

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Michael Booker  
First Name Last Name

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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?

Council Appointment Advisory Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Length of Residency

☒ 1-2 years

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here: <https://eservices.sccgov.org/rov/?tab=dt> \*

☒ District 6

[Redacted] Suite or Apt  
Street Address  
San Jose CA 95126  
City State Postal Code

Home: [Redacted]  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

[Redacted] Technical Writer  
Employer Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

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]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

☒ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gender identity do you most identify?

☒ [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.**

-High School Diploma, Winchester Thurston School, 2008-2012 -B.S., Technical Writing & B.A. Professional Writing, Carnegie Mellon University, 2012-2016

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

Grantwriter, Schenley Heights Community Development Program, June 2015-August 2015

**Languages Spoken**

English

**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

100 Black Men 2012 National Mentee of the Year Alice M. Thurston Award, 2012

**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 would like to become a member of the Council Appointment Advisory Committee (CAAC) because I believe deeply that local government and civics is the way to make the most direct impact in a community. The CAAC has both the duty and privilege of reviewing the applications, interviewing the applicants, and nominating appointments to the city council - an unsung task that can directly shape the makeup of the local committees and commissions. With that in mind, I would like to work towards ensuring that all committees are composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds that can take into account as many sides of an issue or resolution as possible. I would work to guarantee that not only individuals of all creeds, colors, or constitutions be represented by their commissions, but that each individual is someone who is stepping towards their role out of love and a passion for their city and its constituents.

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

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I've been passionate about local government for most of my life. I was born in raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and my lifelong goal has always to be the mayor (believe me, it's going to happen). From the first time as a high-schooler that I volunteered with Braddock, PA Mayor John Fetterman to build a baseball field where the local kids my age could play, I have long believed that there's nothing more important than serving the local community.

**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 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?**

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☐ 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.

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**Reference 1 Name**

Kristen Hofmann

**Reference 1 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 1 Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

Jordan Marion

**Reference 2 Address**

[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Phone**

[REDACTED]

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**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.**

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I have experience sitting on several types of boards. My first direct experience was while serving as the student representative for the search committee looking for a new head of my high school. I was involved in directly interviewing candidates to ensure that they met the best interests of the school and the needs of the role. In addition, I have acted as the President of my university's Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Volunteer Council president for the past 3 years - running a yearly budget of nearly \$100,000 and both interviewing, nominating, and helping to lead new additions to the council. Finally, I have acted as a board member and mentor for the Western Pennsylvania chapter of the 100 Black Men since my graduation from high school in 2012, helping the young men and women of tomorrow to see what they can be.

**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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First and foremost, I believe that I have extensive experience interviewing candidates for roles, as I have had to conduct interviews as a part of every professional role I've had and nearly every organization I have been a part of. I also believe that as an individual who has been trained in diversity leadership, I can work to ensure that we are providing both an inclusive environment for our applicants, but also for each member of our committee. Finally, I will bring an unending positivity to the role that is crucial to not only a successful commission, but a comfortable, welcoming, commission environment.

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

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The purpose of this Commission is to review the applications, interview the applicants and nominate individuals for appointment by the City Council when specific roles have eligibility requirements.

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

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I would pick these three issues: - Diversity - Fair/equitable housing - Equitable early childhood education

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

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That we, the people, can make an impact.

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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 \*