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- Planning Commission*

Louie

First Name

Ruvane

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95113

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

Home:

Primary Phone

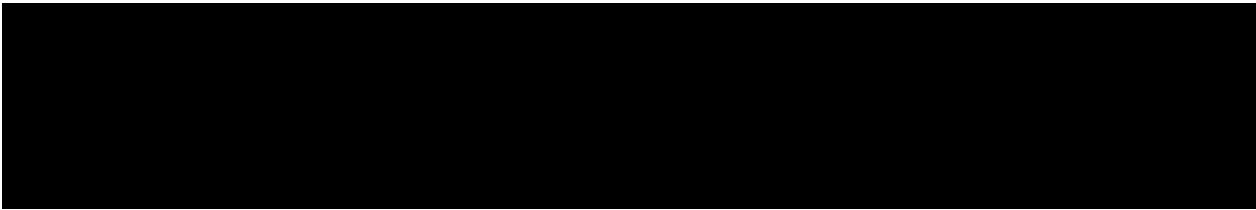
Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 3-5 years

Louie Ruvane

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Downtown Parking Board: Submitted



Question applies to Downtown Parking Board

To which position are you applying? *

☒ Member of the Downtown Business Association

Orangetheory Fitness
Employer

Owner
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

☒ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

☒ [REDACTED]

Interests & Experiences

High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or Other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates Attended, Degree and Date of Degree.

Wake Forest University, BA Communication, 1988

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

Alameda Business Association 2016-2023

Languages Spoken

English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Orangetheory Franchise Advisory Committee Member

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 advocate for small businesses and how parking impacts retail customers and employees. I'm also interested in making Downtown more accessible to the public to build the vibrancy of Downtown.

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

I worked for the Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres as they built their downtown ballparks and parking considerations and planning were a big part of both development projects.

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

Louie Ruvane

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

Reference 1 Name

Victoria Chiampas

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Trip Ruvane

Reference 2 Address

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.

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 35 year career in business has given me a wide scope of experience that I can bring to the board. I am heavily invested in the success of Downtown San Jose and will work hard to do all I can to make improvements.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

To assist the City in making parking work for all stakeholders.

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

Educating the public that parking in San Jose is plentiful and affordable. Ensuring current parking revenue is generating the funds needed for the City. Discussing a plan to make employee parking more accessible to increase the available pool of recruits.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I look forward to contributing to the board.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Louie Ruvane

Verification

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

I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted.

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Sara

First Name

Ghalandari

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95125

Postal Code

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☒ District 6

Mobile:

Primary Phone

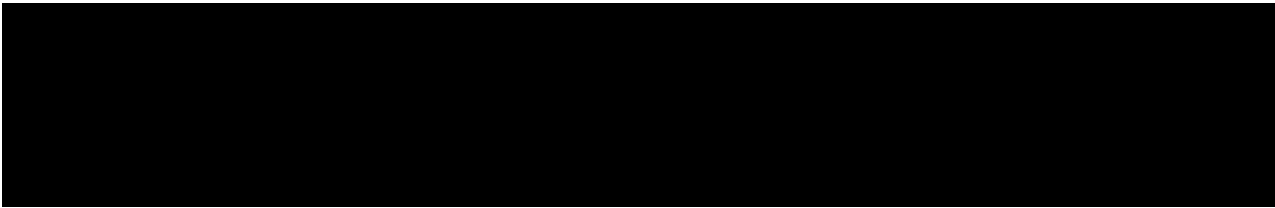
Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Sara Ghalandari

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic Landmarks Commission: Submitted



Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, LLP
Employer

Of Counsel
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

Messing, Adam & Jasmine

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Spouse's Job Title

Attorney

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

[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.

In 2003, I graduated from Saratoga High School. In 2006, I graduated with high honors from University of California, Davis completing a B.A. in Political Science. In 2010, I completed my J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

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

N/A

Languages Spoken

English, Farsi

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Regents Scholarship from University of California, Davis Prosser Prize from University of California, Berkeley School of Law

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.

The primary reason for my desire to become a member of the Planning Commission or Historic Commission is because I love my City. I have been a resident of San Jose for most of my life. I grew up here, and my family and my closest friends remain here. Thus, it would be a privilege to serve my hometown and the people that make it special. Furthermore, I am passionate about land use and development. It is the central focus of my legal career. I am a land use attorney and have been practicing in this field for over 13 years. In the course of my career, I have represented developers in the entitlement and construction of many different types of projects, including large master planned developments, urban infill projects, historic buildings, mall redevelopments, offices, hotels, and residences, including multifamily and affordable housing. I have worked very closely with different cities in the Bay Area to entitle large master planned developments, including conducting environmental reviews, and drafting and negotiating development agreements. I have represented Habitat for Humanity on a pro bono basis in their development of affordable housing projects in the Bay Area, including San Jose. I am extremely knowledgeable regarding all aspects of entitlement and development, including zoning, historic resources, CEQA, and state streamlining for housing, design, and infrastructure. I wish to use the expertise that I have gained through the course of my career for the benefit of my community. I believe my knowledge and skill set will help the City to make sound, well thought-out planning decisions in furtherance of the policies expressed in the General Plan. As a member of these commissions, I would work towards making San Jose an even greater city by implementing the community's vision for San Jose. Specifically, I would work hard to implement the following goals: sustainable and environmentally sensitive housing production to help the City meet its RHNA housing goals, sustainable and transit friendly development, increase in production of affordable housing, and streamlining opportunities for housing development in particular.

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

Throughout my legal career I have served my community and others by working pro bono on various charitable causes, including: (i) volunteering for Habitat for Humanity to help deliver affordable housing to the Bay Area, (ii) providing legal advice to Muttville, a senior dog rescue non-profit that is headquartered in the Bay Area, (iii) providing land use advice to Homey, a San Francisco non-profit that works directly with youth and young adults in schools, on the street and in jails to deliver workshops, services and empowerment activities to our community, and (iv) representing Afghan families seeking humanitarian parole in the United States after the withdrawal of American troops in 2021.

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

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I regularly represent developers seeking entitlements from from local and state agencies, including City planning commissions. If my firm were to represent a developer in this capacity in San Jose, I would disclose it pursuant to Chapter 2.08 of the Code. If I were to be awarded a position on any of these boards or commissions, I would be conflicted out of working on any such matters.

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Reference 1 Name

Mary Murphy

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Allison Kidd

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Sara Ghalandari

Reference 2 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices,Civil Service Commission,Planning Commission

Are you a registered voter in the City of San Jose? (Please note, your voter registration will be independently verified)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Civil Service Commission,Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices,Planning Commission

Please provide the name and residential address under which you are registered to vote. If it is the same as listed above, please note see above.

Sara Ghalandari, [REDACTED]

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 never served on a Board to Commission, but I have extensive experience appearing before Boards and Commissions as part of my career as a land use attorney, including the San Jose Planning Commission, the San Francisco Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission and Recreation and Park Commission, the Santa Clara Planning Commission and the Oakland Planning Commission and City Council.

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.

Given my 13 years experience as a land use attorney, I not only understand the rules of order, processes and and local and state laws governing Boards and Commissions, but I also understand the laws and processes that apply to the matters which they are hearing, including the Brown Act, Permit Streamlining Act, California Environmental Quality Act, housing streamlining legislations (AB 2011, SB 35, etc.) and Zoning and other applicable controls. My practice centers on land use and real estate matters, with an emphasis on successfully obtaining land use entitlements for major real estate development projects in the Bay Area, and throughout California, as well as advising institutional investors and lenders on development-related matters. Capitalizing on my deep understanding of both local government and the laws governing development in California, I work with clients to strategically navigate the complex interaction of local and state land use laws, politics / public policy, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and development agreement statute. I have expertise in CEQA matters, zoning law, and historic preservation standards and ordinances. I am also a member of SPUR, and in this capacity, I participated in workshops and committees related to housing production and revitalization of areas of in San Jose and the Bay Area. This past year, I guest lectured at UC Berkeley Real Estate Development and Design program - the topic was Development Agreements.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council, but is also empowered to directly grant certain permits, such as Conditional Use Permits. The Planning Commissioners must serve the public interest and ensure that the general plan is implemented by reviewing development applications on a case-by-case basis. The planning commission also certified Environmental Impact Reports, and acts as an appellate body on certain planning director decisions. The Historic Landmark Commission: The HLC serves as a public hearing body and is responsible for forwarding comments and recommendations to the Director of Planning and City Council on a number of matters pertaining to historic structures, including historic preservation permits.

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

1. Increased Housing Production, through approval of high density mixed use development (ground floor retail / commercial, upper floor residential) near transit. San Jose has a number of potential opportunity sites that would be suitable for sustainable and responsible development that would weather economic downturns and provide housing for San Jose's resident, while at the same time including business opportunities for commercial users. 2. Revitalization of Downtown San Jose. With the congruence of the Diridon station, museums, SJSU, Guadalupe park and SAP Center, Downtown San Jose is a perfect location for activation and mixed use development that will support long term success. Downtown also has a number of historic structures and neighborhoods that should be preserved and revitalized. 3. Homelessness and Public Safety. At the forefront of every San Jose resident's mind is the homelessness and public safety crisis that is weighing heavy on cities all through the Bay Area.

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you meet the requirements for appointment to this commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

As one of the first towns founded in California, San Jose has a long and important history that needs to be protected and nurtured. In particular, and as expressed by the Council in its adoption of Chapter 13.48 of the Municipal Code, "qualities relating to the history of the City of San José and a harmonious outward appearance of structures which preserve property values and attract tourists and residents alike be preserved; some of these qualities are the continued existence and preservation of historic districts and landmarks; continued construction of structures in the historic styles and a general harmony as to style, form, color, proportion, texture and material between buildings of historic design and those of more modern design; that such purpose is advanced through the preservation and protection of the old historic or architecturally worthy structures and neighborhoods which impart a distinct aspect to the City of San José and which serve as visible reminders of the historical and cultural heritage of the City of San José, the state, and the nation." The Historic Landmark Commission is tasked with carrying out the above identified goals and policies by acting as a public hearing body responsible for forwarding recommendations to the director of planning and City Council on historic preservation permits, nomination for City landmarks, historic districts and conservation areas, and mills act historic property contracts. The HLC may also list properties on the historic resources inventory.

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

I have expertise in obtaining land use entitlements for historic properties, including CEQA review for historic properties and compliance with Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. I have worked closely with historic planners in San Francisco on the rehabilitation of historic properties, as well as historic architects and consultants. I have not worked on any historic properties in San Jose - however, I have worked on entitlement and land use diligence projects in San Jose, and in this capacity, have worked with San Jose city planners and have significant knowledge of the San Jose public planning processes, including zoning code, general plan, environmental review process and development policies.

Anything else you would like us to know?

As I progress in my career and raise children in San Jose, I am looking for ways to apply my 13 years of land use and zoning expertise to serve my community. I can think of no better way to do that than to serve on the Planning Commission or Historic Landmarks Commission. It would be an honor to serve my community in this way, and to help maintain San Jose's ranking as one of the best Cities in the Unities States to live and raise a family. I am deeply passionate about planning and issues facing our community today, including streamlining housing production, increasing affordable housing, helping keep our street safe and clean, helping our homeless residents and continuing to increase our property values through responsible and thoughtful planning for the future.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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Alain

First Name

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Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95136

Postal Code

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☒ District 2

Home:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Alain Mowad

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing and Community Development Commission: Submitted



Talkdesk, Inc.	Senior Director, Product Marketing
Employer	Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

Discovery Charter Schools

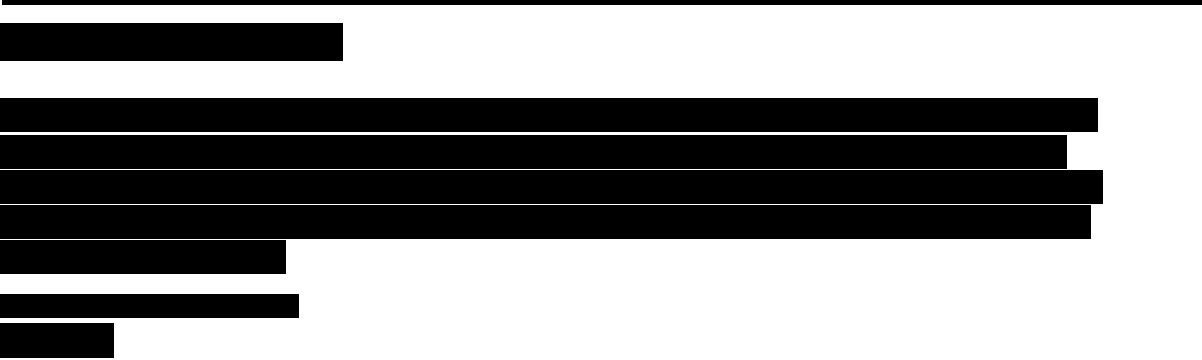
Address of Current Employer of Spouse



Spouse's Job Title

Teacher's Aide

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



☒ [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.

University of Montreal, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration (Major: Applied Economics) - 1989-1991
Control Data Institute Diploma of Collegial Studies (Major: Programmer/Analyst) 1991-1994

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

President, VEP Neighborhood Association (July 2022 - Present) Board Member at Large, Gunderson High School Foundation (August 2021 - Present) President, San Jose Unified Council of PTAs (June 2019 - June 2021) Executive Vice President, Pioneer High School PTSA (August 2015 - June 2019) Events Co-Organizer, Herman Middle School PTSA (2012-2015) Finance Committee Member and Volunteer Chaperone, Pioneer High School Performing Arts Program, (August 2015 - Present)

Languages Spoken

English, French

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 would like my district to have a strong voice in the affairs of our City Council and in the decisions that are being made that impact our community specifically with relations to housing and housing development. I believe I can bring a lot of fresh ideas around smart planning for housing that will help us shelter more of our unhoused community while at the same time putting in place a plan for medium to longer terms solutions for affordable housing in San Jose, using the funds available to us.

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

Reference 1 Name

Wendy Close

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Helen Chapman

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

helen.chapman@sanjoseca.gov

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

Alain Mowad

Please describe your experience in serving on a Commission or Board.

I currently serve as President of the VEP Neighborhood Association serving the communities of Carson, Vistapark and Parkview. I also serve as a Board Member at Large for the Gunderson High School Foundation. Previously, I served as President of the San Jose Unified Council of PTAs as well as President of the Pioneer High School PTSA.

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 business experience along with my experience in leading both community and school associations provides me with the skills I need to make this office successful. In particular, being President of the VEP Neighborhood Association has helped me better understand the challenges our community is facing (not much different than other communities) regarding unhoused residents and the lack of affordable housing better informs me to come up with smart proposals to address both in District 2 as well as proposals to share that responsibility across all Districts.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Provide recommendations to the City Manager on appropriation of federal and state funds as well as other discretionary funds toward smart urban planning, temporary and affordable housing.

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

1- Increased incidences of crime, both violent and no-violent, including sidseshows; 2- Homeless encampments and handling the unhoused situation in San Jose with more temporary housing; 3- The increasingly poor conditions to the roads, especially the increased number of potholes on busy streets.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If you live in, own, lease or manage property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), please list the address here. This includes mobilehomes, mobile home parks, and apartments/apartment buildings building during or before 1979.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If your employer or other source of income owns, leases or manages property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), or if you are unsure, please list your employer's name or other source of income and address here.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

My experience has been mainly as President of the VEP, understanding how the lack of affordable housing and accommodations for our unhoused residents has negatively impacted the community at large, and advocating for and proposing solutions to our District Councilmember and the Mayor's office.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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

The program uses funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to allocate funds to approved community housing initiatives such as emergency housing. The Commission would provide recommendations for initiatives that would leverage those funds to the City Manager.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I qualify for a Low Income Seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission. Please indicate how you qualify by selecting one of the following: Refer to this link to determine your eligibility:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/90049/638003812008400000>

☒ N/A

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I meet the requirements for one of the Housing and Community Development Commission Special Eligibility Seats. Please note, if you indicate you are mobilehome resident or landlord representative, you will need to submit a copy of a letter from that organization indicating their nomination of you as their representative.

☒ n/a

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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

☒ Community Development

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

I am applying for the Lived Experience Seat in Homelessness on the Commission.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If you are applying for the Lived Experience Seat, please describe your experience with homelessness. Include when and for how long you experienced homelessness, and any information you'd like to share about how you lost your housing.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Have you stayed at any shelters or used any homeless services programs?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience any homelessness in Santa Clara County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Did you experience homelessness in San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

How would you use your experience with homelessness to inform your work on the Commission?

Anything else you would like us to know?

You can review my experience and credentials via my LinkedIn profile:
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/alainmowad>

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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

Ken

First Name

Brennan

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95120

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 10

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency☒ 6 or more years

Employer

Job Title

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

☒ [REDACTED]

Interests & Experiences

High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or Other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates Attended, Degree and Date of Degree.

I have a B.S. in Finance and Marketing from San Jose State University. I have an A.A. in Real Estate from DeAnza College. I worked in Corporate Finance for over 20 years and several local tech companies before changing careers to Real Estate Investing. I am working on my Certificate of Real Estate Development at San Jose State University. I spend 6 years in the Army Reserve as a skills instructor. I have numerous hobbies and interests including following current issues at the local and national level and making sure our government is accountable to the citizens it represents.

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

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.

My 20+ years of financial management background can help make financially prudent recommendations to the council.

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.

[REDACTED]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ 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.

I do not see any conflicts by serving on this board

Reference 1 Name

Doug Bloomquist

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

Gwen Tran

Reference 2 Address

Ken Brennan

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.

I am currently serving on the board of a private 300 member swim and racquet club in my community. I am the treasurer of the board and am in my 5th year on the 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.

Lifetime citizen of San Jose. User of parks, 20 + years in Corporate Financial and Operations Management. 6 years in US Army reserve. Grad from San Jose State University. Board member for local Swim and Racquet club. Husband and Father of 3 young boys. Y guides leader.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Provide recommendations to City Council on Parks related matters.

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

Poor park maintenance standards, poor operations management of City run parks like Cunningham, inefficient and poor Human Resources management.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

Please describe your experience in working with governmental agencies.

In my real estate investing activities I have worked with County and City governments.

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?

I would hear all sides, weigh the impact of the proposal to the majority of San Jose Citizens and not just the vocal minority and then make recommendations based on what's best for the citizens of San Jose.

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?

I am aware of many issues in my community but until now have not had time to get involved. I am now available and interested and concerned about the issues in our city and want to get involved.

Anything else you would like us to know?

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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Giovanna

First Name

Erkanat

Last Name

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Suite or Apt

San Jose

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State

95126

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

Home:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Length of Residency

☒ 3-5 years

Giovanna Erkanat

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: Submitted



City of Redwood City
Employer

Management Analyst II
Job Title

Current Employer Address

[Redacted]

Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Spouse's Job Title

NA

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

[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.

High School Degree: Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, CA University of California, San Diego Degree: Bachelor of Arts Major: Sociology Dates Attended: September 2005 - June 2009 Date of Degree: June 2009 University of Bologna, Italy Degree: Master Major: Development, Innovation and Change Dates Attended: March 2011 - March 2012 Date of Degree: March 2012 Syracuse University, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Degree: Master of Public Administration (MPA) Field of Study: Public Administration Dates Attended: July 2017 - June 2018 Date of Degree: June 2018

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

Management Analyst II at Redwood City - Community Development and Transportation (Government Agency), June 2021 - current Management Analyst at City of Palo Alto - Library Department (Government Agency), December 2018 - June 2021 Extra Help Human Services Analyst II at San Mateo County (Government Agency), October 2018 - December 2018 Fellow at the Central New York Community Foundation (Charitable Organization in Syracuse, NY), September 2017 - May 2018 Development and Volunteer Manager at The Arc San Francisco, (Charitable Organization), April 2016 - June 2017 Donor Associate/Assistant Manager/Program Associate at the St. Anthony Foundation of San Francisco (Charitable Organization), May 2012 - November 2015

Languages Spoken

Italian, Spanish (Conversational), Turkish (Conversational)

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'm interested in becoming a member of the Senior Citizens Commission because I'm concerned about the wellbeing of seniors in our community. My mother is a senior living in San Jose and I see the issues that impact her day to day life. My mother lives in a senior mobile home park in San Jose, her cost of living on a fixed income is concerning to me and has inspired me to get more involved. Specific objectives I would work towards: Affordable housing to allow seniors to age in their homes (specifically protecting the affordability of senior mobile homes), affordable community services available to seniors, and general issues to increase the quality of life of seniors in our community. The increased cost of living in this area has been a particular burden to seniors living on a fixed income.

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

As a public sector professional, I am knowledgeable and passionate about transparent, effective government. I grew up in Cupertino, lived in San Francisco and Redwood City for 7 years, and moved to San Jose in July 2020. I chose to move to the City of San Jose because I want to get more involved in the urban community here. I look forward to serving the City in whatever way I can.

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

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference 1 Name

Reshmi Singh

Giovanna Erkanat

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

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Reference 2 Name

Mario Rosas

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.

From 2021 through now (2023), I serve on the Board of Directors for the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC). From 2022-current (2023) I am the Secretary on the Executive Board of Directors for the organization. I manage communications for the organization, assist in organizing various events throughout the year, attend 2 monthly board meetings (General Board of Directors and Executive Board of Directors) in addition to any event meetings. I have assisted with the planning of the annual conference for the past 3 years. You can find out more about the organization at www.mmanc.org In 2017-18, I served as a Graduate Student Representative for the Public Administration and International Relation Association at Syracuse University. This was the Board for the graduate students in the Public Administration and International Relations department. I attended University-wide graduate student council meetings and voted on issues pertaining to the graduate student body, such as health care plans for graduate student assistants, allocation of graduate student professional development funds, and more. I reported back to my graduate department constituents. As a part of the Board, I also helped organize an annual professional development trip to Washington D.C. and New York City, as well as monthly morale boosting activities for stressed students.

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 discovered my passion for public-serving management while working in the human services nonprofit sector in San Francisco. As an Assistant Manager at St. Anthony's Dining Room, I managed staff, volunteers, operations, and strategy to serve 2400 meals per day at a free lunch program in the Tenderloin neighborhood in San Francisco. I furthered my experience in nonprofit human services at The Arc San Francisco working in fundraising and volunteer operations. The Arc San Francisco serves and champions the rights of adults living with developmental disabilities. In my role as a fundraising and volunteer manager, I educated the general public on issues facing adults with developmental disabilities on a daily basis, such as the desire and right to a dignified job and the right to education. I returned to school in 2017-18 to pursue a Master in Public Administration, focusing on learning hard skills in public budgeting and analytical decision making, as well as soft skills in facilitation and collaboration. While in graduate school, I coordinated a year-long performance management learning community for local nonprofits, facilitating workshop sessions on community needs surveys and collaboration using data. I was also on the Board for my graduate program department, representing graduate students from Public Administration at the University level. As a government management analyst for the past 5 years, I manage multi-million dollar budgets, direct and create policy, and contribute to effective and efficient government operations. As part of the MMANC Executive Board of Directors the past 2 years, I manage communications and contribute to important executive decisions such as approving the organization's budget, changing membership fees, and guiding the organization in the future.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding of the purpose of the Commission is to advise and make recommendations to City Council on items pertaining to issues impacting seniors in the City of San Jose. City Council is the decision maker, but the Commission is meant to be an advisory body that can explore issues that pertain to the senior community.

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

1. Senior Mobile Home Parks: Preserving these housing opportunities for seniors, maintaining their affordability long term 2. Affordable community programming for seniors 3. Keeping seniors engaged in their communities

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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

Affordability and cost of living - I see the Commission as advocates for policy that maintain affordability for seniors in our community. Housing cost is a particular concern. The Commission can advocate for better policy around affordable housing for seniors, including keeping the cost of Senior Mobile Home parks low.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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

I am the Secretary/Director of Communications on the Executive Board of Directors for the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) and have been since January 2022

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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

I would listen to all sides and try and find the common thread between the different positions. I would also bring it back to our mission - serving seniors in our community to live their best lives.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

My mother is a senior living in San Jose, I help her navigate her life here in the community and I advocate for her. I also hold a Master's in Public Administration (MPA) and previously worked in Human Services nonprofits in the Bay Area.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I look forward to serving the City of San Jose and seniors in my community!

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Giovanna Erkanat

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Donna

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Last Name

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Street Address

Suite or Apt

San Jose

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CA

State

95120

Postal Code

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☒ District 10

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

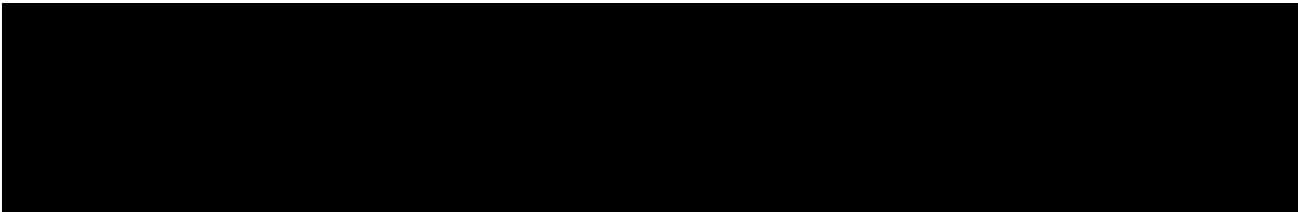
Length of Residency

☒ 6 or more years

Donna Tran

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Senior Citizens Commission: Submitted



Michigan State University
College of Human Medicine
Employer

Medical Student
Job Title

Current Employer Address



Current Employer of Spouse

N/A

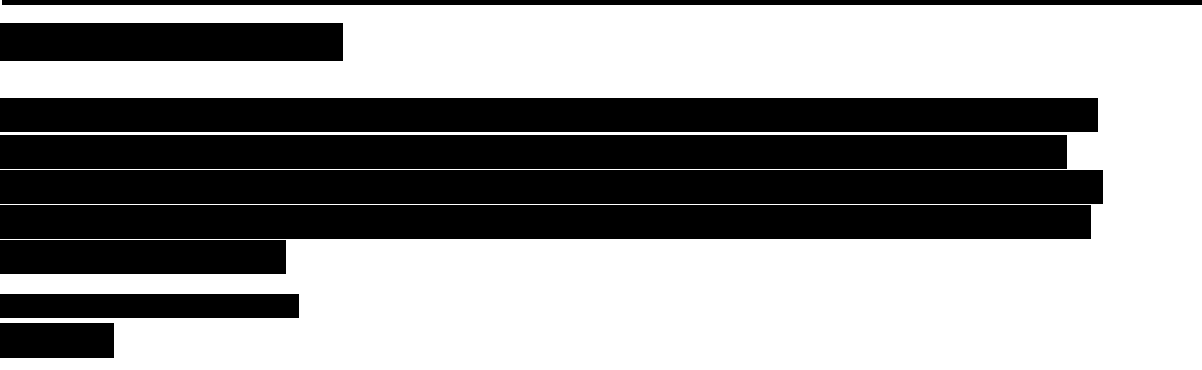
Address of Current Employer of Spouse

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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☒ [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.

-Pioneer High School, San Jose, CA, 2004 - 2007, High School Diploma -University of California, Davis, CA, 2007 - 2021, BS Neurobiology, BA Psychology -The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, 2021 - 2022, MPH Masters in Public Health -Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Grand Rapids, MI, Graduating 2024, MD Doctor of Medicine

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

-Medical Student Leader, American Medical Association (AMA) Leadership Development Institute (LDI), August 2023 - Current -Medical Student Representative, Association for College Psychiatry (AFCP), April 2021 - Current -Immediate Past National President May 2023 - Current and National President January 2021 - March 2023, Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) -Health Policy Intern, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), January 2022 - August 2022 -Student and Young Professional Representative, Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health (APIC)/American Public Health Association (APHA), October 2021 - May 2022 -General Scholar, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP), December 2019 - March 2020

Languages Spoken

Vietnamese, English

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

-U.S. Public Health Service: Physicians Professional Advisory Committee Excellence in Public Health Award, awarded to 90+ medical students nationwide, March 2023 -Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health: Member, 1 of 129 public health graduates inducted into the national public honor society, March 2022 -Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS): Member, 1 of 30 inducted medical students, May 2021 -Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health: Endowed Student Scholarship, awarded to 10 – 15 MPH students, April 2021 -Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society: Member, 1 of 5 junior inductees, September 2020 -Michigan State University College of Human Medicine: Professor Leonard J. Luker Memorial Scholarship Award for Geriatric Psychiatry Research, April 2021, March 2020, April 2019 - Michigan State University College of Human Medicine: Mercer Scholars Geriatric Research Award, May 2020

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.

My father's tumor diagnosis profoundly affected my life in college, but also gave me a window into mental health issues affecting older adults and their families. During medical school, I applied for the national American Psychiatric Association (APA) Minority Medical Student Summer Mentorship and worked with geriatric patients at Stanford University. I spent a month with the Geriatric Psychiatry department and observed the personal connection between older adult patients and their psychiatrists. In the following year, I was selected as a General Scholar of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP), where I was mentored by a geriatric psychiatrist, and a Research Scholar of the National Institute of Aging-sponsored (NIA), American Federation for Aging Research's Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR), under the renowned dementia expert, Dr. Kristine Yaffe, MD at UCSF where I participated in an NIH R01 trial and studied modifiable risk factors for dementia risk reduction. These invaluable opportunities solidified my commitment to serve older adults through clinical care, research, and outreach. The specific objectives I would work towards is to address mental health/behavioral health crisis in older adults (health), improve health literacy (education), and decrease health inequities that are impacted by employment, housing, transportation, etc. Becoming a member of the Senior Citizens Commission would allow me an opportunity to advise the City Council, connect with older adults in my local district, and work with other like-minded colleagues who also want to enact meaningful changes. My unique, extensive experiences with older adults and geriatric psychiatry, leadership, and federal/national legislative advocacy can contribute diverse breadth and depth to the Senior Citizens Commission.

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

I am graduating medical school this year, hoping to become a geriatric psychiatrist and public civic servant. Mental health and wellness of older adults are my passion. I have had over 10 years of experience researching geriatric psychiatry at UCSF and Stanford. I would love to contribute to our local district and volunteer my time and effort in improving the lives of older adults in San Jose, CA.

Do you own property in the City of San José?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference 1 Name

Dr. Jhemon Lee

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Email address

Reference 1 Phone

Reference 2 Name

Dr. Amy Alexander

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Email address

Reference 2 Phone

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.

In 2022, I served on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) as a Health Policy Intern under then-Chair Senator Patty Murray in Washington, D.C. As the only clinician/healthcare personnel in the Health Policy Team, I utilized my expertise in patient care, medicine, and public health/MPH to work on national legislation and advise the Senators and their staffs. Working with teams like the CDC, NIH, and FDA provided me with ample opportunities to perform legislative work and attend meetings/briefings on behalf of the Senate Chair and Committee. For deliverables, I completed over 100+ memos/documents, attended 150+ hearings and meetings, and performed 17+ legislative and research projects. Over time, I developed proficient knowledge of how our federal government and agencies worked and the process of legislating and governance. This experience gave me insight into the complex problems that require a multifaceted approach to fix our American healthcare system. Under the guidance of Senator Murray and her staff, I worked on issues like launching the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and working on the PREVENT Pandemics Act, which can provide access to mental health and substance use disorder services during public health emergencies. Being in a fast-paced environment on Capitol Hill and working with Congress have been life-changing, and I am ready to contribute my strategic skills in political advocacy and subject matter expertise in older adults to help the City Council work towards equitable, just solutions and address inequities that affect older adults.

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.

After graduating from the University of California, Davis with my BS and BA in Neurobiology and Psychology respectively, I joined UCSF and later the Stanford University Psychiatry Department as a clinical research coordinator. My research focused on treating patients struggling with chronic illness, many whom are older adults, using psychosocial interventions such as cognitive-behavioral therapy and behavioral activation. Our work proved that feasible, effective treatments addressing psychological disabilities exist but are underutilized due to negative cultural stigma and mistrust of psychological approaches, decreased awareness, and a lack of funding. It became evident that pushing forth data-proven solutions like the ones I worked on, translating them into systemic and clinical programs would influence access and quality of care for patients and improve the healthcare system. In 2022 as a Johns Hopkins MPH student, I was an intern in the State of Maryland, Department of Health (MDH), Office of Older Adults and Long Term Services and Supports. My responsibilities included acquiring knowledge about the behavioral health challenges of older adults through research, creating deliverables like fact sheets and environmental scan, meeting with national and local aging experts, and recording webinar for Brain Injury Association of Maryland. I also engaged in increasing stakeholder engagement and interagency collaborations, notably we presented to the Baltimore Police Department about traumatic brain injuries and its aging effects. After working with the MDH for a year, I delivered a schoolwide presentation about public mental health issues, substance use, and traumatic brain injury in older adults with identifiable problems and recommendations in policy and systemic government actions.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The purpose of the Senior Citizens Commission according to the website is to investigate, assess, and advise the City Council on various concerns that influence the lives of older adults and seniors within the city, covering aspects like health, education, employment, housing, transportation, and recreation. (source: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/get-involved/boards-commissions/senior-citizens-commission>)

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

According to the Commission's 2023 - 2024 DRAFT Work Plan, the November 2023 list included "Behavioral Health", which I strongly agree with. Loneliness and social isolation, coupled with an exacerbation of depression and anxiety, is a mental health crisis among older adults and elderly persons that needs to be addressed immediately. Second, improving literacy in health, finances, etc. is critical to living healthily for older adults. Resources and funding should focus on how we can raise awareness and provide effective outreach in educating our citizens. Third, addressing health inequities overall should be a goal always worth striving for to improve the well-being of our City's older adults. This can be addressed in many ways through health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation, etc. I look forward to using my skills and experiences from the U.S. Senate, Asian American medical student organization, and geriatric research to aid my fellow Commission members and the City Council. (source: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=105430&t=638318706398151486>)

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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

The mental/behavioral health crisis of loneliness, social isolation, depression and anxiety plagues older adults in the City and nationwide. There is evidence-based research that behavioral/mental health directly affects the quality of life and physical health of older adults. I believe the Commission's role is critically important in impressing upon the City Council that the health of older adults should be a top priority through studies, reviews, evaluations, and offering recommendations (source: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/get-involved/boards-commissions/senior-citizens-commission>)

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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

From 2021 - 2023, I served as the National President of the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, largest, pan-Asian non-profit medical organization dedicated to addressing health problems in Asian American communities. While I have held other cabinet positions, overseeing a professional medical organization with 70+ National Directors and a 10,000-strong membership base during a global pandemic was an undeniably unique experience. To address these concerns regarding the pandemic and anti-Asian racism, I led and supported our members through meaningful virtual events, interactive advocacy, and leadership development programs. While I managed the National Board, our team hosted over 50+ virtual workshops addressing COVID-related racism and safety concerns, sent out solidarity statements co-signed with other organizations, sent PPE donations to institutions and hospitals, and volunteered our time in clinics and served the community. This surge in remote activism increased Asian American leadership participation by 40% through elections and local-national engagement.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

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

Having worked across various organizations, I value the skill of navigating conflicts as a composed and considerate leader. In my U.S. Senate experience, despite diverse opinions, I prioritized professionalism and respect. In collaborative settings, I managed conflicts by listening attentively, asking questions without bias, and fostering teamwork for effective solutions. I am committed to upholding these standards of professionalism and work ethic within the Senior Citizens Commission.

Question applies to Senior Citizens Commission

What makes you knowledgeable about senior issues in the community?

In the past decade, I have engaged in extensive geriatric research and various internships/programs focused on geriatric mental health and the elderly. My career aspirations involve helping older adult patients, and it would be an honor to serve as a public servant through this commission.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I would love to volunteer and help the City Council by being on this Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration!

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted.

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