

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

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.

Additionally, applicants to the following commissions will be required to fill out a [Form 700](#) (California State required Statement of Economic Interest) within 30 days of appointment.

- Airport Commission
- Appeals Hearing Board
- Arena Authority
- Arts Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee (DCAC)
- Downtown Parking Board
- Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices (formerly Ethics Commission)
- Federated and Police & Fire Retirement Boards
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

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First Name

Koenig

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95133

Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:

[https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple)

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☒ District 3

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 3-5 years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: Submitted

San Jose Unified School
District

Employer

Sub-Teacher

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

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.

Prospect High/1974 Diploma A.S. degree in Early Childhood/C.O.Sequoias/ 1990 attended U.C.Santa Barbara/general ed 1977 Fresno State 2003 B.A. Liberal Studies/Education minor Entrepreneur certificate/adult ed/Del Mar High 2020 Government (SJ) completion/on-line certificate 2026

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

2024-2025 Ad Hoc housing sub-committee presided over by Gina Gates Lopez/Senior Commission of San Jose Black Student Union President/Tulare Union High presided over by principal Howard Berger 2002

Lilian Koenig

Languages Spoken

English/some Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Honor role/college

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.

I have attended quite a few meetings as both a spectator/public commentator/appointed sub/ad hoc committee member the past year. While it has been informative as a participant, I desire to have a seat on the commission where my voice/vote matters. The Senior Commission has had speakers on Medicare/ AARP, nutrition, tech assistance, and other resources within the community. My objective and focus is to continue with that specific agenda, but to advise on other pertinent housing objectives.

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

Having attended the Senior Commission within the past 2024-25 year and contributed to public input on various agenda items, I am passionate about topics pertaining to seniors. This board can't continue to meet without a quorum; members at large need to be selected for vacancies; I would like to serve/ be selected per D3.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

n/a

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently experiencing homelessness or have you experienced it in the past?

☐ 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 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.

None

Reference 1 Name

John B. Henley, Jr.

Reference 1 Address

Saratoga, Ca.

Reference 1 Email address

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Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Carol Searle

Reference 2 Address

San Jose, CA.

Reference 2 Email address

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Reference 2 Phone

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Supplemental Questions

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched 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.

The past year (24-25) I served on the sub-committee of housing on the Senior Commission. PRNS secretary/staff assisted the Ad- Hoc housing sub-committee in its formation and agenda. The delegation of locating various low-income housing/units in the "affordable" range, attending non-profit organizations which specialize in housing policy, speaking with city council reps/staff on access to information all open the discussion on housing issues can best describe my experience.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, School, professional, social, Commissions, Boards, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment.

While attending the various zoom/in-person city meetings (City Council) I would listen to the agenda items and voice my opinion during public comment. My belief is that my opinion matters no matter the decisions made by the organizations. Public speaking is a skill I learned in school and during Toastmaster sessions. As a Sub-teacher, I regularly direct children/teens in a classroom setting per teacher instructions. I attend Important social meetings (Silicon Valley @Home) which can/do pertain to tour AD-HOC Housing. I have also received an Entrepreneur certificate from Del Mar adult ed in 2021 to better my business acumen. As a senior who recognizes my life skills qualify as a component to serving on commissions, I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Participation as an older American, it is my obligation to stay informed about issues, meetings, agendas and input from commissioners. Interacting with staff in setting an agenda for the purpose of bringing those issues to the city council is important. The impact of the meetings sets up a quorum where votes determine whether topics can be expanded upon, such as nutrition in the form of meals served at community centers, which speakers can present and discussion on policy issues affecting seniors.

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

Housing, safety and techie (computer,etc.) issues are critical issues for Seniors. The San Jose City Council has a representative(Pam Foley/Vice Mayor) and staff who does/will address the commission and city council. When the city council meets, budget decisions can alter the direction of the Senior Commission. Policy makers within city government also interject with decisions affecting seniors. Planning commission, housing commission and human services are examples.

What is the purpose of historic preservation in San José and what is the role of the Historic Landmarks Commission in achieving that purpose?

The purpose of preservation is to conserve/protect the architecture of a particular historic district. That includes new development that should conform with those standards. The Landmark Commission must maintain a list of historic structures in San Jose. The Historic Preservation Ordinance includes HP permits to be reviewed by the commission and involve public comment on reconstruction of older buildings. The Alum Rock corridor is an example of o maintaining historic and cultural relevance while developing the area.

Please explain your prior experience with historic preservation, with San José's public planning processes, and in working with City or other public agency staff.

I have attended (via Zoom) the commission on Landmarks via the public forum. While protecting historic buildings, I have maintained that preserving the environmental surroundings,(setting/landscape) such as magnificent ordinance/non-ordinance trees to be just as important. (On record) During the planing process (per Mr. Burton- Director of PBCode) staff recommendation (memorandum) per development projects, (CEQA, EIR), outweighs the impact to historic districts and comments on City Council considerations to those projects. Public input/comments are also welcomed during the review process which might impact an historic neighborhood.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What is a major issue facing San José's older adults and what do you see as the Commission's role in this issue?

Housing issues are a priority for older adults and the role of a Commissioner is to be a proponent for those who are struggling in this domain. The city council and Housing Commission of San Jose work with the County on issues of veteran homeless struggles and unhoused seniors. While the Senior Commission continues to tackle the un-housed population of older adults, it is an area the Commission must face with additional resources and input. The /ad-hoc committee began last year (2024) should be top priority.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

Please describe a leadership role you have assumed within the last five years.

My leadership role as a sub-teacher in various SJ schools; navigating instructions by teachers/staff; attending school board meetings; input on climate change/green spaces on-line/public comment at various board meetings; walking/meeting precincts per candidates; In-home health care for ill mother during Covid; lastly, supervising an autistic adult in various public spaces-all require leadership.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

How would you handle differences in opinions or positions on issues being heard at a Senior Commission meeting?

i have been to many of the Senior meetings which are run by PRNS, who then directs the comment/question period on various agenda items the commission discusses. When there is a difference of opinion the commissioners speak on them when called upon. Discussion takes place and a vote is taken. A quorum needs to be in place for the votes to be counted and recorded. Positions must be heard at the Commission meetings and the individual commissioner is allowed to comment.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

I myself am a senior citizen who currently resides in senior housing. The Senior Commission had a housing sub-committee presided over by past president- Gina-Gates Lopez-on which I served. The issues pertinent to us were affordable housing/ units available/ and interactions with various non-profits/governmental agencies. Seniors don't always understand how to navigate the housing catalogue/qualifications when searching for living accommodations. Safety in our communities is another key issue that the Sr. Commission addressed as well as avoiding monetary Scams. I have experienced all of these first hand and have learned some valuable life lessons, of which Seniors should be made aware. I have attended many zoom board/commission meetings, such as Housing/PRNs/Youth Commission/Climate Advisory, Board of Supervisors, and others. It is important to be informed about all subjects affecting our neighbors.

Anything else you would like us to know?

As a technical issue, I often resort to the library for assistance with my lap-top (computer). Seniors constantly need updates and supports with technology, which includes viruses and security threats. Being independent, seniors are a great benefit to the community via life experience, however ,life-long learning involves updating our skills while navigating the digital/ virtual world. I'm proof that it is possible.

(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 *

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