

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Maria Patricia

First Name

Mendoza

Last Name

Email Address

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Redistricting Advisory Commission: Submitted

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☒ 6 or more years

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☒ District 8

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95148

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

San Jose State University

Employer

Graduate Student

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

County of Santa Clara

Redistricting Advisory Commission:
Mandatory Application Supplemental Questionnaire

Name: Maria Patricia Mendoza

The City Council adopted the following eligibility criteria for members for the Redistricting Advisory Commission: ¹ **Eliminate conflicts of interest:** Prohibit the appointment of an elected official's family members, employees, current or past campaign staffers, or current or past campaign consultants; current and past candidates and officeholders; registered city lobbyists; and major campaign donors (e.g. \$500+).

This questionnaire is intended to identify conflicts of interest in accordance with Council-established criteria. Please answer yes or no to each question. For the purposes of this questionnaire, City Council includes the Mayor and, depending on context, means the City Council as it will be comprised on January 12, 2021.

1) Have you ever served as or been a candidate for City Council? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2) Are you a family member of anyone on the City Council? ☐ Yes ☒ No

“Family member” includes:

- a. By blood: Parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, great grandchildren, or great grandparents.
- b. By marriage: Husband, wife, stepparent, stepchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, half sister, or half-brother.
- c. By law: Guardianship relationships and adoptive parent/child relationships.
- d. Domestic partner: Individuals registered with the human resources department and/or the state of California.

3) Are you an employee for anyone on the City Council? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4) Are you currently or have you ever been paid to work on a campaign for or been a campaign consultant for anyone on the City Council? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5) Are you a registered City lobbyist? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6) Have you contributed \$500 or more to the campaign committee of anyone on the City Council? ☐ Yes ☒ No

¹ See October 27, 2020 San Jose City Council Meeting Minutes, Item 3.5, page 11, available at <https://sanjose.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=790222&GUID=F2978693-B80B-43FD-AAF7-62DA2496E3A9&Options=info|&Search=>.

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I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct. I understand this information may be subject to verification by authorized officials.

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date: 12/18/2020

Print Name:

Maria P. Mendóza

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

Senior Accountant

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

N/A

Demographics (Optional)

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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.

Evergreen Leadership Neighborhood Association- President from 2018 to present -Created the neighborhood association to improve the quality of life of the residents, applied and manage the BeautifySJ Grant and run neighborhood meetings. Library and Educational Commission- District 8 Commissioner 2019 to present -Advocate for District 8 and Citywide Library services and connect these resources to the community San Jose State University- Graduated 2010 -Bachelor's Degree in Social Work with a minor in Gerontology

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

I have been involved in leadership positions in different neighborhood associations since 2015 to present. Library and Education Commissioner since 2019 to present. Worked for the Victim's of Crime Program from 2010 to 2015.

Languages Spoken

English and Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Woman of the Year Award from California Senator Jim Beall - 2020

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 the opportunity to serve in this Commission and represent my district during this important process. I aim to use my community skills and knowledge during the public meetings, use my leadership skills to work with all City staff and fellow Commissioners, and follow all guidelines and requirements during the report and recommendations to the Council.

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.

[REDACTED]

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 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.

Reference 1 Name

Janet Holt

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Jonathan Perez

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

If applicable, 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 currently serve as the Commissioner for District 8 in the Library and Education Commission. I work with City representatives and Library staff along with my fellow commissioner reviewing programs and provide feedback when necessary. We do an annually review and comment on the Mayor's Budget Plans to the Mayor and City Council members. I also represent the Commission at community meetings and events involving the library system. Additionally, I recently joined the Budget Subcommittee which is responsible to prepare recommendations to City Council.

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 extensive experience with community work and organizing that can come as a useful tool in this position. In my current position as the president of the Evergreen Leadership Neighborhood Association, I have created great partnerships with other neighborhood association in my district and neighboring districts enabling me to connect and know those neighborhoods as well. Additionally, I have experience working as a Commissioner and in Subcommittees in the City of San Jose.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of this Commission in to study and make recommendations to the City Council regarding redistricting.

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

The Commission should address in the report and recommendations to the Council equity, community interests within each district and cohesiveness.

I would like to say . . .

Thank you for the consideration, as being a Commissioner in the Redistricting Advisory Board would be a great opportunity for me to demonstrate my abilities and knowledge in City of San Jose.

(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 *

Maria Patricia Mendoza

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
San Jose, Ca 95148

OBJECTIVE

Seeking the position of Commissioner in the Redistricting Advisory Board

EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT

Evergreen Leadership Neighborhood Association (2018 - present)

- Created the neighborhood association to improve the quality of life of it's residents
- Apply for and manage grant funds awarded
- Coordinate community monthly meetings and board meetings

COMMISSIONER

Library and Education Commission

- Represent District 8 at the commission and city meetings
- Advocate for citywide programs and services
- Connect library and city services to the community

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

CLAIMS ANALYST

California Victim's of Crime Program (2010 - 2015)

- Reviewed applications to confirm eligibility for financial assistance
- Worked closely with law enforcement and medical staff to corroborate information during the application review process
- Point of contact for international and emergency cases

SKILLS

- Spanish Bilingual, Biliterate and Bicultural
- Knowledge of Microsoft (Word and Excel,) Internet and Email

EDUCATION

BA IN SOCIAL WORK
GERONTOLOGY MINOR

San Jose State University (2005 - 2010)

CERTIFICATES

RECOGNITION

Woman of the Year Award - California Senator Jim Beall (2020)

DEAN SCHOLAR

San Jose State University (2010)

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Sylvia

First Name

Alvarez

Last Name

Email Address

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Retired

Employer

Teacher

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

n/a

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

n/a

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

CA Teachers Retirement and Public Employees Retirement System for widows

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Samuel Ayer High School, Milpitas 1960-64 San Jose State University, BA, Sociology, minor Psychology 1964-66, graduated 1975 University of California, Berkeley 1966-67 Sociology University of California at Santa Cruz, Teaching Credential 1975-1976 Berryessa School District, Morrill Middle School 1975-1976 Evergreen Elementary School District, 1976-2002, grades 2nd-8th grades Santa Clara University Law School, Juris Doctorate 1980- 1984

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

California Teachers Association State Council, Representative 1985-90, 1996-2002 Evergreen School District, Trustee 2002-2018 Evergreen Teachers Association, President 2000-2002 Senator Elaine Alquist, Education and Latino Issues Consultant 2005-2006 National Education Association/Political Action Committee; Hispanic Caucus Representative 1986-1990 Evergreen Visioning Project for the City of San Jose appointee 2003-2007

Languages Spoken

Spanish and English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Senator Elaine Alquist, Outstanding Woman Senator Jim Beall - Woman Trail Brazer Council member Sylvia Arenas, Outstanding Community Leader, 2017 League of United Latin American Citizens, Outstanding Woman Leader

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 believe that it is important that our districts fairly represent our diverse community in the council districts.

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Reference 1 Name

Anne Foran

Sylvia Alvarez

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Maritza Maldonado

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

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☐ 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.

It was productive and I worked with our families to address the needs they had. We went together to the Board of Supervisors where they presented their concerns and needs. My goal was to empower them to use their own voice.

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).

During my 16 years as a trustee, I participated in changing school boundaries when schools were impacted with too many students attending certain schools while others had lost significant enrollment. We followed a process mandated by the Education code: public hearings and statistics and demographic trends. We use a similar mandated process for closing schools that took a year of study by parents, community members, district staff and teachers.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

to study the results of the 2020 census and how council districts may have been affected.

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

San Jose has districts (downtown, east side councils) that have many underserved citizens because of poverty and shortage of affordable housing and health services and economic opportunities.

I would like to say . . .

that I am committed to doing my best.

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Sylvia D. Alvarez, J.D.

San Jose, California

Education

J.D., Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

Standard Elementary, Life Credential, University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Professional Experience

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| 2005 | Hearing on the Status of Latinos in Education Silicon Valley Experience held by Senator Elaine Alquist, organized the hearing as Education Consultant to the Senator |
| 2005-2006 | Senator Elaine K. Alquist: Education and Latino Issues Consultant |
| 2005- | Latino Fellow, Institute for Non-Violence and Conflict Resolution training |
| 1976-2002 | Evergreen School District, 3188 Quimby Road, San Jose, CA, |
| 1975-1976 | Berryessa School District, 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose, CA |
| 1995-2002 | Evergreen Teachers Association: President (2000-2002), CTA State Council Representative (2000-2002). |
| 1986-1990 | California Teachers Association: Secretary-Treasurer Hispanic Caucus; Association for Better Citizenry Political Action Committee (ABC) Board member; U.S. Senator Interviewing Team; Member of Political Involvement Committee; Member of Task Force for Public School Accountability Report Card as mandated by Proposition 98; California Commission on Teacher Credentialing sub-panel for new teaching standards for middle school mathematics teachers, and evaluation of California Basics Educational Skills Test as it affected minority teacher applicants. |
| 1986-1990 | NEA Hispanic Caucus Representative for 345,000 Hispanic teachers on the National Education Association Political Action Committee; lobbied for increased funds for Bilingual Education Act and Compensatory Education. |
| 1984 | Consultant to Congressman Howard Berman: H-2 workers as they impact domestic workers under the Immigration and Naturalization Act |
| 1983 | Santa Clara University Law School, Summer Internship at Komatsu-Tomasune International Law Firm, Tokyo, Japan. |
| 1964-1966 | Mexican- American Community Services Project: assigned to Community Services Organization, 222 S. Jackson Avenue, San Jose, CA: bilingual information/referral services, interpreter and immigration specialist |

Community Service

2016	Founder of the East Side Promise that includes all elementary feeder schools to East side High School District that established to encourage students who would be the first in their family to go to college if student and parents signed agreement to maintain a B average, involved in student activities, parent information meetings through middle school and high school will be guaranteed a seat at San Jose State University. Contract entered between feeder elementary schools, ESUSD, and SJSU in 2016.
2009-2015	Member of La Raza Roundtable Collaborative Regarding Latino Overrepresentation in the Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice & Juvenile Dependency Systems Within San Jose and Santa Clara County
2008	Founder of the Bi-Annual Advancing Latin/x Academic Success Conference sponsored by Silicon Valley Education Foundation and 32 School Districts,
2008-2009	Member of Transition Team for St. Francis of Assisi Parish
2007-2009	President, Evergreen School Board
2005-2007	Evergreen School District's Superintendent's Leadership Group created to provide conflict resolution training to at-risk students to prevent actions that may result in suspensions and/or expulsion.
2006	Evergreen LULAC Youth Council through Evergreen School District
2003-2007	Evergreen Visioning Project for the City of San Jose
2005-	Founder of Evergreen School District Frontload for Success established to encourage students who would be the first in their family to go to college if student and parents signed agreement to maintain a B average, involved in student activities, parent information meetings through middle school and high school will be guaranteed a seat at San Jose State University. Contract entered between ESD, ESUSD, and SJSU in 2016
2003-present	LULAC Council 3090: President
2002- 2018	Trustee, Evergreen School Board
2000-2002	Diversity Project for City of San Jose
2000-2008	Member, Evergreen Roundtable for District 8
2001-2004	28 th Assembly District E-Board Member, California Democratic Party
2001-2004	Alternate for Assemblyman Simon Salinas, Santa Clara county Democratic Central Committee
2001-present	Member, League of United Latin American Citizens
1999-2013	Member, La Raza Roundtable: Education Committee Chair
1998	Dispute Resolution Training, Office of Human Relations of Santa Clara County
1990-1993	Board member, Eastside Project, Santa Clara University
1975-1980	Board member, Santa Clara County Health Systems Agency, appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent East San Jose, Hispanic community, and women; served on the Planning Committee, and Certificate of Need
1971-1980	Commissioner, San Francisco Archdiocese Commission on Social Justice
1965	Mexican-American Community Services Project; Keynote Speaker on Need to Recruit Mexican-Americans into College, University of Santa Clara and Stanford University

1963-64 Mexican-American Community Services Project, member of Mexican American Youth Organization as a High School Senior to recruit Mexican-American high school students for college

Awards/Recognition

2020 District 8 Leading Lady
2016 Senator Beall Award for Trail Blazer
2012 13th Senate District, California, recognized as Woman of the Year by Senator Elaine Alquist
2006 Assembly Resolution of exemplary record of service to the people of California
2006 California LULAC Second Annual Women's Hall of Fame: Woman Heroine
2002 Santa Clara County Human Relations Director's Award for Community Service to Families and Children
2002-2003 Project Diversity Screening Committee Award for Service
2001-2002 Honorary Service Award: Dedicated Service to Millbrook PTA
1976-2002 Evergreen School District Governing Board of Trustees: Recognition of dedication to educational excellence for all children