Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Giavanna First Name

Vega Last Name

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?

Parks and Recreation 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 7

CA State	95111 Postal Code
State	Postal Code
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Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Spouse's Job Title

N/A

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

N/A

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**

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To which gender identity do you most identify?

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.

San Jose State University- B.A. General Biology. 2015-2017 Willow Glen High School.

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

Hillsdale Neighborhood Association- President. 2020. Compassion International- Missions Trip to Brazil-2015

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

I have been recognized as the top performing esthetician at inSpa. I had the highest retention. along with the highest sales in my department.

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 Parks and Recreation Commission to further engage the community in outdoors activities. I want to engage the younger generations in being involved in a healthy lifestyle to then promote healthy habits that will follow them into adulthood.

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

To change communities the work begins at a community level, which is why I am passionate about pouring time, and my dedication into my community. We are all entitled to the same standard of living, and I want to be a part of a commission that brings that vision to fruition in our streets, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

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.

N/A

Reference 1 Name

Angela Johnson

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Anna White

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.

I have recently started a Neighborhood Association, and prior to that was, and currently am, working with the Community Relations Manager of District 7. This process has given me hands on experience understanding how local government works, which has been a useful tool in understanding how to effect change. It has allowed me to understand change comes in phases, to not give up on my vision, and when we work together the whole city benefits.

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 professional experience, I mastered the art of communication with people from all walks of life. I developed a strong skill in interpersonal communications, and genuinely care for the well-being of people and especially my community. I have also volunteered in various positions in my church, from setting up the auditorium, to working with children. to traveling to Brazil on a missions trip, which has allowed me to develop my leadership skills in various settings.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

I understand that the purpose of the commission is to advise the City Counsil on the city's parks and recreation activities correlated to the district they represent.

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

The three issues facing the city that I feel the Commission should address are: incentivizing children (families) to eat healthy, safe parks for children to play at, and lastly propelling children from ALL NEIGHBORHOODS into favorable positions so they can compete in the technology sector.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

My experience working with government agencies began about two years ago when I sought out information on how to go about cleaning up my neighborhood. I then began to work with the Community Relations Manager of District 7, where we organized our first neighborhood clean-up. established the Neighborhood Association, and did community outreach. It has been a pleasurable experience to witness the community working together to take ownership of what their community stands for and what we represent as a whole.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

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?

Every person wants to be heard, and I find it helpful to alleviate a volatile situation by allowing people to express themselves in a controlled and respectful manner. I would want to hear why a group is in opposition of a proposal, however, if the proposal is for the betterment of the community and there is no sound reason for the opposition, calling in the proper legal reinforcement would be necessary.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

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

I have yet to be involved in a major public policy issue, however I aspire to continue to grow in my leadership and involvement roles with the City. I have assisted in flyering in the neighborhood to bring awareness to upcoming meetings and events, and have enjoyed becoming familiar with my neighbors and surrounding community.

I would like to say . . .

Thank you for your time in reviewing my application. I am honored to be given the opportunity to apply and I have high hopes for the impact we can make as a City, especially in shaping our future generations to lead with values of integrity, respect, confidence and stewardship.

(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 *