

Boards and Commissions Application

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Joann
First Name

Nguyen
Last Name

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San Jose
City

CA
State

95132
Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

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

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District 4

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

6 or more years

Joann Nguyen

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Commission: Submitted



California State Assembly
Employer

Field Representative
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

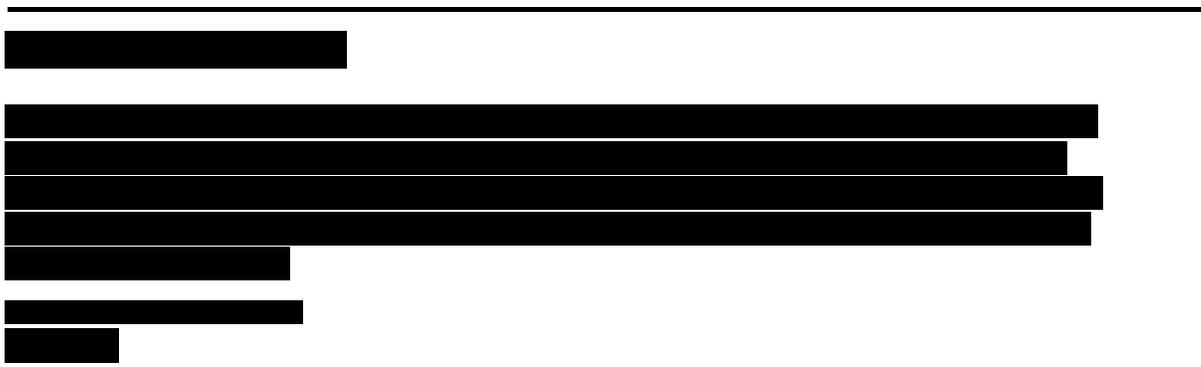
N/A

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]



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.

Piedmont Hills High School - High School Diploma (2015 - 2019) De Anza College - Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts (2019 - 2022) San Jose State University - Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design (2022 - Present)

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

City of San Jose, Department of Parks and Recreation - Recreation Leader (July 2022 - October 2023)
California State Assembly - Field Representative (June 2023 - Present)

Languages Spoken

English, Vietnamese, Japanese

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

N/A

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.

Becoming a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission is not a personal ambition of mine, but a deep commitment of mine to building community through oversight of our parks and recreation services. If appointed, I aim to be a voice for the youth and working class who struggle to access spaces, programs, and services. My dedication to public service and lifelong residence in San José positions me as an ideal candidate for this role, driven by my objective of creating inclusive, accessible, and beautiful public spaces. Accessibility and inclusivity are core in my vision for the City's parks and recreation system. Accessing a nearby park or trail should not be a thing of privilege, but an essential service that the City must provide to all residents. Currently, residents in neighborhoods of lower income have difficulty being able to access a nearby regional park or community park in comparison to neighborhoods of higher income. In advocating for an inclusive parks and trails network, I intend to champion efforts that break down racial and economic barriers when accessing the City's spaces. Providing equitable access to parks and trails regardless of race or income means that every resident should also be able to enjoy the space as clean and beautiful. Certain neighborhoods of San José should not carry the reputation of being dirtier or more unattractive than others. Focusing beautification efforts in areas that have been historically underserved ensure that every neighborhood can access blight-free space. Regardless of what area you live in, all residents should be able to enjoy a clean, beautiful space. Inclusivity extends to our younger residents and the generations that follow. Part of my objective as commissioner includes supporting and enhancing educational programs within parks and community services that are designed to be inclusive. By providing classes, programs, and community events that cater to the unique needs and interests of our youth, we not only contribute to their social and educational development, but we reciprocally create spaces that are fun and accessible to the next generation. My candidacy for the Parks and Recreation Commission is rooted in my unwavering commitment to creating a sense of belonging and equity in our public spaces. Together, as a commission, we can transform our parks, trails, and facilities into vibrant and welcoming spaces that embrace diversity.

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

As a Vietnamese-American and LGBTQ+ resident of San José, I understand personally the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Regardless of income, culture, ethnicity, ability, age, or gender identity, all San José residents have a right to access the City's parks and recreation system. If you live in the community, you deserve to belong in the community. Being non-binary, I believe that I offer a unique perspective needed to the Parks and Recreation Commission to ensure inclusive spaces and programs that are safe and affirming to LGBTQ+ residents.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

N/A

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Yes No

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Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes No

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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.

N/A

Reference 1 Name

Erik Poicon

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Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Anurag Pal

Reference 2 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.

I currently hold no experience serving in any Commission or Board.

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.

Serving under the Director's Office of Communications at the City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services for over a year, I worked to disseminate effective public information and promote community awareness of the 210+ parks, 47 community center facilities, 62+ miles of trails, programs, and services. During my tenure at PRNS, I coordinated with all four department divisions of parks, recreation, community services, and capital improvement projects to produce photography, graphic materials, social media content, and written communications. In coordination with Department leadership, I planned and delivered public information materials used in executing the PRNS' 20-year strategic plan ActivateSJ to connect people through parks and recreation. Before I departed PRNS, I spearheaded the brand identity of the City's marketing campaign #BSJProud that sought to encourage San José residents to take pride in beautifying their neighborhoods. With my deep understanding of the City's premier parks and recreation system and its mission to build healthy communities through people, parks and programs, I believe that my experience and passion serving the community makes me the perfect candidate to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise the City Council and the Department Director on San José's high-quality system of parks, recreation, and neighborhood services system. Drawing upon the Commission's collective knowledge of parks and recreation management, community engagement strategies, and a citizen's perspective, the advisory body contributes essential insights that aid in the formulation and review of policies. At its core, the Parks and Recreation Commission is the cornerstone between the City Council and the community. With my full understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Commission, I aim to rise to the full scope of advising the department's oversight in 210+ parks, 47 community center facilities, and over 62 miles of trails as of 2022 as well as its numerous recreational and youth empowerment programs.

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

As a lifelong resident of San José, I have a deep love for my City and gratitude for its parks and recreation system. In order to build a better San José, key issues that the City must address are bringing more funding for parks maintenance, creating effective messaging surrounding illegal dumping, and improving the 311 app. With 210+ parks, 47 community center facilities, and over 62 miles of trails as of 2022, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services oversees an impressive catalog of amenities. However with the parks deferred maintenance backlog, we are seeing an unfortunate deterioration of these beloved spaces. Residents deserve to enjoy the City's parks and facilities fully activated, staffed, and programmed. The City should explore all options for funding the parks maintenance backlog to ensure that our parks are properly cared for and remain accessible to the public. In the last year, BeautifySJ has overseen a 'renaissance' of blight reduction in illegal dumping removal, graffiti removal, and litter pickups. With the increase of illegal dumping removal from the RAPID team, department staff have attributed the rise to residents illegally dumping instead of scheduling a junk removal service request or attending a dumpster day. By educating residents on BeautifySJ's extensive services through clear effective messaging, we can create a beautiful and blight-free San Jose. The 311 app has proven to be a valuable tool for residents to report non-emergency issues to the City. However, as a regular user of the app, the experience has been slow, unresponsive, and clunky to use. In order to expand our efforts in city beautification, the City must invest in improving the 311 app to make it more user-friendly and something all residents can be proud to use. I believe that the City's parks and recreation system is instrumental in tackling these issues facing San José. If appointed Commissioner, I am committed to working with the Council to address these challenges and build a vibrant and livable San José.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

As a passionate public servant, I possess extensive experience working with government agencies from the local to the state and federal levels. In my current role as a Field Representative for the Office of Assemblymember Alex Lee, I assist constituents with public services and programs as a liaison to agencies on all levels of government. Within four months serving at the State Assembly, I successfully closed over 65 constituent cases and organized 12 community outreach events to connect residents with state assistance. From my former role under the Director's Office of Communications at the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, I am deeply experienced in navigating the City's structure of council offices and departments as well as engaging with local neighborhood and business associations. During my tenure, I assisted the dissemination of information for BeautifySJ's numerous litter pickups, dumpster days, and community outreach events, which involved the active collaboration with the council offices and neighborhood associations. With my extensive history working with public agencies and elected officials' offices, I am confident in bringing that knowledge and experience of governmental relations to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

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?

If appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, I intend to serve the interests of the community and its diversity of cultures and backgrounds by fostering open dialogue and collaboration. In the situation that a volatile community group is opposed to a staff proposal, I would approach the event with transparency and a commitment to inclusivity. By first acknowledging the group's concerns and listening to their position, this establishes the groundwork for trust and respectful communication. Maintaining transparency by keeping the group informed of any developments or decisions is vital to sustaining trust. Most importantly, engagement with the group is not a one-time event, but an ongoing process that necessitates continued communication. With this approach, I aim to create an environment where all community voices can be heard and represented on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Under Assemblymember Alex Lee's vision for his 2024 bill package, I currently conduct legislative research into policy areas on affordable housing, education, and environmental protections while meeting with constituents and interest groups to discuss policy proposals. Though my tenure has been fairly recent, I intend to strengthen my knowledge in local and state legislation in my current position at the California State Assembly.

Anything else you would like us to know?

N/A

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

By checking the box below, you agree with the following statement.

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I Agree *

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Ruth _____ Merino _____
 First Name Last Name

 Email Address

 Street Address

 Suite or Apt

San Jose _____
 City

CA _____ 95128 _____
 State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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District 6

 Primary Phone

 Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

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Ruth Merino

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Appointed

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- Energy Advocate
- Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)

Retired

Employer

Retired

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Retired

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Retired

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

Ruth - City of San Jose pension.

[Redacted]

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 am applying for my second term on the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission. I believe that by participating in the SJ Clean Energy commission I can try to help ensure the successful continued operations of SJ Clean Energy. As chair of San Jose Community Energy Advocates, a volunteer community group, I previously spent 2 1/2 years advocating with our partner organizations for the establishment of the San Jose Clean Energy program. We also reached out to members of the community who joined our efforts that resulted in the unanimous approval of the program by the City Council in 2017. My current objectives on the commission include advocating for the passage of SB612 in 2022 - to ensure that all ratepayers equally share the costs and benefits of the energy they pay for; and the transparency provisions will result in reduced costs for all ratepayers. This year, I called in during the State Energy Committee hearing regarding SB 612 to voice my support; submitted a letter on behalf of SJ Community Energy Advocates to the State Senate Appropriations Committee in support of SB 612, and reached out and called my state senator to support SB 612. In addition, I want to see SJCE offer the highest percentage of renewable energy content at competitive rates. Also, I want the City to include planning for distributed energy resources as soon as possible. I want to advocate to have SJCE receive Smart Meter Data on a timely basis. Currently, PG&E and the other IOUs in California are not providing Smart Meter data to CCAs in a reliable and timely fashion, and this his oversight is causing numerous market inefficiencies, cost allocation issues, and system stability risks. Also, I want advocate for the the California Independent System Operator, (CAISO) to address the problem of exports on pricing, especially during heat waves when market forces and processes allowed by CAISO drive up prices. According to CAISO's root cause analysis of the August 2020 heat waves, some exports which should not have occurred happened because of software problems, which have been fixed, and other exports because of their processes. My understanding is that some but not all of the market processes relating to unnecessary exports during heatwaves (resulting in higher prices) have been fixed. And according to CAISO's 3Q3 2020 Report on Market Issues and Performance: "The total estimated wholesale cost of serving load in the third quarter of 2020 was about \$1.3 billion more than in the same quarter of 2019" page 9 <http://www.aiso.com/documents/2020thirdquarterreportonmarketissuesandperformance-feb4-2021.pdf> This problem of the exports increases pricing and thus SJCE expenses. Also, in 2018, on behalf of SJCE, I opposed SB 237, the Direct Access bill. Unfortunately, it passed. I plan to continue to stay abreast of other legislative and regulatory issues pertaining to SJ Clean Energy.

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

n/a

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

[Redacted]

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Yes No

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Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes No

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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.

Reference 1 Name

Ann Hancock

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Rod Diridon

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

Ruth Merino

Reference 2 Phone



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.

I have served on the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission for almost four years. During my term I have been engaged with the issues facing SJCE, and have been active in providing feedback at the meetings, as well as drafting written comments for inclusion in staff memos to the City Council. Also, as Chair of SJ Community Energy, I led our core team to expand our membership to include other individuals and partnerships through outreach, networking, our web presence, and social media. We had monthly meetings where we strategized our work. We advocated for the program with City Council members (and candidates) and attended Council and committee meetings. During a 2017 state legislative session, I sent a letter on behalf of SJ Community Energy, to all forty state senators opposing a last-minute legislative amendment, which if it would have passed, would have negatively affected not only San Jose Clean Energy, but also emerging CCE jurisdictions throughout the state. Previously, I have also sent advocacy letters on behalf of SJCE to the CPUC. On behalf of SJ Community Energy, I participated on the interview panel for the Director of the San Jose Department of Community Energy. I also serve as Board Secretary on the Board of the Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters.

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.

My experience serving on Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission for the past almost four years qualify me for another term. Also, I have served as the Chair of SJ Community Energy Advocates for six years. In addition, I am a retired City of San Jose Senior Program Performance Auditor where I developed knowledge of the City's policies and processes. I have good writing, interpersonal, research and advocacy skills. While advocating for SJ Clean Energy, I used my auditing skills to research and benchmark CCE factors including financing and the protection of the general fund.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the commission is outlined in the announcement - The CECAC will provide essential advice to the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, and the Director about all aspects of SJCE start-up and operations.

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

As I indicated in my response to the question above regarding my objectives, these are three issues facing SJCE that the commission should address: SJCE needs to continue to support SB 612 tate senator to support SB 612. SJCE needs to plan for distributed energy resources. SJCE should receive Smart Meter Data on a timely and reliable basis. Also, SJCE needs lobby the the California Independent System Operator, (CAISO) tp address the problem of exports on pricing, especially during heat waves when market forces and processes allowed by CAISO drive up prices.

Question applies to Climate 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.

I have served on the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission for almost four years. Also, I have served as Chair of SJ Community Energy for six years where I advocated for the City to establish a community energy program in order to use more renewable energy. I have described my qualifications above. In addition to the work experience listed above, I also worked for Bank of America from 1978 to 1986 primarily as a loan officer.

Question applies to Climate 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)

I am committed to attending all the meetings.

Anything else you would like us to know?

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this commission. I support SJCE's mission to procure clean, cost-effective energy for the benefit of its customers. I am a SJCE 100% renewable energy customer, and I drive a 2019 Kia Niro electric vehicle.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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Victor Niemeyer
First Name Last Name

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San Jose
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CA 95129
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Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

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District 1

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Electricity Field (e.g. Electrical Utilities, Energy Production, Efficiency, Demand Reduction, Technology, Financing, Policy)

retired from Electric Power
Research Inst.

Employer

Senior Tech Exec, independent
consultant

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

retired from Live Oak Adult Day Services

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Program Director

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none

[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.

UC Berkeley, AB Economics UT Austin, PhD Economics

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

Member, Environmental Advisory Council of the New York Independent System Operator (ongoing)
Founding Board Member, Moreland Educational Foundation, representing Country Lane Elementary, for two year term when MEF was first founded (~1990) Advisor to Mayor's Commission on Electric Rates for City of Austin (~1976)

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Many at work, no civic awards

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.

Have followed SJCE since its approval by the City Council in 2017. Believe I have professional experiences and perspectives that can support SJCE's mission in accelerating the transition to renewable energy while managing the financial risks to the City.

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

Have spent my professional life in electric system planning, rate design, environmental risk analysis, environmental markets, power markets, climate policy analysis, and technology assessment of renewables and storage. I am a member of the NYISO's (New York's version of CAISO) Environmental Advisory Council.

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Yes No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

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none

Reference 1 Name

Tom Wilson

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Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Gary Davidson

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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A lifetime of experience in electric power system planning, economics, power markets, and environmental policy. Growing up in Latin America and the Philippines gave me early experience appreciating diverse cultures, and the fortunate circumstances of my own birth. It made me appreciate the importance of preserving diversity for a functioning representative democracy. That, and after four decades working in a not-for-profit with policy makers, regulators, technical colleagues, students, environmentalists, and scientists, I have developed a sense of the qualities people need to work together respectfully toward common goals. I would apply that experience toward selecting strong candidates for the City's commissions.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Provide advice to the City Council on major issues and decisions related to the Council's management of SJCE

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

Supplying clean energy, keeping it affordable, avoiding costly financial market mishaps that would damage the city

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

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A lifetime of experience in electric power system planning, economics, power markets, and environmental policy

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Have the availability, and honoring commitments is important to me

Anything else you would like us to know?

I have attended more than a dozen SJCE meetings, two as a Commissioner, and I have been impressed with the commitment and thoughtfulness of the Commission members and the SJCE staff. Continuing to serve on the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission would be an honor.

Victor Niemeyer

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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- Planning Commission*

Glen _____ Garfunkel _____
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CA _____ 95125 _____
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Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

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

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District 9

 Primary Phone

 Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

6 or more years

Glen Garfunkel

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Appointed

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

Energy Advocate

Retired

Employer

Retired

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

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Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Environmental Education Manager

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

no pension (currently)

[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.

PhD in Physics from University of Illinois, 1982-88. BS in Physics from MIT, 1977-81.

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

Co-founder of San Jose Community Energy Advocates Currently serving on San Jose Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission (~Aug'21 - present)

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.

I have been deeply concerned about climate issues for several decades. I believe CCA's are a great mechanism for local communities to bring about meaningful substantial progress toward GHG reductions. A CCA's impact is just local, but it serves as a model for other communities, throughout the state and country. I started advocating for a CCA for San Jose in 2014. My objectives on the commission would be to provide community based feedback and input, help support SJCE's basic mission (lobby Sacramento, community outreach, etc) and its financial stability, and provide general critical review and input towards its operations and roadmap, where needed.

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

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes No

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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.

none

Reference 1 Name

Ruth Merino

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Julie Allingham

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Email address

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.

Have been serving on CECAC Commission since about Aug. The experience has been very positive; have learned a great deal in the past few months about California energy sector, San Jose City, SJCE, and CECAC, and feel I am in a better position to contribute to the success of SJCE. Have been serving on the special Ad Hoc Committee (within CECAC), which is reviewing a range of SJCE issues.

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.

Experience managing engineering teams in a professional environment. Familiar with CCA history and community, PCIA issues, EJ and equity concerns and some legislative issues. Experience in environmental and community outreach (East Palo Alto).

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

CECAC provides advice to the City Council and Mayor, and key staff, about all aspects of SJCE operations and development. It seeks to identify areas of concern including legislative issues, track CCA best practices state wide and new opportunities for GHG reductions. It also serves as liaison channel to the San Jose community, including the DAC (community).

Glen Garfunkel

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

Assure the robust financial solvency of SJCE, in light of PCIA, COVID, and other impediments that impact the balance sheet. Facilitate transition to EV/clean transportation, and general electrification efforts; these provided the greatest opportunity for SJ GHG reductions. SJCE roadmap for continuous and substantial GHG reductions and equity improvements.

Question applies to Climate 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.

(Please see the other question entries.) SJCE Advocate cofounder, strong believer in CCA concept and the ability of local communities to have a big impact. Professional, technical, science and physics background, with a long standing concern about climate change, and a commitment to the urgent need for GHG reductions. Attending CECAC mtgs.

Question applies to Climate 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)

As I am retired, I can attend any meetings at any time.

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.

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Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

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- 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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Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

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District 1

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6 or more years

Anthony Strawa

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Appointed

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- Community Outreach
- Education/Research Center
- Energy Advocate

retired
Employer

Commissioner
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

retired

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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

I receive a pension from the Federal Government.

[Redacted]

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

I was Chair of the Diocese of San Jose Green Initiative for 9 years, active in promoting environmental and social justice issues in the community. I am an active member in the Citizens Climate Lobby. I taught Environmental Studies at Santa Clara University in 2007 and 2008 and have made numerous presentations on environmental issues at universities and local parishes.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

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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.

None.

Reference 1 Name

Jennifer Thompson

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Reference 2 Name

Steve Zornetzer

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

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Supplemental Questions

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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.

4 yrs as member of the SJCECAC.

Anthony Strawa

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.

I have over twenty-five years of experience at NASA leading teams (4-40 people) in executing projects on time and within budget. I have an understanding of the technical issues involved in sustainability and experience with the critical thinking needed to evaluate new and on-going projects through over twenty years as an atmospheric scientist and promoting NASA technologies. I am aware of the potential environmental and social justice issues that can arise from implementing energy policy having acted as Chair of the San Jose Diocese Green Initiative for 9 years. I have experience providing outreach to the community on environmental issues having served as a Catholic Climate Ambassador for 8 years, giving many talks on environmental and social justice issues at conferences, universities and parishes. I am familiar with the issues specific to implementing a CCA in San Jose because of my active involvement with the San Jose Community Energy group, attending meetings and San Jose City Council meetings.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission is to provide advice to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and SJCE Director about all aspects of SJCE operations. The Commission would provide advice to ensure that the best risk mitigation practices are followed in an effort to provide San Jose residents with clean, affordable, and resilient electric energy. Commission members will also be involved in outreach to the community to ensure that community needs are met to mitigate opt-out risk and meet the City's renewable energy goals.

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

Assisting the City in reducing its carbon footprint while providing affordable, reliable energy to the community; Insuring that implementation of the SJCE maintains the vibrant business community and improves employment in the City, particularly in the sustainability sector, and addresses the concerns of the underrepresented communities in the City; Encouraging sustainable practices in new and retrofit housing.

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

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Community Outreach - As a Catholic Climate Ambassador, I have spoken at colleges, scientific conferences, and local community gatherings on the ecological crisis, its effects locally and globally, and the importance of taking action locally and nationally. I was Chair of the Diocese of San Jose Green Initiative which advocated for environmental action at parishes in San Jose. I have written many articles on the effects and responses to climate change in the Diocese newspaper, the Valley Catholic. Education/Research - I have been an active researcher at NASA in the Earth Science Division studying the effects of solar radiation and particulate matter on climate and human health. I have over 55 peer-reviewed publications. I have taught Environmental Sciences at Santa Clara University and at San Jose State University. I have lectured on environmental issues at universities, colleges, and high schools in the US. Energy Advocate - I am an active member of the San Jose Community Energy Group and have attended City Council meetings in support of establishing Community Choice Energy in San Jose. I am an active member of the Citizens Climate Lobby and have attended their International Convention in Washington DC and met with Members of Congress and Senators to advocate for responsible national energy policies. I collaborated with the local Sierra Club to organize and teach groups of local Climate Action Teams.

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

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Attending Committee meetings will not be a problem. My evenings are free to attend evening meetings. While I need to travel occasionally, I have a good deal of flexibility with my schedule.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I am excited for the opportunity to serve my community as a Commission member in an area so closely aligned with my interests and experience.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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District 6


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Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- Community Outreach
- Energy Advocate
- Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)

volunteer leadership): Climate Reality Project: Silicon Valley chapter

Employer

Founder and Co-Chair

Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

retired

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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

Robert Ruff, my spouse, receives pensions from: * City of San Jose, Department of Retirement Services
* State of California, Public Employees Retirement System (work for Santa Clara County)

[Redacted]

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

* Sam Jose Clean Energy: Selected to as a community non-profit leader supportive of SJCE to represent SJCE in it's press announcement for the Kern County solar and battery storage project. 2022 Media Awards: Pacific Media that I founded in 1990 was awarded over 23 industry awards across 25 years for excellence in video, education, and marketing communication. * General Aviation Aircraft Association: A 1.75 hour on-line interactive course for aviation fuel operators, that I designed and developed, was honored by an industry General Aviation Aircraft Association for excellence and was considered an industry model for best practice training. It incidentally included sections of environmental protection best practices that I worked hard to include in the course work. * Silicon Valley Business Journal: My business, Pacific Media was recognized as one of Silicon Valley Business Journal's Top 50 Women Owned Businesses in 2002 and 2003. * National Association of Women Business Owners: I received a Fellowship to Duke University's small business leader program through the National Association of Women Business Owners. * International Science Fair: As a high school science student I was a two time, 4th place International Science Fair winner for research (1) on human bio-rhythms and (2) common factors analysis between plant and human cancer. in the late 1960's

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.

Virtually my entire life has been devoted to caring about and actively working for a healthy environment. From study about and education directed to environmental protection which now is focused on reducing GHG emissions from our atmosphere in so many ways: building decarb actions, active efforts to support state-wide legislation and policy, active support to avoid the latest CPUC NEM 3 rules that would negatively impact the energy producing role of rooftop solar. I have a special interest in the expansion of solar energy, having added rooftop solar to our home in 2007. And I've actively supported SJCE since its inception with organization tabling teams to promote SJCE, encouraging the formation of the SJCE NGO partner committee, to promoting SJCE via community presentation opportunities and other support along the way. As I move from a more active role in Climate Reality next year, I want to continue and expand my support for SJCE.

OBJECTIVES THAT I FEEL MOST QUALIFIED TO SUPPORT:

PROGRAM STABILITY AND PROGRESS TO MEET THE MISSION This objective includes a number of components including:

- **Strategy Evaluation:** Given my years of evaluation, support for and development of climate/environmental programs and policy, along with creating effective strategy for community climate advocacy, I feel that this is one of my strengths that I'd like to apply in my Commission role. Given my efforts have included renewable energy and building decarbonization, I'd like to provide input to prioritization and implementation of community programs, engagement strategies, legislative evaluation, support and development that strengthens SJCE's capabilities to expand their renewable and carbon-free power portfolio. An aspect of strategy evaluation is **RISK and OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT**. Given my long-time business background that included overseeing all Pacific Media's business relationships and financial activities, I feel competent to support the evaluation of the risks and opportunities associated with various energy and community programs. This includes providing feedback on the success of the program's operational objectives and opportunities to enhance the program's operational success. I believe that my background gives me the tools to ask pertinent questions and work with others to evaluate on reported data.
- **Program Monitoring:** Effective and detailed program monitoring is required. This includes requests for relevant data that is easy to access and to understand regarding SJCE's energy program changes over time, along with data for energy purchasing (procurement process/costs/reliability of supply, etc.), rate setting, and financing indicators all which will permit effective decision-making about the program's effectiveness, impact on both consumers and the City, and gradual/appropriate modifications to increase its renewable energy portfolio advantage.
- **Outcome Evaluation:** Assure that we can successfully evaluate the program's success for appropriateness of renewable energy rates, energy mix percentages, and finding the best in class renewable energy providers for the provision of reliable energy, among other important factors.

OUTREACH and EDUCATION: Given my non-profit and media communications background I want to support SJCE staff's outreach to our rate-payers and residents regarding San Jose Clean Energy's programs, purpose, and the many benefits SJCE provides the community including expanded renewable energy, reduced carbon emissions, long-term rate stabilization including the potential for lower rates (in the long term). I'd like our strategic outreach plans to include all types of rate-payers, from the individual resident to the community business, corporations and non-profit organizations, each with a unique perspective and often with different goals. My background also lends itself to supporting the creation of two-way conversation with residents. Effective channels of communication will also encourage more empowerment to participate by recognizing each segment of the community plays a role in our local energy governance. Being heard also generates greater connection to the energy system (where we get our energy and how it is used). In this way the SJ Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission can be a forum for public input and feedback on issues related to the program.

BUILDING COMMUNITY is one objective of outreach. Given my environmental background, active participation in climate change education and environmental committees on State and Local levels, I'd work to encourage the expansion of our program to include: opt-ups to higher renewable energy percentages (at the appropriate time in the program's maturation), publicize our SJCE program's accomplishments, and bring supportive organizations into collaboration with the SJCE program to encourage the successful implementation of SJCE and other carbon reducing practices that are synergistic with the SJCE program (which could accelerate and increase SJCE program adoption). My active work in the League of Women Voters and Climate Reality, plus connection to other relevant clean energy and climate change organizations, can enhance these efforts.

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

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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

Question applies to multiple boards

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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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Ruth Merino

Karen Nelson

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Reference 2 Name

Kat Wilson

Reference 2 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.

I recently served on the Santa Clara County Housing Authority, Avenida Espana HDC Board as Board Secretary from early 2020 through August of 2022. The board's focus is to review the operations of the housing projects it oversees and to accept the financial reporting, both audits and tax returns for each project. As board members we can question and ask for clarification regarding all aspects of all projects operations. I reviewed and commented on the operation of 9 distinct housing projects. I served as Development Director for the League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara Board of Directors. As Director of funding I was charged with the acquisition of donations and in that role also collaborated with the other directors to oversee all aspects of the League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara operation. I was a board member on the Santa Clara County Sister County Commission (Moscow) in the 1980's. As executive staff to the Board for the Little Miami Scenic River non-profit I was also a member of the Board and oversaw all aspects of the non-profit's operation during my tenure as Executive Director.

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.

There are a number of factors that qualify me for the SJCE Advisory Community Commission including: • The breadth of professional and volunteer experience • Focus on environmental and climate related issues • Active connection with a wide array of community organizations focused on clean energy and climate issues My background spans a wide array of credentials from business to government to non-profit and has been further expanded by working for a very wide range of clients from technology to higher education and environmental products. This broad experience gives me the ability to see the bigger picture from a variety of perspectives, needs and goals. It allows me speak the language of each these spheres. And with my years of work in communication, both for adult education and marketing, I have applied the principals of effective communication to transfer information, thoughts and ideas to create shared understanding, build awareness and change behavior. I've had to respond to client's needs quickly with creative communication solutions that could be implemented within tight budgets. I've had a wide array of roles and experience including as an award winning local business owner that included media based promotion of climate solutions, leadership on local board and commission, founder and chair of a major climate focused organization in Silicon Valley, contract work with Silicon Valley Clean Energy, employment as Santa Clara County environmental planner, Executive of an environmental organization, environmental-centered higher education and award winning International Science Fair participant. Each distinct role has grown my leadership and collaborative capabilities. Virtually all these roles have informed my deep awareness of renewable energy's value to combat climate change. These varied roles all required well-tuned analytical and systems thinking regarding the operation of both non-profit and for-profit organizations dedicated to developing and utilizing systems, technology and programs to address climate and environmental issues. My roles have always required that I successfully evaluate the consequences of proposed solutions and opportunities to discover innovative ways to achieve operational goals. This multi-faceted expertise enhances my ability to think strategically about programs and operations. And usually in roles that are collaborative, I've honed my communication skills both in team settings and in the development of written documents that support plans, strategies, reviews, advocacy and promotion of ideas. My attached bio details my broad experience.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding is that the San Jose Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission's purpose is three-fold including:

- First and foremost is to act as a bridge of communication between the community and SJCE that provides a free flow of input from the San Jose community via members who have expertise related to SJCE's objectives.
- Provides thoughtful and studied review and comment regarding a wide range of SJCE's functions for on-going operations. Our reviews and comments on SJCE's operations offer community insights to SJCE's decision-making.
- To support the staff's outreach to the community that encourages greater community involvement in SJCE's programs. The Commission's advice and comment extends to the SJCE Director and staff that work to assure the SJCE is meeting its goals and providing thoughtful consideration to address challenges that arise from the external policy of the IOUs, state and local players, as well as the economic, social and regulatory environment. The chapter may at times communicate with other City of San Jose staff including the Mayor's office to build strong ties of understanding regarding SJCE and relevant topics external to SJCE's goals and strategies. Some of the key functions we focus our review and comment on include:

- Energy procurement, PCIA related issues and response to local, state and now Federal legislation and policy.
- Community programs that SJCE is now able to expand, especially to support the shift to all-electric with emphasis on assuring equitable opportunity to participate in these programs.
- Community outreach where our role can extend beyond comment on marketing and staff outreach efforts to also act as a voice from SJCE to the San Jose community.

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

Three San Jose issues the Advisory Commission should address all relate to accelerating GHG emission reduction in our community and, given SJCE's mission, should focus on those specific issues most alleviated by the expansion of renewable and clean energy for the community.

ISSUE 1: SJCE has the means to accelerate a shift to all-electric infrastructure by households, business and organizations. This requires providing adequate clean energy to support the shift. It also requires education about the value of all-electric and the means for residents to financially make the shift which is based on rebates and lower cost funding mechanisms that are tailored to the needs of that sector, whether household, business or organization. Providing rebates for heat pump technology helps encourage people to go all-electric. Heat pump technology will continue to expand as both residents and contractor/installers are made aware of the benefits and have the capability to select the right heat pump technology with installation know how. Encouraging more solar rooftop installations is accelerated by SJCE providing education, working with the City to simplify the permit process, protecting the NEM 3 rules to avoid excessive PG&E rate increases that will discourage rooftop solar, sharing the solar incentives and encouraging low-income residents to apply for low cost and no cost systems.

ISSUE 2: SJCE can also influence the shift to electric vehicle transportation. SJCE is and should continue to support convenient access to EV charging at single family households, multi-family complexes and other public locations via educating the public about incentives, low financing costs and system discounts. Hopefully as SJCE has more discretionary funds, it will also be able to provide rebates and other financial encouragement to install EV charging, especially level 2 and 3 stations.

ISSUE 3: Reducing electric energy costs. This is a challenging issue given the role PCIA plays in rate-setting. However, with the slow reduction of PCIA costs to SJCE, the negative impact of this factor may diminish. Right now, SJCE is tracking with PG&E rate increases for a variety of reasons. Although the challenges SJCE faces to reduce the rate structure are many and complicated, a larger electric rate differential and therefore lower rates compared with PG&E would also encourage greater use of clean energy.

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

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The stakeholder categories I selected include: Community Outreach, Energy Advocate, and Environmental Association/advocacy. COMMUNITY OUTREACH and ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION/ADVOCACY are very closely aligned for my qualifications and applicable experience. My decades of work as a communicator and educator has honed my skill-set to communicate with varied audiences using a variety of tools from presentation, to news media, social media video and using online interactive tools. Via my Pacific Media business, I produced hundreds of marketing and instructional messages for clients. For the Climate Reality chapter our monthly newsletter achieves an average 61% to 69% open rates which is an very high industry metric. I've utilized social media for decades in my business and activism work and success requires an understanding about how to best market and promote messages to the target community. My work has targeted business audiences, narrow niche environmental audiences, and broader community audiences of varied demographics. My work includes the design and development of digital marketing, sales, corporate communication, education and training tools. These skills can be usefully applied to the planning, development and evaluation of SJCE's outreach tools and efforts. My business efforts to advocate for clean technology through my former GreenTech TV website, environmental media work for clients, and my climate change volunteer work with the Climate Reality, League of Women Voters, and 350 Silicon Valley has focused on advocating for GHG reduction via a shift to clean energy for buildings and transportation. My work has included strategic program planning for climate change, presentation development and delivery, committee leadership, along with legislative analysis and research to develop position statements on environmental topics. • LOCAL NGO LEADERSHIP. I founded the Climate Reality Project: Silicon Valley chapter in 2018. Since then I have acted as Chair and now as co-chair. An example of our chapter newsletter and the emphasis we place on SJCE partnership and energy related topics can be found here. <https://conta.cc/3w3PPQM> • LONG-TIME ACTIVE SJCE ADVOCACY. I've actively supported SJCE since its inception with organizing tabling teams to promote SJCE at events, encouraging the formation of the SJCE NGO partner committee, to promoting SJCE via community presentation opportunities and other support along the way. • BUSINESS OWNER: As a 28 year diversity small business owner, I worked extensively with all types of clients getting to understand their needs and motivations. I've supported organizations from: FORTUNE 500 FIRMS like Cisco, Apple, Intel and NetApp and many others to small business such as Steinberg Architects. GOVERNMENT including the California Department of Public Health, City of San Jose, Union City, and others. NON-PROFITS such as AVID (preparing students for college readiness) and CA Forward, among others. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS such as University of California, San Jose State, Evergreen Valley Community College, Stanford University and the National Science Foundation. ENERGY ADVOCATE My capability to play an energy advocate role comes from a number of directions including: • SUPPORTED SVCE's energy programs via articles, tabling and other means and have closely followed SJCE's energy procurement efforts, the PCIA challenges, rate structure policy and other energy related efforts. • ACTIVELY ANALYZED LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL ENERGY LEGISLATION AND POLICY o Worked closely with Dave Rosenfeld, Executive Director of the Solar Rights Alliance, consulted SJCE for their opinions regarding the CPUC proposed NEM 3 rules, and worked to ask the League of women Voters at the state level to change their policy regarding support for the CPUC rules

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and worked in tandem with a Climate Reality Silicon Valley chapter member to research and release a background report on the genesis of the NEM 3 rule language. o Actively analyzed, wrote public articles and educated about on a number of California State energy related bills in the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions. o Actively worked on San Jose's reach code adoption process in 2019 and 2020 via meetings with San Jose Council members, reach code adoption articles to educate and promote support. • SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY CONSULTING for All-Electric Energy. I consulted with Silicon Valley Clean Energy to develop a 5 hour video course designed for contractors and installers to learn fundamental knowledge about the value of shifting infrastructure to all-electric. Key topics included heat pump technology and products, induction technology, solar rooftop installation, and an introduction to the wide array of all-electric appliances. My role during this 1.5 year contract included project management, instructional development and design. I also consulted with SVCE to work on online Board Member education that describes SVCE's history, role and programs. Separate from this project was the creation of a highly produced 7 minute video to educate board members about the varied impacts of climate change and the urgency to take action. • GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING. My education and professional work as an environmental planner has given me an understanding of how to successfully work with agencies, government departments focused on energy policy development and implementation. • BUSINESS OWNER: My 28 year business ownership experience will help me evaluate energy procurement plans and implementation for effective financial and sound management practice. For all three stakeholder categories, I can add my communication background, advocacy experience and knowledge and business perspective to the Commission while drawing on my experience in government and non-profit work to offer a broad understanding of the needs and goals for a wide array of stakeholders.

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

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I am completely available to attend all meetings along with a commitment to actively contribute to the work of the commission. I welcome a frequent meeting schedule that assures we are moving forward in a timely manner. Serving on the Advisory Commission will be my highest volunteer priority. I fully expect and look forward to spending significant time devoted to successfully fulfilling my duties as a member of the SJCE Community Advisory Commission. I also anticipate that my broad community connections in the climate and renewable energy space will facilitate a more responsive and effective contribution to the commission.

Anything else you would like us to know?

In addition to the two references noted above I would like to submit two additional references that can comment on my background, relevant to the Commissioner position: Diane Bailey, Executive Director, Menlo Spark and Director of Fossil Free Buildings Silicon Valley [REDACTED]; Peyton Parks, Energy Services Lead, Silicon Valley Clean Energy [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]. And for reference the titles of my first set of references are: Ruth Merino: Chair, San Jose Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission Kat Wilson: Climate & Sustainability Policy Advisor, Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo Current local community NGO organizations I am affiliated with that are relevant to the Commission role and demonstrate my ability to support effective community outreach: * Climate Reality Project: Silicon Valley (founder and co-chair) * Fossil Free Buildings Silicon Valley (member and active for reach codes efforts) * Building Decarbonization Coalition and their The Switch Is On campaign (member of the NGO Ambassador advisory committee) * League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara (member and monitor the climate change/natural resources committee) * Elders for Climate Action (they are a partner with CRP SV) * Sierra Club - Loma Prieta (member) * Mother's Out Front (member and active relationship with the local leaders)

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
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William _____ Devincenzi _____
First Name Last Name

_____ _____
Email Address

_____ _____
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose _____ CA _____ 95135 _____
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

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

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District 8

_____ _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Submitted



Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- Community Outreach
- Education/Research Center
- Energy Advocate

Retired
Employer

Retiree
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

Retired

Address of Current Employer of Spouse



Spouse's Job Title

Retiree

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

CalPERS



[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.

Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco, Very knowledgeable 1961; St. Mary's College, BA, School of Economics and Business Administration, 1965; UC Berkeley, MBA, Accounting and Finance, 1967;

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

Army Audit Agency, 1966 - 1969; Foundation for Global Community, CFO 1996 -1999, Board of Directors 1999 - 2010; Elders Action Network, Treasurer - Board of Directors 2018 to present.

Languages Spoken

English, Italian

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Valedictorian, Sacred Heart High School; CPA, State of California; President, San Francisco Chapter, Financial Executives International 1992; Outstanding Undergraduate (1998) and Graduate (2004) Instructor, College of Business, San Jose State University; Outstanding Lecturer, San Jose State University, 2008 - 09; Climate Champion of the Year, 2022, City of San Jose.

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.

After retiring from business and teaching, I did some soul searching as to what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. What came to me was the Climate Crisis. I have been a climate advocate since 2018 when I completed Climate Reality training with Al Gore and the Climate Reality Project; I have given over 50 climate reality presentations over the past 5 years; I am a chapter leader in the NorCal chapter of Elders Climate Action; These experiences give me excellent background to perform on this Commission.

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

I am passionate about working to mitigate the impact of climate change and create a livable future for my Children, Grandchildren, all Future Generations and all Life. I founded the Sustainable Villages Community organization where I live to educate residents on the dangers of climate change and how sustainable living practices can mitigate the impact; I also write a weekly newsletter to family and friends on the same topics.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

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Do you rent property in the City of San José?

Yes No

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Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes No

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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.

Reference 1 Name

Julie Benabente

Reference 1 Address

Environmental Services Dept., 200 E.Santa Clara St.

Reference 1 Email address

julie.benabente@sanjoseca.gov

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Vincent Del Casino

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

Office of the Provost, San Jose State University

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.

Board of Directors and Chairman (3 years), Silicon Valley Federal Credit Union, 7 years; Board of Directors, Foundation for Global Community 12 years; Board of Directors and Treasurer, Elders Action Network 2018 to present; I make it a priority to attend all meetings and be well prepared.

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 a senior financial executive, 10 years at the VP Finance or CFO level, I have excellent fiscal skills and can provide valuable financial input on the projects that come before the Commission; I have had 25 years of experience as a lecturer at San Jose State University and have exceptional presentation skills; My five years experience in the climate crisis arena give me excellent background for the topic at hand; served as a member of the San Jose Climate Smart Committee for three years.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Advise and make recommendations to the City Council and the City Manager on all aspects of the San Jose Climate smart plan, with a focus on the pathway to carbon neutrality by 2030. Also to serve as a community voice in matters related to San Jose's Climate Smart initiatives, and make recommendations on San Jose Clean Energy services and product offerings, integrated resource plan and other programs.

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

How to make electrification of households affordable to all residents of the City of San Jose; Implementing the Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030 plan; better advertise and implement San Jose Clean Energy's services and product offerings.

Question applies to Climate 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.

Very knowledgeable on the subject of the Climate Crisis; able to communicate the issues of, and the solutions to, the climate crisis, and provide advice as needed; am very passionate about this issue and feel a moral and ethical responsibility to do all I can to make it right.

Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

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I have served on numerous Boards and have rarely missed a meeting. I take these commitments very seriously and can be depended upon to do my part.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I have had two careers, 29 years in financial management, and 29 years lecturing on financial management at San Jose State University. These skill sets, plus my passion for dealing with the Climate Crisis over the past five years make me an excellent candidate for this Commission.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Tracy _____ Wang _____
First Name Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

San Jose _____ CA _____ 95119 _____
City State 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?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple> *

District 10

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

None Selected

Tracy Wang

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Question applies to Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)

Town of Los Gatos
Employer

Transportation & Mobility
Manager
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.

I am not married.

[Redacted]

Question applies to multiple boards

[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.

Presidio Graduate School (2023 Candidate) Certificate of Sustainable Leadership California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (2003 - 2010) Master of City and Regional Planning, graduated with distinction(2010) Specialization in Transportation Planning and Urban Design Bachelor of Architecture, magna cum laude(2009) Minor in Sustainable Environment Minor in Real Property Development

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

Transportation and Mobility Manager at the Town of Los Gatos (2022 - current) Transportation Intern at Valley Transportation Authority (summers, 2008 and 2009)

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

TDM - CP (2020) LEED AP (2009) ACT 40 Under 40 Award (2020) Tesla Top Talent Award (2018) AIA Student Design Award Nominee for thesis design of urban ecovillage at Tamien station (2009) Faculty Recognition Award (2010) Dean's List (12 quarters)

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 am applying to become a member of the newly forming Climate Commission to help implement the Climate Smart San Jose Plan and also assist with climate resilient transportation infrastructure. I have a background in transportation. Transportation is one of the three key areas for San Jose to meet their goal of carbon neutrality by 2030. Also, out of the nine key strategies listed in the Climate Smart plan, five have to do with transportation. My strong passion for the people and the planet has been the constant through-line in my career and one that I want to continue to pursue. I have spent the past decade in the transportation industry developing and delivering innovative, sustainable, and scalable commute solutions with the goal of reducing congestion and emissions.

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

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

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Yes No

Would you be available to attend meetings at the scheduled time?

Yes No

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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)

I have the equipment and technology to participate in virtual meetings and the transportation means to attend in person as needed, aside from occasional evenings when I need to present or be present at Town of Los Gatos Council meetings, or potentially attend classes for my sustainability certificate.

Anything else you would like us to know?

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Linda _____ Hutchins-knowles _____
First Name Last Name

_____ _____
Email Address

Street Address _____ Suite or Apt _____
 San Jose _____ CA _____ 95118 _____
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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District 9

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Length of Residency

6 or more years

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Climate Advisory Commission: Submitted



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Charge Across Town	Multi-family Housing Senior Manager
<small>Employer</small>	<small>Job Title</small>

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

Cisco Systems, Inc.

Address of Current Employer of Spouse



Spouse's Job Title

Market Intelligence Manager

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

N.A.



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Interests & Experiences

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Earlham College, 1985-1989, earned B.A. in Spanish and Philosophy in 1989; La Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 1987 (Spanish-language exchange program); Holy Names University, 1997-1999, earned M.Ed in 1999.

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

Community representative on San Jose's Climate Advisory Board (CAB) from 2023 to the present; Co-Lead of the EV Charging for All Coalition from 2021 to the present; Co-Founder, Team Coordinator or Organizer of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley from 2016 to the present; Member of the Board of Directors of the Northern California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association from ~2000-2004.

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Commendation from San José City Council (shared with Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley) in 2022; San José's Climate Smart Champion of the Year in 2019 (shared with Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley--then called South Bay); Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship for independent research in Latin America and Africa; Phi Beta Kappa; Highest College and Departmental Honors from Earlham 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.

As a local environmental and community leader, I'd love to serve on the Climate Advisory Commission to support the equitable implementation of the San José Climate Smart plan and Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030, while also striving to increase climate adaptation, resilience and family-sustaining jobs. I'll draw on my decade of experience in climate advocacy to provide useful feedback on staff recommendations to the City Council and T&E, serving as a community voice on San José's Climate Smart initiatives. As the Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on San José Clean Energy's services and product offerings, Integrated Resource Plan, and programs, I'll keep equity front and center, striving to keep costs as low as possible for ratepayers and channeling revenues into financial incentives programs to enable income-qualifying residents to replace polluting gas-powered appliances with clean, efficient, climate-friendly electric ones. I'd love to support SJCE to become a model CCA that helps San José achieve our GHG reduction targets with 100% carbon-free electricity while also advancing climate justice and equity.

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

I'm a dedicated volunteer whose personal mission in life is to help drive collective action to preserve the life-support systems of the planet and accelerate a just transition to a sustainable and equitable society.

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Yes No

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[REDACTED]

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Yes No

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Reference 1 Name

Ruth Merino

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

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Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Susan Butler-Graham

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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.

Beginning last spring, I serve as a community representative on San Jose's Climate Advisory Board (CAB). I also served as a member of the Board of Directors (and Scholarship Committee Chair) of the Northern California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association from ~2000-2004.

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.

I possess the following relevant skills: • grassroots community organizing and advocacy • data literacy • strong verbal and written communication in both English and Spanish • collaboration and conflict resolution skills. I also possess the following knowledge and experience: • climate literacy (causes and solutions) • expertise in building electrification, electrified transportation, and clean-energy policies. In addition, I've completed several relevant trainings, including: • Racial Equity training with Race Forward • Leadership Training with Showing Up For Racial Justice • Convergent Facilitation Training with the Center for Efficient Collaboration. I've also given trainings and workshops in equitable EV charging and building electrification.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the Commission is to: • advise and make recommendations to the City Council and the City Manager, or designee, on all aspects of San José Climate Smart plan, with a focus on the Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030 and climate adaptation; provide feedback on staff recommendations to the City Council, and Transportation and Environment Committee, when appropriate; • serve as a community voice in matters related to San José's Climate Smart initiatives; and • advise and make recommendations to the City Council and the City Manager, or designee, on San José Clean Energy's services and product offerings, Integrated Resource Plan, and programs.

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

• How to increase the tree canopy in East San José and source funding to maintain the trees to reduce the urban heat island effect; • How to inspire residents and landlords who can afford it to replace gas appliances with electric ones and how to provide rebates for residents and landlords who cannot afford to do so; • How to ensure that multifamily residents can access the lowest-cost electricity rates for charging to reduce the biggest barrier to EV adoption, the lack of home charging.

Question applies to Climate 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.

I've been an advocate for equitable and effective climate policies since 2013, first as a volunteer and then as a professional grassroots organizer and e-mobility educator. Since 2016, I've supported and helped to advance virtually all of San José's climate initiatives: forming San José Clean Energy, developing the Climate Smart San José plan, protecting Coyote Valley, declaring a Climate Emergency, adopting a strong reach code and gas infrastructure prohibition ordinance, launching the Climate Smart Challenge, committing to and designing a Pathway to Carbon Neutrality by 2030, supporting One Day One Action, and preparing to update the reach code for EV charging in multifamily housing. Under my leadership, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley partnered with ESD on the Climate Smart Challenge from 2019-2021, hiring Spanish- and Vietnamese-speaking Community Engagers to inspire a diversity of residents to participate in the challenge. We found that the most effective approach wasn't to emphasize doing good deeds for the environment, but rather to educate residents about the financial and health co-benefits of climate-smart actions, like reducing their energy and grocery bills by installing efficient electric appliances and shifting to more plant-based meals, and improving their indoor air quality by replacing gas stoves with induction cooktops. I can leverage this awareness when providing feedback on ESD and CED programs. Over the past 2.5 years, I've cultivated a wealth of knowledge about barriers to EV adoption and ways to overcome them, especially for apartment renters and low-income residents, which could also be useful to ESD and CED as they seek to support an equitable transition to electrified transportation.

Question applies to Climate 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)

I can commit to attending virtually all of the Commission meetings and will actively contribute.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I'm very happy that the City is forming a CAC and would be honored to serve.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Linda Hutchins-knowles

Verification

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I Agree *

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

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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*

Lucia _____ Marquez _____
First Name Last Name

_____ _____
Email Address

_____ _____
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose _____ CA _____ 95127 _____
City State 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?selected=dt&electionId=133&distance=5&navtab=vc&asm=simple> *

District 5

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

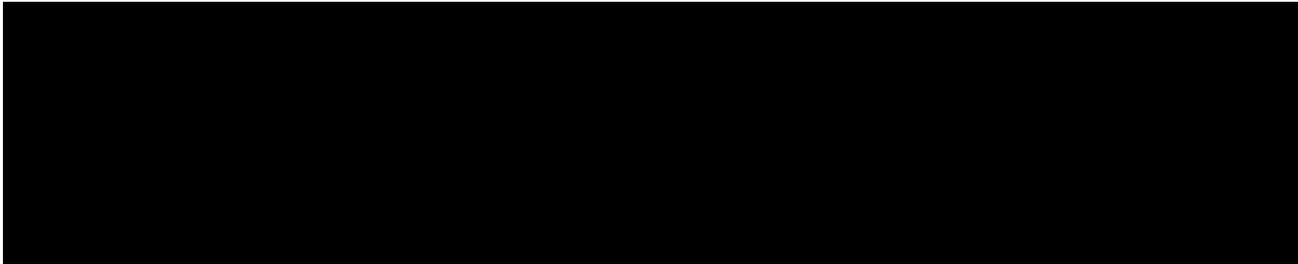
Length of Residency

1-2 years

Lucia Marquez

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Submitted



Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)

Peninsula Open Space Trust
Employer

Community Engagement Intern
Job Title

Current Employer Address



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.



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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.

San Francisco State University, B.A Environmental Studies, Emphasis in Environmental Justice and Conservation. Date of degree 05/24

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

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, community engagement intern

Languages Spoken

English, Spanish

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.

I believe my academic background, job exeperienes and personal values resonate with becoming a member of the Climate Advisory Commission. Having devoted my academic career at SFSU to studying and underlying the root issues of climate change, environmental injustices and find solutions, it is not only beneficial for my career but also a personal one. San Jose is my home, and growing up here I have witnessed the environmental inequities my community has faced. Everyone deserves to have access to the public outdoors, a connection to nature and opportunities for for a deeper appreciation and understanding of the natural environment. My only objectives if I got the opportunity to be a member is to work towards building relationships with the local community and essentially be aware of their needs and how we can foster more resources. This can include promoting more outdoor recreational programs or events ran by environmental non profits, and also support and advocate for initiatives that enhance environmental safety and resilience. It could be as easy as planting trees in these neighborhoods and cleaning up local parks. I am a firm believer in local mobilization, the importance of individual action are essential components to addressing environmental problems. I also want to implement climate resilience infrastructure, youth engagement, recreation leisure and habitat restoration.

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

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes No

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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.

Reference 1 Name

Jennifer Vega

Reference 1 Address

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Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Enrique Honesto

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

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.

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What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

a commissioner serves as a specialized advisory or decision-making body that will address specific issues at large within the local government.

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

more funding for East San Jose, climate mitigation infrastructure plans, Lake Cunningham restoration

Question applies to Climate 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.

An understanding of equity and environmental advocacy, public advocacy, collaborative approaches, communication skills, data analysis, educational background and professional experience in environmental education.

Question applies to Climate 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)

Reliable attendance both in person and zoom if necessary. Effective communication to ensure any unforeseen circumstances that may impact attendance. Flexibility with work and school are prioritized in the mornings, therefore evenings are free. I have a long term dedication to public service and environmental advocacy and want to ensure I make a positive impact within the scopes of my responsibilities.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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I Agree *

Boards and Commissions Application

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- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Housing & Community Development Commission
- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission*

Mani _____ Bekele _____
First Name Last Name

_____ _____
Email Address

_____ _____
Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose _____ CA _____ 95112
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here:
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District 3

_____ _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

6 or more years

Mani Bekele

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Submitted



Question applies to Climate Advisory Commission

I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- Energy Advocate
- Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)
- Other - Please explain in application

N/A (I am a highschool student)

Employer

N/A

Job Title

Current Employer Address

N/A

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.



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- [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.

Currently freshman in high school - home schooled and dual-enrolled at Foothill College

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

San Jose Team Co-Lead in the nonprofit organization Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition from Senator Dave Cortese, as a youth leader of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

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 want to become a member of the Climate Advisory Commission to be part of the solution to climate change in our city. I want to bring attention to the most effective solutions the Council can implement to reduce San Jose's carbon footprint and to aid in a speedy and thorough implementation of our Climate Smart goals, especially carbon neutrality by 2030, a focus on equity, and improving quality of life for residents in concert with climate solutions.

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

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes No

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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.

Reference 1 Name

Rohan Pandit

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Mani Bekele

Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Linda Hutchins-Knowles

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

████████████████████

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.

I have not served on a board or commission. However, I have attended SJUSD School Board, Santa Clara County Board of Education, and San Jose Youth Commission and City Council Meetings and made public comment on climate-related issues.

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 a team co-lead in Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, I have learned how to work effectively in a team setting, to help plan and organize meetings, agendas, and projects, and been trained on a range of issues relating to climate change including green career paths and participation in local government. Additionally, I have done a lot of independent research on climate change science and solutions through sources like NASA's online climate database and Project Drawdown. I've used this to help operate and present in an initiative of high school students educating 200+ younger children in schools and libraries about climate science and solutions to global warming. This helped me gain a better understanding of how to effectively organize and share information, particularly around environmental topics. In State Senator Josh Becker's Fall 2023 Youth Climate Action Bootcamp, I learned from a variety of expert speakers about Bay Area wild lands and biodiversity and public transit operations and policy. I've also participated in Climate Smart San José's GoGreen Teams and Climate Smart Challenge, and taken a Climate Reality Project training focused on implementing the incentives of the Inflation Reduction Act in our local communities.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

In my understanding, the purpose of the Climate Advisory Commission is to give recommendations and feedback to City Council and staff regarding topics covered by our Climate Smart San José Plan and related programs and to assist in gathering community feedback.

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

I believe three vital issues for the Council to address are: 1) Climate Change Solutions; decarbonization, reducing vehicle miles traveled, improved public transit, urban canopy, green space, and sustainable farming 2) Homelessness; more affordable housing, eviction prevention, mental health and substance abuse treatment 3) Public Safety and Quality of Life; pedestrian safety, fentanyl response, improved mental health care, more access to nature, parks, and community gardens, cleaner neighborhoods, preventing and addressing crime

Question applies to Climate 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.

I am an active youth leader of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, a nonprofit focusing on environmental and clean energy advocacy and education/community outreach. As part of Climate Smart Silicon Valley's Families Team, I created and distributed resources to educate households on what they can do to be part of the solution to climate change in their daily lives and tabled at an Earth Day event. I've also been actively involved with local government on climate issues. For the "Other" in the Stakeholder Groups category, I'm referring to youth advocacy.

Question applies to Climate 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)

I will very likely be able to consistently attend and contribute to meetings in the evening, particularly with advanced notice. I will prioritize this and can rearrange my schedule accordingly.

Anything else you would like us to know?

Regarding the next box, as a high school freshman, I don't yet have a resume written up, but I could put one together if it is needed later on. Additionally, I saw that there is a spot on this commission for a youth representative and I would be thrilled to help bring a student's perspective to our city's climate response!

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

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I Agree *

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Phillip **Remaker**
First Name Last Name


Email Address


Street Address Suite or Apt

San Jose **CA** **95120**
City State Postal Code

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

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

District 10


Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

6 or more years

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Climate Advisory Commission: Archived



I am applying under the following stakeholder categories (Pick top 3): *

- Electricity Field (e.g. Electrical Utilities, Energy Production, Efficiency, Demand Reduction, Technology, Financing, Policy)
- Energy Advocate
- Environmental (Association, Advocacy, Justice)

Cisco Systems
Employer

Director. Strategy and Planning
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

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[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.

Master of Business Administration | Santa Clara University conferred 2007 Master of Science, Electrical Engineering | Santa Clara University conferred 1996 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering | University of Pennsylvania conferred 1989

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

Board Member, Center for Cisco Heritage, 2012 to present, affiliated with the Computer History Museum. Volunteer, Repair Cafe Palo Alto and Repair Cafe Mountain View, 2013 to present

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

> Author, Internet Engineering Task Force RFC 4335 - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc4335/> > US Patents 7,271,502 7,743,174 7,945,646 8,116,442 8,719,203 9,220,007 10,057,210 10,373,086 > IEEE Senior Member (honor afforded to only 8% of the 463,000 IEEE members) > Samsung Hope for Education Award, writing selected from a pool of ~8,000 applicants for a \$60,000 grant for a K8 school. > Singularity University Executive Scholarship, writing selected from a pool of ~4,000 applicants for a \$8,000 scholarship. > Top Writer on Quora.com with over 91 million answer views. Top 10 Viewed Writer in Computer Networking, TCP/IP, and Internet Protocols.

Question applies to multiple boards

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 a personal interest in clean energy and sustainability, as well as scaling of power delivery and better economic outcomes for consumers of energy providers. The high expense and low reliability of PG&E concern me, and I think the city can play a big role in better energy experiences for San Jose citizens. I have an interest in local generation and microgrids, but know that their disruptive nature will prevent uptake by investor owned utilities. San Jose may have a chance to lead, here. At Cisco, part of my work is on the Sustainability Technical Advisory board, and get to see full lifecycle impact of design decisions and the vexing accounting practices which make it hard to do the best things for the long term. That team has been incorporating greenhouse gas emission models, and it seems that the industry from producer to consumer is in a place where innovative technology and novel economic models will lead to outcomes which are both financially better for end users as well as good for the long term impact on the environment. My specific objectives are seeing San Jose become a international leader in energy delivery, through influence, investment, and innovation.

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

A recent fiasco with PG&E showed me just how consumer-unfriendly and indifferent power companies can be. It should be much better. I'm inspired to help.

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

Question applies to multiple boards

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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.

Reference 1 Name

Joseph Pinto

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Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Jim Cunneen

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Email address

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Reference 2 Phone

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Supplemental Questions

Question applies to multiple boards

If applicable, have you ever attended or watched a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To provide input to the city council for running, operating, and growing San Jose Clean Energy, the supplier of electricity to San Jose citizens, which offers greater control for driving clean energy sources.

Question applies to Climate 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.

I have operated in a technical, strategic, and evangelist role driving evolution and change at Cisco Systems, and can apply those skills to explain complex concepts in simple ways and make distant connections from diverse stakeholders to surface interesting and innovate ideas; Status quo can always be changed, and people can often find common cause with common goals.

Question applies to Climate 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)

My job has little travel, and I also have little personal travel. I can almost always get to a location in San Jose for a meeting with a week or less notice, and can always manage a video call on shorter notice.

Question applies to multiple boards

Anything else you would like us to know?

I've lived in San Jose since 1993 and the Bay Area since 1989. I'm a big booster of the city and love where I live. I'd like to do what i can to give back.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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