, Civic Engagement Ad Hoc - November 2018 - February 2019, YAC Vice-Chair for District 3 - December 2018 - Now, President and Secretary of Class of 2022 - 2018 - 2019 School Year, Founder and President of San Jose High Speech and Debate Club, 2018 - 2019, A Founder and Vice President of FBLA - 2018 - 2019, Secretary and Captain of Badminton - 2019 - 2020, School Site Council Leadership Student Representative - 2018 - 2019

English, Spanish, Vietnamese
(elementary proficiency)

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Top 10 Impromptu Speakers - Speech and Debate Tournament at [REDACTED], High School Student of the Month, Valedictorian of [REDACTED] Middle School, Three-time Student of the Year winner, SJUSD Pursuit of Bi-literacy Award (Spanish), Principal's Award (4.0 GPA) for High School

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 want to become a member of this commission to increase youth advocacy and help all youth lead better lives. Specific objectives I would aim for in order to increase the quality of our city would be to minimize homelessness, advocate for affordable housing and a better, more stable economy, increase public safety as well as build better relationships between the San Jose police force and the youth, push for a better community through beautification, development and construction, raise awareness and encourage action concerning environmental issues as well as our transportation, push for more available job opportunities and city supported activities for youth, engage LGBTQ+ youth, and finally, promote civic engagement for youth to be aware and take advantage of their rights (such as the right to vote).

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

I have been on the District 3 YAC for two years, ever since I was in 8th grade. I have helped our wonderful District 3 Youth Commissioner plan, organize, and assemble events, such as our upcoming College and Career Fair this April. I truly want to advance our city, and advocate for every single member of youth in San Jose. I want to help build our community in any way possible, and help create a city where all youth can be safe and happy. I've attended the Youth Summit held earlier this year, and I've learned about our city's departments and how every department plays a role in making our district and city a better place. I believe in equal opportunity for all, as well as equitable treatment for all of our citizens.

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Reference 1 Name

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Betty Ramirez

Reference 2 Name

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Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Attend monthly YAC meetings in order to advocate for youth, Attend YC meetings to engage myself through youth government, Youth Internship Summer 2018 to raise awareness to Youth Commission of issues youth face, Volunteered with City Events such as Pumpkins in the Park and Viva CalleSJ (which was an amazing event), Community Service in my high school by raising student morale and helping assemble school events

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I want to help make San Jose an amazing place for youth to live. As the center of Silicon Valley, I believe that our youth should have a massive input and voice on the affairs of the city. I want to help prevent youth homelessness through affordable housing, equal opportunities to jobs and educations (including colleges), increase public safety, build safe places for youth (more urban villages), raise our awareness of our environment, help the LGBTQ+ community feel more accepted and more a part of our city's politics, help youth raise their voice through promoting our Ad Hoc, YACs, and Youth Commission, and build better transportation. Additionally, I'd love to focus on construction, development, our economy, and the relationship youth have with police and our politicians.

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

Youth homelessness (especially after high school), educational opportunities, job opportunities, relationship with police, public safety, the environment, transportation, mental health, and civic engagement are all problems I feel face the youth. Youth homelessness after high school is likely because the rent is so high it is difficult to obtain a job with the salary needed in order to pay for the rent. This also pours into educational opportunities, as some have no idea what comes next after high school and what they want to do with their lives. Additionally, some youth don't know where and how to apply for jobs, so they end up feeling helpless and powerless in their lives. Public safety and youth's relationship with the police are also connected with each other and everything else because these two will affect the city's overall climate, or "feel". Some youth have issues with gangs, and need to find a way out, however they can't because of gangs' ruthless "blood in, blood out" policies. If they put more trust in the police, and we increase how safe our youth are in public places, we may see this problem lessen over the course of time. Transportation is also very important. Some are not able to afford cars, so they use the scooters and bikes in order to transport themselves to the places they need to go. We should improve our bus facilities and provide more modes of transportation to youth everywhere that way they will get where they need to go, and they may feel safe at all times. The environment is also a large issue we must face because we will be growing up in our environment, and we only have one earth. We need to watch our litter, and the amount of carbon we release into the air, or else our environment will suffer. Additionally, mental health problems are also something that many of us face. Our mental health is important, but under the stresses of school, AP, IB, sports, and clubs, some of us may see our mental health deteriorate. It takes a lot more now to get into a college. Now, students are faced with having to be student athletes, amazing scholars, and civically engaged, when in reality not everyone can be every single one of those things. And in the face of this pressure, some of us may break down and feel as if there is no way out. Mental health is definitely something we need to focus on publicly. Furthermore, in the face of all of these challenges facing our generation, youth may feel powerless because they may think they have no outlet for themselves to express their ideas. I want to promote the Youth Commission that way our youth will be able to advocate for their ideas and help create solutions for their problems.

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

I feel the priorities should be to make the city a better place. We need to focus on our environment, public safety, homelessness and affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, mental health, economical development, youth relationship with police and politicians, and advocacy.

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 have served in multiple boards within my school and on the Youth Advisory Council. My experience reveals that there always needs to be a balance of teamwork, individual responsibilities, and leadership. In each of these commissions, everyone had to be comfortable with showing their opinion, or else the entire conversation would be veiled, and thus, ultimately useless. Everyone needs to have a sense of trust in order for everything to run smoothly. Conflicts would have to be addressed directly. In the successful boards I've been on, everyone was focused on their goals and all knew their responsibilities. They all knew what needed to be done and did so in a timely and effective matter. Everyone was held accountable, and that was what helped people get their jobs done. Communication was always a key in order for everyone to know what was happening and what needed to be done. This helped us build ourselves, our board, and bring others up with us for our common purpose. Ultimately, the boards I've served in (class, clubs, sports, school site council, YAC) have all been effective, and have taught me the value and importance of teamwork, cooperation, leadership and communication.

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).

Being the YAC Vice Chair has helped me understand how things are done in the Youth Commission. It has guided me in finding out what I am passionate about: politics. I want to make our city a better place, and through the Ad Hoc and Youth Advisory Council, I have learned an insane amount about how meetings are done and how action is taken within our city. I already know the general setup of the meetings of the Youth Commission, and I am equipped with the knowledge of some of our past, along with our present issues that currently face the youth. Additionally, the Youth Commission Summer Internship has helped me realize the large variety of issues that face the youth, as well as the policy recommendations and programs we have put into our city to improve it. I have this experience of working in an "office" setting, and I believe I am decent at making appealing spreadsheets. I have acquired the skills of researching from the internship. Additionally, Speech and Debate has always been a major part of my life. It has helped me find my passion of public speaking and advocacy, which is why I'm passionate to help our city become a better place for youth.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the commission is to help our youth have a voice in their local politics. From this, the commission will create solutions, programs, and policy recommendations that they will advocate for to the Mayor and City Council from the youth standpoint. They help make sure that the next generation of voters is aware and can take positive action for the causes they are passionate for.

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

Three overarching issues that I feel the City and Commission should address are Civic Engagement (advocacy, LGBTQ+ community involvement, voter's rights, awareness of youth voters), Public Safety (transportation, mental health, construction and development, relationships with politicians and police) and Economical Development (job opportunities, educational opportunities, internships, homelessness, affordable housing)

I would like to say . . .

Thank you for reading this very long application, I truly appreciate it. I am very honored to be considered for the position, and I hope to be the next District 3 Youth Commissioner to help improve our district and city in any and all ways. Thank you again, hope to work with you soon!

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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