

**Boards and Commissions Application****Profile**

Richard

First Name

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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?**

Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

**I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): \***

- Electricity Field (e.g. Electrical Utilities, Energy Production, Efficiency, Demand Reduction, Technology, Financing, Policy)
- Energy Advocate

**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 8

  
 Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose


City


CA

State

95135

Postal Code

  
 Primary Phone

  
 Alternate Phone

None

Employer

Retired

Job Title



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

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Presentation High School Board of Trustees 1990s thru 2017 Holy Spirt Church Council 1980s and volunteer positions since to date. Member SCVWD Environmental and Water Resources Committee 2016 and 2017 Martin Fontana Parks Association - Vice President 2016 and 2017

**Languages Spoken**

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English

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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Recognition as founding Executive Director of The Power Association of Northern California (PANC)

**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.**

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I hope to bring expertise and balance to the power purchasing program that results in low cost, reliable renewable power supply.

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

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Council Member Khamis asked that I provide comments during the recent Council discussion on formation of San Jose Clean Energy, which I did, and then suggested I apply to serve on the Advisory Commission. I have studied the history of electric power utility creation and management from the creation of the investor owned regulated monopoly through the power crisis of 2002/3 and recently the creation of CCAs.

**Do you own property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list the addresses here.**

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**Do you rent property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, is it a month-to-month lease?**

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Yes  No

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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 scope 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.

I have retired from my self employment as an Energy industry consultant and have no associations which might create conflicts.

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**Reference 1 Name**

William Conlon PE PhD

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Judith Schwatz - Utility Commission of Palo Alto

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Phone**

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**Supplemental Questions**

**Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?**

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Yes  No

**Would you be available to attend meetings at the scheduled time?**

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Yes  No

**Please describe your experience in serving on a Commission or Board.**

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As Vice President of the Martin Fontana Parks Association I participate in and lead meetings of the Board of Directors. I was also the Calpine Corporation representative to the Silicon Valley Leadership Group specializing in energy policy. I am serving as a District 4 Representative to the SCVWD Environmental and Water Resource Committee. My term ends in December 2017.

**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).**

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My most relevant experience is as Executive Director of the Power Association of North California during the transition to a competitive power market that resulted in the formation of the California ISO, amongst other issues. Subsequently I represented the Calpine Corporation in power contract negotiations at FERC and the CPUC. My consulting practice included advising clients on the creation of Community Choice Aggregations after the enabling legislation.

**What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?**

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To provide advice and power industry respective to the newly created San Jose Clean Energy (SJCE) Staff and City Council as requested. I expect to review and comment on strategy and power market offerings and purchases.

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

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1 - Renewable power sourcing on the wholesale power market and pricing alternatives. 2 - Rate setting for residential and commercial accounts - Market based rates. 3 - Rational approach to the Green Energy Future including establishing achievable goals rather than ideological goals that can not be achieved.

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**Based on the stakeholder categories you selected, please briefly describe your qualifications and applicable experience. Please attach resume at the end of the application.**

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I have over 40 years experience operating, building and developing electric power generation and distribution systems. As Executive Director of the Power Association of Northern California (PANC) I organized programs and advocacy efforts to implement California competitive power markets. I negotiated power contracts with utilities and FERC as an executive of the Calpine Corporation and advocated for establishment of a CCA when President of the Gilroy Economic Development Corporation. I am familiar with the laws and regulations governing the CPUC, ISO and CCAs. Resume attached.

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

**Given the small number of committee members, having a quorum is essential. Please describe your ability to make a commitment to attending and actively contributing to the committee (The committee will meet at least quarterly and in the evenings, but may meet more frequently in the early stages)**

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I am available for all committee meetings and working sessions as needed.

**I would like to say . . .**

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I welcome the opportunity to continue servicing the City as a Commissioner on the Clean Energy Advisory Commission.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## **Retirement Board Questions Only**

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### **Verification**

**By checking the box below, you agree with the following statement.**

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**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.**

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I Agree \*