

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

Nick

First Name

Patel

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?**

Airport Commission: Submitted

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): \***☒ 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 7

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95136

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

NetApp

Employer

Senior Software Engineer

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

[REDACTED]

**Current Employer of Spouse**

VMware

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

[REDACTED]

**Spouse's Job Title**

Product Manager

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[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.**

Born in California but raised in the Kansas, I came back to my roots and attend Cal Poly. Majoring in Computer Science, I graduated college in 2010. As an innovator in data storage, I have multiple patents in my name. Growing up in the midwest instilled core values where you treat everyone with kindness and compassion. I have a wide range of skills from home improvement to radio host.

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

Tuscany Hills HOA President - 2015 - Present

**Languages Spoken**

English, Gujarati

**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.**

I've always had an interest in airplanes and airports. Currently, I'm racking up hours for my private pilot's licence. I've always looked for a better way of doing things, constantly innovating. Some find budgeting boring, I find it a skillful balancing act. While serving on the HOA board, I've taken the concerns of homeowners and made them my own with compassion and empathy. I've gathered signatures on a petition, put a measure on our local ballot, and successfully passed it to enhance our neighborhood security. It's our civic duty to get involved and make things better for our future generations.

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

Being Green is a responsibility we all have. For the Tuscany Hills HOA, I wrote a solar panel policy in 2016 that would give each homeowner their fair section of the shared roof to install panels. While initially many vendors shied away from our complicated wiring closets, I stuck with it and found reputable options for the community. For the last few years, I've been pushing the City to replace the dead grass on Communications Hill with a vineyard. Our community has a small organic vineyard atop the hill and we are looking to expand it. While our ballot measure narrowly failed, I am not done yet. I am continuing the fight to reduce the community's fire risk and install sustainable landscaping. See <https://www.communicationshillsanjoose.com/> for more.

**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 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.

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

Jerry Strangis

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

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[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

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Susan Hoffman

Reference 2 Address

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[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

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### Supplemental Questions

If applicable, 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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I've had 5 years of experience serving on the Tuscany Hills HOA board. This board is not like your normal ones were they measure your grass. We are heavily involved with the City and new KB Homes construction on Communications Hill. We're home to wonderful look out trails and a Grand Staircase that goes all the way up the hill. It has become a hot spot for activity and we've worked with the City to find solutions. Recently, I spearheaded a petition and successfully passed a ballot measure to add security on the hill.

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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I'm a problem solver. Constantly innovating and looking for better ways to do things. I can balance the numbers and make the tough decisions when needed.

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

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The San Jose Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission is responsible for establishing, maintaining, and exploring methods of reducing carbon emissions and saving energy. The Airport Commission investigates any issues with the airport and the neighboring communities. The commission has a responsibility to both the airport and the community. It must promote the use of the airport but not at the cost of the community.

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

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**Budget** With the recession, we'll need to make sure we spend money wisely and on projects that will benefit the community in the long run. **COVID 19 Safety Protocols** With the City Project's, we'll need to look at our protocols to ensure we are doing our part to reduce the spread. While we may have rules in place, it comes down to making sure City workers follow them. We'll need to make sure we establish health habits. Even after the release of the vaccine, we'll need to keep some safety protocols in place to ensure we reduce the risk of another virus outbreak. **Community Engagement and Education** The community needs to be made aware of the ongoing projects the City is working on. While each project doesn't need its own story on the evening news, we could circulate information through newsletters and emails. This helps keep people engaged and helps the City understand the needs of the community.

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Question applies to Airport Commission

## What are the three most critical challenges facing Mineta San Jose International Airport in the next five years? What do you bring to the table in terms of experience, expertise, or perspective to help address these challenges

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**Transportation** to and from the airport. With rideshare apps becoming more and more popular, we will need to streamline the pick up and drop off process. Currently the rideshare stations end up a mess with people juggling their phones and baggage trying to find their driver. We will need to adapt with the times and rethink the location and the process. **The Economy** With the pandemic impacting travel, we may need to slow down the expansion of the airport. We may have to redirect funding to provide cleaning and protective equipment. **COVID Protocols** Even after the vaccine is released, we will still have lasting changes from the pandemic. We will need to look at ways to keep the habits formed with social distancing and hand sanitization.

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Question applies to Airport Commission

## What can the Airport do to balance its obligations as a “good neighbor” and as a world-class international airport for Silicon Valley? If there is a conflict in achieving an appropriate balance, how would you resolve it?

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San Jose has had a curfew for late evening flights to reduce noise pollution from the planes. While we want to give travelers the most routes and the best prices, international flights can still come in during the quiet hours. We may need to strike a balance by allowing a small amount of traffic to operate past curfew. This could be only on weekends where people stay up longer.

Question applies to Airport Commission

**What can the City of San José and the Airport do to engage Silicon Valley business leaders and other communities to support the Airport's efforts to increase air service and add routes to SJC? What can you do personally to help achieve this goal?**

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Many of these companies host a convention to show off their new products and software. We can work with these business to streamline and increase routes during their event week. We can also find how often and where they travel to for business. For example, a company may make frequent trips to Boulder, Colorado or Austin, Texas. As these new tech hubs are becoming popular, we can offer more nonstop flights out of SJC. This is an exercise in data analytics and interaction with each company's travel department. I would lead meetings with them and crunch the data to improve service and routes.

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

**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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For the last 5 years, I've been researching ways for our homeowners association to get solar. We looked into the HOA installing panels on the land it owns. The process is complicated since each HOA meter gets its own bill. While the meter we have panels on will be generating credits, those credits cannot be transferred to another meter as if they are connected. After many iterations, the board decided to give each homeowner their section of the roof space. I've also relaxed our association rules to allow homeowners to use windows fans and whole house fans. Since our nights cool off quickly rather than running the air conditioner, homeowners can cool their house faster for a fraction of the cost. Rather than using lawn mowers on our hillside, I worked with the City to use sheep to mow down the tall grass. This has benefits all around. The sheep get fresh grass to chew on. The hillside gets fertilized. We reduce our fire risk. Most of all, the kids in the community get a backyard petting zoo. For a digital resume, see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/thenickpatel/>

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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My schedule is very flexible. Our HOA meetings are also in the evenings and I haven't missed one in years.

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

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It would be a honor to join this commission. We need to do our part and find better, more sustainable ways of living. Whether it's installing solar powered traffic lights, LED streetlights, or recycled jeans for wall insulation, the City can set the standard for Green living. For a digital resume, see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/thenickpatel/>

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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 \***