

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Huy

First Name

Tran

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?

Housing and Community Development Commission: Submitted

Planning 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 4

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95132

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Justice at Work Law Group, LLP

Employer

Partner

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of 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

[REDACTED]

☒ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

☒ [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.

Santa Clara University School of Law, Fall 2009 – Spring 2012 Juris Doctor with Social Justice Certificate,
2012 San Jose State University, Fall 2001 – Spring 2005 Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Minor
in Economics, Spring 2005 Middle College High School, Fall 1997 – Spring 2001 High School Diploma,
Spring 2001

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

Commissioner, Housing and Community Development Commission, July 2017 to August 2019. Santa Clara County Chief Executive Officer, Office of Cultural Competency Management Analyst, Aug 2016 to Dec 2016 Santa Clara County Vietnamese American Service Center Project Project Lead, Oct 2015 to Feb 2016 Vietnamese American Roundtable (VAR) Core Member, Secretary, and President - May 2015 to present Wage Theft Coalition Steering Committee Member, Jan 2015 to present; Affiliate, Jan 2014 to Dec 2014 A Union of Golden Hearts, Inc. Legal Counsel, 2016 - present Youth Changing Society, Inc. Treasurer, 2016 - present Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California Professional Development Chair, 2013 to 2016

Languages Spoken

English, Vietnamese

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

2018 Community Hero Award - Assemblyman Kansen Chu 2016 Small Business of the Year Award - Senator Jim Beall

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 am applying for the planning commission because San José will be transformed over the next decade. With the arrival of BART and the coming development around Google, every corner of this city will be impacted by the increased demand for housing, the stretching of public services, and the influx of new residents from around the world. As this transformation takes place, we as a city must ensure that we are not displacing the families who have lived in San José for decades, and that we do not push out the teachers, nurses, mechanics, and other workers who make San José run. We have struggled to keep up with the needs of our residents. The unhoused population has increased over 40% over the past two years as rents and other costs of living continue to increase. Right now, a single person making \$66,000 per year, and a family of four making \$94,000 per year, are considered low-income. How we develop and grow will have a major impact on our people, and we need to manage that process to ensure that we create a San Jose for all.

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.

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.

N/A

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

Reference 1 Name

Andrea Wheeler, [REDACTED]

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Thang Do

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Planning Commission,Civil Service Commission,Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices

Are you a registered voter in the City of San Jose? (Please note, your voter registration will be independently verified)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Civil Service Commission,Planning Commission,Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices

Please provide the name and residential address under which you are registered to vote. If it is the same as listed above, please note see above.

Huy Tran, 3004 via Montez, San Jose, CA 95132

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 various boards since 2003, serving in capacities from members of the board of directors to committee chairmanships. The boards that I served on as a student include Student Union, Incorporated and Associated Students, Incorporated while at SJSU, and on the board of community organizations such as United Vietnamese Student Associations and the Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations as an alumnus. Currently, I serve on two boards, Vietnamese American Roundtable, Inc. and Youth Changing Society, Inc., an organization that focuses on engaging with those who seek to create a civil society in Vietnam. I am also a current member of the Housing and Community Development Commission. I also served as a member of the Housing Commission from 2017 to 2019.

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 was a member of the Housing and Community Development Commission from 2017 to 2019. In that capacity, I developed intimate understanding of the rules and regulations that applies to new developments in San Jose, such as the Ellis Act and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. On the Housing Commission, I led the effort to recommend to the City Council that we enact the Commercial Linkage Fee and to study residential vacancies in San Jose. Outside of the Housing Commission, I have worked with organizations representing mobile home residents to advocate for a new general plan designation to apply to mobile home parks.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Planning Commission plays an advisory role to the City Council on matters related to the General Plan, to our growth, and to our development. While it does have final authority on some matters, the Planning Commission - like any other commission - is intended to provide community feedback to the Council as it is comprised of non-elected officials.

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

The Commission's top priority should be generating ideas to increase the housing supply for the LI, VLI, and ELI population. The City is on track to meet its market rate housing goals, but falling far behind on its goals to meet affordable housing goals. Second, the City should prioritize the assessment of how additional housing will affect the ability of the City to continue its current level of services, such as garbage and law enforcement. Third, the City should work with its communities, developers, and other stakeholders to develop a plan to boost the housing supply while matching any growth in the need for services or resources for the additional residents who move in to San Jose.

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If you live in, own, lease or manage property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), please list the address here. This includes mobilehomes, mobile home parks, and apartments/apartment buildings building during or before 1979.

I do not live in, own, lease, or manage property that is subject to a City rent ordinance.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If your employer or other source of income owns, leases or manages property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), or if you are unsure, please list your employer's name or other source of income and address here.

Not applicable.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

I am a current member of the Housing and Community Development Commission, and have served in this capacity for the past two years. I have also worked with advocates for the unhoused and participated in unhoused support programs such as the Point-In-Time Count.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?

I am a current member of the Housing and Community Development Commission, and have served in this capacity for the past two years. Part of our responsibility has been to oversee the Housing Department's use of the Community Development Block Grant.

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I am applying for a Low- or Moderate-Income Position on the Commission. See requirement below.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I qualify for a Low- or Moderate-Income Seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission. Please indicate how you qualify by selecting one of the following:

None Selected

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I meet the requirements for one of the Housing and Community Development Commission Special Eligibility Seats. Please note, if you indicate you are mobilehome resident or landlord representative, you will need to submit a copy of a letter from that organization indicating their nomination of you as their representative.

☒ n/a

Do you have experience in any of the following areas? *

- ☒ Development
- ☒ Lending
- ☒ Community Development
- ☒ Homeless Services
- ☒ Federal Funding

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 *