

Applications_District 9

Boards and Commissions Application

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First Name

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Last Name

Email Address

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Charter Review Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?☒ Yes ☐ No**Length of Residency**☒ 6 or more years

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

☒ District 9

Street Address

Suite or Apt

SAN JOSE

City

CA

State

95124

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT

Employer

DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 4

Job Title

Current Employer Address**Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A - Retired

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

[REDACTED]

Spouse's Job Title

N/A

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

California PERS, BOTH OF US

Demographics (Optional)

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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.

SJSU - B.S. and B.A. 1973 - BUSINESS, PSYCHOLOGY; JD - 1980 - LAW; LLM -1983 TAX LAW

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

SAN JOSE PLANNING COMMISSION MID-1990'S; SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL 1999-2006; VALLEY WATER - 2010 - PRESENT; LAFCO BOARD, WHILE ON CITY COUNCIL AND ON WATER DISTRICT BD; VTA BOARD, WHILE ON CITY COUNCIL; RECYCLED WASTE AND REDUCTION COMMISSION; CITY COUNCIL AND VALLEY WATER MEMBER; GREENBELT ALLIANCE - BOARD, 2018-PRESENT; MEMBER OF TASK FORCE - SAN JOSE GENERAL PLAN 2040, AND 2 FIVE YEAR UPDATE; RAFT, BOARD, 1980'S

Languages Spoken

ENGLISH

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR - CLCV; LEGISLATIVE PERSON OF THE YEAR - SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER (FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED); CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION FOR SERVICE ON CITY COUNCIL

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

SAN JOSE IS A GROWING, DIVERSE COMMUNITY. THE POLICIES AND POLICY MAKERS SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE. AS A FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER I AM AWARE OF THE ISSUES INVOLVING THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE NEEDED FOR THIS CITY - STRONG MAYOR OR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ARE ISSUES I CONFRONTED. EVERY ORGANIZATION NEEDS TO REVIEW ITS METHODS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE.

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

State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interest in real property, personal finances or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Please review the scopr of your board/commission in Municipal Code Chapter 2.08. Based on your best judgment, does this Board or Commission make decisions that may affect sources of income, interests in real property, personal finances or investments of you or your spouse?

☐ 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

PAM FOLEY

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Name

MARGIE RYAN

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questions

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

I WAS APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND SERVED UNTIL I RAN FOR CITY COUNCIL. IT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT COMMISSION SINCE IT WAS ADVISORY TO THE COUNCIL, AN APPELLATE BODY AND THE FINAL DECISION MAKER IN DIFERENT INSTANCES. I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR TO THE 2040 GENERAL PLAN TF ON 3 OCCASIONS. THIS TASK FORCE IS ADVISORY TO THE COUNCIL AND OUR IMPUT IS ESSENTIAL. I FOUND BOTH TO BE SOBERING EXPERIENCES BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE TOPICS WE UNDERTOOK, WHICH AFFECTED MANY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

MY EXPERIENCE AS A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MAKES ME PARTICULARLY SUITED FOR HIGH LEVEL DECISION MAKING. AS A COUNCIL MEMBER WE ADDRESSED CHARTER CHANGES AND AT THE WATER DISTRICT WE HAVE STRONG POLICIES ON HOW THE BOARD OPERATES WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE DISTRICT ACT. I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THOSE DECISIONS AND CAN SERVE IN THE SAME CAPACITY ON THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

IT IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON 4 SPECIFIC TOPICS AND ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES OR CHARTER CHANGES AS NEEDED TO IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY, REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSION AT CITY HALL.

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

1. FOUR ISSUES ARE LISTED ON THE WEBSITE THAT THE COUNCIL IS INTERESTED IN ADDRESSING. I BELIEVE THEY ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES; 2. PROTECTION OF THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY AND PRESERVING OPEN SPACE; 3. SPIKING PENSION COSTS

I would like to say . . .

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

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

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

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San Jose State University

Employer

Associate Professor and
Department Chair

Job Title

Current Employer Address

Current Employer of Spouse

San Jose State University

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Spouse's Job Title

Associate Professor

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Woodinville High School, WA; San Diego State University (B.A. Social Science, Magna Cum Laude, 1998); San Diego State University (M.A. Political Science, 2000); University of California Riverside, (Ph.D., Political Science, 2005).

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

Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota Duluth, 2005-2012; Professor of Political Science, San Jose State University 2012-present; Chair, Political Science Department, January 2020-present; Interim Associate Dean of Research, San Jose State University, August 2019-January 2020

Languages Spoken

English

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Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

For the past several years, I have been involved with efforts to move the timing of San Jose's mayoral elections from gubernatorial to presidential election years in order to boost turnout and make our city elections more representative of the racial and ethnic diversity found in San Jose. I was deeply involved with analyzing the effects of this potential policy change, co-authoring articles published in the Mercury News and San Jose Spotlight. In April 2019, I spoke at length before the San Jose City Council on the issue. The Charter Reform Commission will have a chance to study this issue, and a number of other important issues tied to San Jose's governing structures. With my expertise in the study of local government and politics, I believe I can make an important contribution to the commission. I can help inform the design of San Jose government structures in ways that strengthen political representation but also, most crucially, serve the needs of all residents, including our neighborhoods of color where residents are too often left behind. In short, I want to contribute to building a San Jose government better suited to meet the challenges and needs of the 21st century.

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

As an academic, I believe I would bring a unique perspective to the Charter Reform Commission. I would bring an understanding of governing systems and some of the inherent trade offs involved with different institutional designs.

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Reference 1 Name

Larry Gerston

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Phone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Name

Terry Christensen

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Phone

[Redacted]

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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.

I have not served on a city commission or board.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

As noted above, as a political scientist with expertise in local government and politics, I feel I would bring expertise about government structures, checks and balances, and different costs and benefits of different governing design choices, to the commission. I am also well versed in analytical writing and research which will be important when drafting proposals.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

Examine the city's governing structures related to the mayoral powers, moving the timing of mayoral elections to presidential years, and examine campaign finance laws. The idea is draft proposals on reforming city government structures that makes city government decisions more representative and responsive to needs of the diversity needs found in San Jose. The city council will weigh proposals offered by commission and use them to make final decisions.

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

Social and economic inequality and finding ways to boost participation and representation for racial and ethnic minorities; examine the powers of the mayoral relative to the city council and the mayor's ability to appoint department heads and the city manager; reforming mayoral elections in a way that maximizes turnout in citywide elections.

I would like to say . . .

That I know serving on the commission would be hard work, but I also believe it is a unique opportunity help build a better San Jose city government that is better suited to meet the needs of the 21st century.

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