

Boards and Commissions Application

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District 4

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95131

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

N/A

Employer

N/A

Job Title

Current Employer Address

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Spouse's Job Title

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San Jose City Council Commendation for District 4 Youth Advisory Council

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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

Betty Ramirez

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Brandon Huynh

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Phone

[Redacted]

Supplemental Questions

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

I am the current San Jose District 4 Youth Commissioner, I have held this seat since 2018 and I was a member of District 4 Youth Advisory Council before being appointed the Youth Commissioner. Throughout my time in D4YAC, I have hosted 2 litter pickups and served as the event director for our annual event, AIM. In addition, I am an officer of a community service club called Interact at my high school. During my sophomore year, I served as a board member and lead community service activities at local organizations such as Loaves and Fishes and Sacred Heart every week. This year, I am the board director. At my high school, I am part of a service club called Interact club. As an officer, I have served over 150 hours of community service with organizations such as loaves and fishes and sacred heart. Most recently, I was elected co-president of Piedmont Hills Interact Club and I am a supreme court justice in Piedmont Hills ASB. As a supreme court justice, I run ASB elections and ensure their integrity. I also oversee class competitions such as Homecoming and Fantastics and help enforce ASB rules to clubs.

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In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

Throughout my time on the Youth Commission, I have been given numerous opportunities to serve my community. I helped to write a policy recommendation about voter education and hosted events such as litter pickups, to help beautify my district, and A.I.M, District 4 Youth Advisory Council's annual youth guidance event. I am passionate about empowering the voices of the youth in my district and I have worked to educate my youth advisory council members about the city and civically engage my peers. I also hope to civically engage the youth of my community in other ways, this year I planned to work with a club at my high school to educate youth on local elections. Outside of the Youth Commission, I continue to serve in my community by volunteering with charitable organizations that help low income families and tutoring youth at Read, Write Discover and Matheasy.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

One problem that is facing the youth of San Jose is mental health. The culture in San Jose and the Bay Area as a whole perpetuates a harmful belief that in order to be successful high school students must push themselves to their limits. I have had numerous conversations with youth in my district who have talked about the pressure they go through, not from their parents, but from their peers to always be part of more clubs and take more advanced classes in order to keep up. This seems like a universal experience for youth in San Jose

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

One thing I feel the Youth Commission should prioritize next year is the Youth Bill of Rights. This year we had planned on updating the Youth Bill of Rights since it was written about 10 years ago but we were not able to finish due to the recent pandemic. Next year, I would like for the Youth Commission to update the Bill of Rights and then work on having City Council use it more often when making decisions. Also, I believe it would be beneficial if we could use the Bill of Rights as an outline for a general plan for the Youth of San Jose similar to the Envision 2040 plan. This will help guide the City Council on youth issues and will give youth an opportunity to help plan for the future of the city.

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 on the San Jose Youth Commission for two years. During these two years, I have served as the second vice-chair of the Youth Commission. I have grown as a lot as a leader through leading my YAC and the Youth Commission and I have been able to find a support system with the other commissioners and staff. I became a youth commissioner as a sophomore and it was my first major leadership experience, it was like suddenly becoming president of a club. Luckily, I had a lot of support from my predecessor and staff so I learned basically all of the leadership skills through the Youth Commission.

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 experience on the Youth Commission and Interact, I have gained a lot of leadership skills such as organization and delegation. As Youth Commissioner, I oversee all of the projects that my YAC plans which include our annual AIM event, litter pickups, and policy recommendations. In addition, I also manage all of the service activities in Interact. Although this will be my third year as a youth commissioner, I believe that I can use my experience to continue to improve my YAC. This year I implemented more opportunities for my YAC members to lead their own projects and I hope to continue this system next year.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Youth Commission represents all of the youth in San Jose in city-related matters. There is one commissioner per district that leads a youth advisory council in order to gain the input of youth and create events that help support the youth of San Jose.

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

Three issues facing the city that I feel the Youth Commission should address is technological inclusivity, drug abuse, and housing. During this pandemic, we have seen how important it is for everyone to have access to the internet. School districts have done a good job of giving out Chromebooks and helping students obtain wifi and libraries and community centers are good resources but it does not mean everyone has access to the internet still. Without the pandemic, students who borrowed Chromebooks would not have been able to have a device they could bring home and the wifi offered only lasts about a month. Also, adults do not qualify for any of this so during the lockdown there are adults that have no access to internet since everything is closed, which is dangerous because sites like Verily that help facilitate testing are online. Drug abuse is an issue that affects not just adults, many high school students are affected by drugs and alcohol abuse themselves. Housing is another huge issue that everyone is trying to work on. During my first year on the Youth Commission, we went to some meetings with Silicon Valley at Home and it showed that housing issues affect everyone. I have friends who have been evicted and my own parents plan on leaving San Jose as soon as I graduate due to housing prices.

I would like to say . . .

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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I Agree *

Kaitlyn Tran

OBJECTIVE

Seeking employment with a position in which I can apply my organizational skills and interest in politics and public policy. I am very interested in encouraging youth to become civically engaged, utilizing my community outreach skills, and developing economic and digital inclusivity policies.

EXPERIENCE

San Jose Youth Commission, 200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113 — *District 4 Youth Commissioner, 2nd Vice Chair*

June 2018 - Present

- Represented youth in San Jose District 4 in the Youth Commission
- Chaired the District 4 Youth Advisory Council which includes 20 general members; D4YAC plans events such as AIM a youth guidance event, litter pick-ups, and vaccine drive
- wrote a policy recommendation for the San Jose City Council about issues youth face specifically focused on civic engagement and voter education
- serves on the Youth Commission executive board; plans agendas, leads official meetings and the planning of city-wide events

Interact Club, [REDACTED] — *Co-President*

May 2018 - Present

- Manages 16 officers and leads 200 general members
- Leads weekly officer meetings
- Works as a liaison between East Evergreen Rotary Club and Piedmont Hills Interact

Piedmont Hills Associated Student Body, [REDACTED] — *Supreme Court Justice*

April 2020 - Present

- Coordinate ASB elections: verify votes, determine candidate eligibility
- Enforce ASB guidelines such as ASB ethics (impeachment) and club rules

Piedmont Hills Girls Tennis Team, [REDACTED] — *Team Captain*

June 2018 - Present

- Acted as leadership administration for the varsity and junior varsity teams
- Coordinated fundraisers for team funds; manages \$3,500 budget



SKILLS

- Technologically Proficient -- Microsoft 365
- Efficient at time management
- Strong communication skills
- Event Planning
- Problem Solving

AWARDS

San Jose District 4 Youth Advisory Council City Council Commendation

EDUCATION



August 2017 - May 2021



(ECN-001A)-Principles of Macroeconomics,
(ECN-006)-The Global Economy

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Interests & Experiences

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I am currently a high school sophomore.

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

- President/Founder of Empowering Youth Action (a youth activism movement with over over 30 members and multiple chapters across San Jose). Most recently, Empowering Youth Action planned and coordinated a fundraiser for Maker-nexus (a San Jose non-profit that is 3D printing face masks for doctors in this time of crisis) along with a peer. Through gofundme, we were able to raise more than \$8,000 to protect local San José doctors! To clarify, my position at Empowering Youth Action is as the president of the entire organization, not a chapter. To learn more, our website is empowerinyouthaction.org. (Ongoing) - I am an intern for Rishi Kumar, one of district 18's candidates for congress that advanced to the general elections. I campaign for him and have wrote policy papers. (Ongoing)

Languages Spoken

English and some Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

-8th place at the California invitational (hosted at UC Berkeley) for Congressional Debate (a public speaking activity). This ranked me as the best sophomore at the California invitational. -2nd place at the Coat Forensics League 2 Tournament for Congressional Debate. This ranked me as one of the best in the league, which spans from San Jose to Fremont.

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 the Youth Commission to make actual legislative change. I believe that we as youth have the, most powerful, we just have to make it heard. A specific objective that I would work towards is increasing the quality of education in underprivileged areas.

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

I am a great public speaker and leader. I have started multiple clubs, including a successful youth activism movement. I am one of the best Congressional Debaters (a public speaking activity) in the state, and I have also been named my teams co-captain for next year. Every activity I participate in, I strive to be a leader and make it the most enjoyable as well as efficient as it can possibly be.

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Yes No

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Reference 1 Name

I do not know how these references work, I will fill them out later after inquiring with a staff member.

Reference 1 Address

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Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

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In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

My community interests are debate and politics. I am apart of my school's congressional debate, and I have achieved a great deal of success in it this year. Onto politics, I am very politically active. I am apart of a Rishi Kumar's (a candidate for congress) intern team. I stay up to date on politics and often times even directly advise him on policies. I also am the president/founder of a community organization named Empowering Youth Action (EYA). The goal of EYA is to inspire youth to incite both social and legislative change throughout all levels of society.

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

Holistically, one of the biggest problems facing the youth of San Jose is poverty. Now I know how cliché that is, but allow me to break it down through the perspective of a youth living in the Bay Area. Currently, San Jose is by far one of the most expensive places to live. In fact, according to Investopedia, it is the 7th most expensive city to live in throughout the nation! A problem that high cost of living leads to is almost always poverty, and when a child's parents don't have jobs or are struggling to make ends meet, there can be detrimental effects. The most obvious one is hunger, which according to the SF Chronicle, 10% of people living in the Bay Area suffer from. With the recent COVID-19 outbreak, placing thousands in San Jose, this problem has been exacerbated. Another detrimental effect of poverty and San Jose's high cost of living, though less talked about, is cyclical poverty. Having done hours upon hours of research into cyclical poverty, I found that this is by far the biggest problem facing San Jose youth today. Essentially, people who have grown up in poverty are stuck in a systematic cycle of poverty and horrible circumstances, with their chances for upward mobility destroyed. This is due to the fact that parents who don't have high paying jobs often move to worse areas, such as South San Jose, where I live. There the cost of living is cheaper, but the education is worse. These schools, such as my local school Oak Grove, are underfunded, and often times don't have the resources to help kids succeed. This then incentivizes the youth attending these schools to not be as motivated, which then leads to a higher high school drop out rate, and then low paying jobs, and then poverty. This is the vicious cycle that so many youth in San Jose are going through, and we need to work to break it. Although I am no economist, my humble opinion is that we need to start pouring more money into schools in under privileged areas, such as South San Jose. From there, I believe the cycle of poverty will destroy itself.

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

As explained above, I feel the Youth Commission should be proposing policies that help fund education in underprivileged areas. This can be done through the funding of extracurricular, such as speech and debate, robotics, theater, and art programs. A lot of schools in underprivileged areas can't afford to pay for these activities, so I feel that helping them fund communities and improve their education quality should be one of our top priorities. The future of America is our youth, so we need to start investing in them. Other priorities should be climate change, which I know the Youth Commission has already acted on, and the homelessness crisis.

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 do not have any experience in serving on a commission or board. I do hold many leadership positions in a variety of community activities.

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).

Having started my own successful youth activism movement, I believe I am extremely qualified to be a part of the youth commission. Through my movement, I am constantly doing research on local policy and seeing what would be the best outcome for bay area youth. I am also a great public speaker, and I have never had any problems speaking in front of large crowds.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I believe the purpose of the Commission is to act as a bridge between youth and local politics. From my understanding, I believe that the Youth Commission gives policy recommendations as well as proposing their own.

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

1. Education 2. Homelessness 3. Environmental Problems

I would like to say . . .

Thanks so much for giving me an opportunity to apply, I hope I can work with the Youth Commission to make San Jose a better place!

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Suite or Apt

San Jose

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CA

State

95120

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Leland High School

Employer

Student

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

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Spouse's Job Title

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Leland High School (2017-Present) Intern at Stanford CNI-X (Summer 2019) Intern at Science Gurus Cell-Science Internship (Summer 2019)

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

District 10 Youth Commissioner for San Jose's Youth Commission (2018-Present) Vice President of TeensReach at the Almaden Library (2019-Present)

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Outstanding Distinction in Debate (Surpassed 1000 NSDA Points) Ranked 10th in LD debate in California
Silver Presidential Service Award in 9th grade (Volunteered for 81 hours) Silver Presidential Service
Award in 10th grade (Volunteered for 221 hours) Best Intern at the Science Gurus Cell-Science Internship

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 would like to become a member of this Commission again because I want to work towards expanding the Youth Commission, hosting more events that serve a diverse body of youth, making meaningful recommendations to the honorable Mayor and City Council, and supporting many local organizations that benefit the youth through programming and services.

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

I am applying for my second term as the District 10 Youth Commissioner, but I do not wish to be considered for the City-wide commissioner position.

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Yes No

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Reference 1 Name

Betty Ramirez

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Jo-Ann Wang

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

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

District 10 Youth Commissioner—I lead the D10 YAC, I hosted 2 creek cleanups, and I helped to plan the YAC Summit. Vice President of TeensReach—I help to lead the TeensReach meetings, plan events for TeensReach, and volunteer at the library. Chair of the Leland Speech and Debate team (2019-Present)

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I am interested in four main aspects of the community. First, I enjoy fostering a culture of collaboration through being a leader in my debate team. Second, I am interested in promoting volunteerism through my role in providing opportunities to youth to volunteer at the Almaden Library. Third, I am dedicated to beautifying my District through creek cleanups. Finally, I enjoy promoting activism and civic engagement in my community by leading the District 10 Youth Advisory Council.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

I think that a lot of youth face mental health and drug abuse problems. Many youth experience homelessness and hunger on a daily basis. Moreover, foster youth face homelessness and barriers to education once they age out of the system.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

The Youth Commission should focus on creating positive changes in the lives of the youth by hosting events like AIM and the YAC Summit, writing policy recommendations like mine that targeted mental health issues in San Jose, and providing resources to those who lack them.

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.

While serving on the Youth Commission, I wrote several policy recommendations one of which was passed by City Hall (the investment of the Bloomberg funds into Climate Smart San Jose) and one of which is going through the budgeting process at the moment (providing mental health training to afterschool coordinators).

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).

I have acquired many leadership skills—including delegating tasks, mediating compromise, planning events, time-management, and organizational skills—through my work as a Youth Commissioner. Moreover, I enhanced my communication and critical thinking skills through speech and debate. I believe these experiences and skills qualify me for an appointment to the Youth Commission as they are the skills Commissioners need to succeed.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Commission has four major responsibilities. First, through policy recommendations and letters they advise City Hall and other organizations on various courses of action they should take. Second, they lead Youth Advisory Councils to organize and host local events like creek cleanups. Third, they host city-wide events that are applicable to large groups of people, like the YAC Summit. Fourth, they engage in dialogue with City officials to gain a deeper understanding of municipal affairs, which they can then apply in their discussions with the Youth Advisory Councils.

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

The Commission should address the lack of volunteerism, the excessive amount of pressure to succeed in schools, and the plastic pollution issues in San Jose.

I would like to say . . .

I hope to be appointed to this position once more in order to have a strong end to my high school years.

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EXPERIENCE

Independent Research, San Jose, CA—Researcher

December 21, 2019 —December 25, 2019

Investigated the effects of magnetite on rat neurons and wrote a scientific [paper](#).

Clinical Neuroscience Immersion/Clinical Neuroscience Research Experience, Stanford University — Intern

July 15, 2019 — July 19, 2019

Learned about psychology, neuroscience, and psychiatry. Created a group [capstone project](#) called “Autism Wear,” a smartwatch that would help autistic individuals identify emotions over phonecalls through AI.

Science Gurus, Fremont, CA — Cell-Science Intern

June 2019 - August 2019

Learned about the development of pharmaceuticals and cancer. Wrote about different topics in cancer biology, cancer research, and drug discovery. Wrote a research paper on [HNSCC](#) and a paper on [BCL2 and BCL2 Inhibitors](#).

TeensReach, SJPL Almaden Branch — Vice President

April 2019 - Present

Plan meetings and events for the Teens Reach program at the Almaden Library.

Good Samaritan Hospital, San Jose — Volunteer

April 2019 - Present

Work within the patient services department, performing tasks like discharging patients and providing lab reports to doctors. Help to train new volunteers.

Leland Speech and Debate, Leland HS — Chair for Debate

January 2019 - Present

Taught middle schoolers about LD debate to prepare them for California’s Middle School State Championship. Promoted to high school LD Chair in June 2019.

San José City Hall — District 10 Youth Commissioner

July 2018 - PRESENT

Lead the District 10 Youth Advisory Council to plan and host events. Work with fellow commissioners to plan and host city-wide events. Write policy recommendations and collaborate with commissioners to create a budget recommendation; these are presented to the City Council.

TeensReach, Almaden San Jose Public Library — Tutor

January 2018 - February 2019

Tutored mathematics, mainly pre-algebra to geometry, every Monday.

EDUCATION

Leland High School, San Jose, CA

August 2017 - Present

Junior at Leland High School.
Member of California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Peer Tutor, and Secretary for Medical Club

Scores:

800 on Math II Subject Test
1540 on SAT (1550 super score)

SKILLS

Research
Critical Thinking
Leadership
Communication
Empathy

AWARDS & HONORS

Outstanding Distinction Debate

Earned over 1000 NSDA points
Ranked 10th in LD in California

Volunteered for over 300 hours

Silver Presidential Award
Freshman Year (81 Hours)

Silver Presidential Award
Sophomore Year (221 Hours)

LANGUAGES

English
Conversational Spanish

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Sebastian

First Name

Estrella

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

Please note, applications are continuously accepted to the City of San Jose Boards and Commissions. The Board or Commission you select may or may not indicate there is a vacancy. Your application will remain on file for one year from the date of submission. During the year, your application may be considered for unanticipated vacancies.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

None Selected

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

95126

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Not employer

Employer

No job

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

no spouse

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

No job title

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

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate

[Redacted]

Demographics (Optional)

The demographic information you choose to provide is **VOLUNTARY** and **OPTIONAL**. This information will be kept separate from your application and will not be used for evaluating applications or making appointments. The City of San José will use this information to solely conduct research and compile statistical reports regarding the composition of its Board and Commission applicants.

Question applies to multiple boards

Ethnicity

Question applies to multiple boards

To which gender identity do you most identify?

[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.

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

Languages Spoken

Spanish

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.

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.

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.

Reference 1 Name

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

I help a church every week, currently In a program called LEAD, gave lunches to the homeless people, helped pack packages to the army soldiers.

Question applies to Youth Commission

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I want to help peoples needs so they can help others and teach them how to handle their problem. By doing this we can have a community that does not need needs. If we can handle everyone's problems we can live a simple and happy life knowing that we are spreading good.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Drugs, mental health, discrimination, and communication.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Find solutions to problems

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.

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).

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

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

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 *