

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Roma

First Name

Dawson

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

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 1

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95117

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

retired

Employer

n/a

Job Title

Current Employer Address

n/a

Current Employer of Spouse

Versatile Power

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

programmer

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

none

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[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.

Shafter High School, Shafter CA Bakersfield Community College, Bakersfield, CA University of California Berkeley, 1970, BA in psychology University of Texas El Paso, MA in psychology

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

Various positions with City of San Jose elected officials and Congressman Zoe Lofgren from 1982 through 2010 including policy analyst, chief of staff YWCA of Silicon Valley, board member, 1990-1994 Tapestry in Talent, board member, president and treasurer roles San Jose Downtown Association, events director, 1991-93 (paid staff) San Jose Convention & Visitors Bureau, Director of Citywide Marketing & Cultural Tourism, paid staff, 1997-1990 San Jose Parks Foundation, board member and treasurer, 2014-2020 San Jose Arts Commission, Chair of Public Art Committee and Executive Committee, 2014-2020 League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara, board member for Program Planning, 2012- current League of Women Voters of the Bay Area, Director for Housing (unpaid), 2016-current

Languages Spoken

English

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 first became interested in Housing Policy when I was COS for SJ Councilmember Charlotte Powers. She chaired the Housing & Community Services Committee. San Jose was just beginning to plan for more homeless shelters. I staffed her as chair to a special task force on homelessness. At this time, there was no Housing Dept. It was done under Redevelopment. As more and more state and federal funding, CDBG etc became available, the Housing Dept. was created. I staffed little housing matters for the last 10 years or so of my career focusing on economic development and land use. After my retirement, I joined League of Women Voters San Jose to volunteer in voter service and outreach efforts. I was asked to join the board. Former SJ Councilmember Nancy Ianni, a longtime League member recommended me to the League of Women Voters Bay Area with a housing portfolio. This League board reviews ballot measures and legislation affecting more than one county in the 9-county Bay Area. In that capacity I have planned many forums and educational events related to housing, specifically the role of MTC/ABAG. Most recently I was lead coordinator for a Community Dialogue featuring Plan Bay Area 2050 and RHNA goals for the Sixth Cycle. I also work with SPUR, Silicon Valley@Home and Destination: Home. I was invited to sit on the Homeless Task Force for League of Women Voters of California to develop a new action policy. I was then invited to join the the League state legislative review committee to review pending state legislation.

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

I have a decades long interest in open, transparent and effective government in San Jose. I support equity in all matters, most especially housing. I am currently lead organizer for Equity in Action Day on March 6 that will focus on implementation and metrics for League of Women Voters' members. I also believe I bring a valuable perspective to the Commission. I am a senior citizen and a renter.

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.

I have been required to complete as the employee of an elected official and as a member of the Arts Commission.

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

Margie Matthews

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Smita Garg

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 very much enjoyed serving on the Arts Commission. It is a significant time commitment given that there are committees involved. That can mean as many as three meetings per month. I look forward to being on a commission that hears more public testimony and seeks out community engagement. We rarely have anyone in attendance at Arts Commission meetings. I look forward to learning more about the various programs funded by other levels of government.

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 feel my recent work with the League of Women Voters gives me a considerable knowledge base. However, serving as a council aide to an elected official has taught me how to be an active and engaged listener.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Advise the City Council on all matters related to affordable housing and community development. That responsibility may also sometimes require attention to the work of other commissions like Parks and Planning Commission

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

It is hard to think of anything other than COVID-19 and how to recover once we get our residents vaccinated. I do believe that the Commission must play a role in helping our neighborhood leaders that the only way out of our housing crisis to face increased density - gentle densification, re-use of commercial sites, etc. The third issue is economic disparity and again how to communicate past practices like redlining that doomed BIPOC and others to less than a fair chance in life.

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.

n/a

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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.

n/a

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What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

I refer to the above answers in terms of my general experience working for a mayor and three members of San Jose City Council, a member of Congress and participation in numerous areas as a community and neighborhood leader.

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

I have not written or been responsibility for reviewing CDBG. However, as an aide to elected officials I have been required to understand what it is and to explain it to community and organizations.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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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:

☒ N/A

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

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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

- ☒ Development
- ☒ Community Development
- ☒ Homeless Services

I would like to say . . .

I very much hope to be appointed. Thank you for your consideration.

(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 *