

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*

Kenya

First Name

Nguyen Vallejo

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95111

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)****[selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple](https://rovservices.sccgov.org/Home/IndexPost?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple) ***☒ District 2**Mobile:**

Primary Phone

Mobile:

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 3-5 years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Youth Commission

Birthdate

2009

San Jose Works Program

Employer

Youth Ambassador

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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

Interests & Experiences

Educational Background: Describe how your education will assist you on this commission. If applying for more than one commission, include the information for all selected.

I am currently a student at Oak Grove High School. I am an upcoming senior and I have just finished my junior year.

Professional Experience: (employer, position) Describe how your employment history will assist you on this commission. If applying for more than one commission, include the information for all selected.

I am a member of the Roundtable Neighborhood Association (RNA) and I have participated in community events and I go to the meetings.

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish

Relevant Skills or Expertise: (e.g. budgeting, community outreach, legal knowledge). If applying to more than one commission, include information for all selected.

Communication, teamwork, hard worker, potential 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 applying to more than one commission, include information for all selected.

I am interested in becoming a member of this Board because I enjoy working and helping out within the community. I believe that this position will allow me to act as a voice for my community and I want to be able to bring change to our area.

For special seats such as Early education seats or HCDC mobile home/low income seats, please describe how you qualify for those special seats. Please visit https://library.municode.com/ca/san_jose/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT2AD_CH2.08BOBU to see if the board for which you are applying has special seats.

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 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. If applying for multiple commissions, please include information for all selected.

Question applies to Youth Commission

• Please state your current responsibilities in other organizations and groups, as well as the time commitment associated with those responsibilities (including family responsibilities).

I participate in the community meetings and events for the Roundtable Neighborhood Association. I am also currently employed by the San Jose Works Program as a Youth Ambassador.

Reference 1 Name

Greg Cajina

Reference 1 Address

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Reference 1 Email address

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Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Sinh Tang

Reference 2 Address

San Jose office

Kenya Nguyen Vallejo

Reference 2 Email address

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Reference 2 Phone

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Supplemental Questions

Please list your community involvement, including jobs and volunteer work.

I work as Youth Ambassador for the San Jose Works Program and I volunteer at the events the Roundtable Neighborhood Association hosts.

In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.

I hope to improve my community by helping empower the people and shed light on their concerns. I want to be able to listen to people and resolve their complaints as they deserve a voice. I also want to be able to keep the community clean and do whatever possible to beautify our area.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel are some of the problems facing the youth of San Jose?

Some of the youth in my community are of low-income families and this can affect their future careers. More programs focused on the youth of San Jose can help them succeed in life. Sometimes, the youth aren't taken seriously and their complaints aren't heard by the public because they may feel discouraged to speak up.

Question applies to Youth Commission

What do you feel the priorities of the Youth Commission should be?

The Youth Commission should serve as the face and voice for the younger population of San Jose. They should be able to communicate with others and bring up points that are relevant to the community.

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.

Although I have not been directly on a commission or board, I have been a member of the Roundtable Neighbors Association (RNA). I have seen the work that gets put in to these community events and I have helped out and volunteered in these events.

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.

As I have worked with the Roundtable Neighborhood Association, I have seen the complaints of the people firsthand and I know what some frequent issues are. I have been a member for many years and I am able to speak up for our community.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To work together as a team and help out the community and listen to the problems of the people.

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

Traffic concerns regarding speeding, the rise in unaffordable housing, people being afraid to contact emergency services due to their current immigration status.

Describe recent San José arts activities you have participated in during the last twelve months (up to five activities) and what drew you to attend?

Dumpster events and litter pickups. I felt drawn to attend because I believe the beautification of our neighborhoods and communities should be a something that we take pride in and work towards.

Describe the ways in which you believe the arts bring value to the general community, and what role should the City of an Jose have in arts and cultural development.

The arts are important to the general community because they bring joy to the people. Murals help ward off graffiti as people are less inclined to vandalize them. The arts help keep people safe in this way, however they also can bring together different cultures and represent these on a large scale to help people feel included. The City of San Jose should have programs or grants where they provide financial support to the community for the arts.

Should the City of San José have an active role in arts and cultural development? If so, in what ways and why?

I do think that the City of San Jose should have an active role in arts and cultural development because if people see that the city is supporting these things, then the community can come together more often and see that there is validation in preserving the arts and cultural development. The city can create programs for painters, performers, actors, etc. to be able to express themselves and provide financial support to them.

How can you contribute to advising City Council on policy and programs related to cultural development in San José?

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

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.

Do you have a background in early care and education issues?

☐ Yes ☒ No

What involvement have you had in library and/or early education issues?

Would you be willing to attend local special events/meetings as a representative of the Library and Early Education Commission?

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, how would you handle a situation where you have a volatile Community group which is opposed to a staff proposal?

Can you provide examples of major public policy issues that you have been involved in and what your role was in the issue?

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

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

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

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

Question applies to Youth Commission

If applicable, have you ever participated in your local District Specific Youth Advisory Council?

☒ No\,

Question applies to Youth Commission

If you answered Yes to the previous question, what are some projects you worked on in your Youth Advisory Council?

Question applies to Youth Commission

If applicable, have you ever participated in the Youth Commission's Special Events such as the Annual Budget Summit?

☒ No

Question applies to Youth Commission

If you are not selected for your district's Commission seat, would you be interested in the Citywide Commissioner role?

☒ Yes

Anything else you would like us to know?

(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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