

## **2.14 Boards and Commissions Appointment.**

### **Recommendation:**

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(6) Citywide Seat: Appoint Marian Kucharewski for a term of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Clerk)

[Rules Committee referral 5/1/2024 - Item A.1.a]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
APPOINTMENT

**DATE:** May 1, 2024

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## **OUTCOME**

Appointment to the upcoming vacant seats on the Youth Commission will allow the commission to continue conducting business.

## **BACKGROUND**

Section 2.08.180 of the San José Municipal Code (SJMC) indicates that each Councilmember, including the Mayor, shall nominate one Commissioner to each Council-nominated Commission.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Office of the City Clerk and Library Department conducted recruitment efforts from March 2024 through April 2024. The applications of all nominated candidates are attached. A supplemental memorandum will be posted should additional names be submitted for vacancy nominations.

## **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

A duty of the Office of the City Clerk is to minimize vacancies on the Boards and Commissions. The Office of the City Clerk and City Council Offices are still recruiting for additional vacancies.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The Office of the City Clerk created a graphic for the vacancies. The graphic was sent to all Council Offices for distribution in their District newsletters, to the City Manager's Office Public Information Manager for distribution, and was distributed to the City Clerk's contact list of over 200 people and organizations. Additionally, notice was posted on the City Clerk's Boards and Commissions webpage.

The memorandum has been posted on the City Clerk's website as part of the May 7, 2024 City Council Meeting Agenda.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney.

### **CEQA**

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Administrative Activities, resulting in no changes to the physical environment.



TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk

For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.

# Boards and Commissions Application

## Profile

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- Work2future (SVWIB) Board
- Planning Commission\*

Genesis

First Name

Arroyo

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95133

Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

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

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District 4

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

None Selected

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Youth Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Youth Commission

**Birthdate**

█/2007

NA

Employer

NA

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

NA

**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.**

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## Interests & Experiences

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

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## Languages Spoken

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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

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**Do you own property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list the addresses here.**

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**Do you rent property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

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

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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

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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

- ASB Vice President of Special Events ( 2 hours a week) - Cross Country & Track and Field (18 hours a week) - Key Club Secretary (1 hour a week) - Speech and Debate Treasurer (1 hour a week)

**Reference 1 Name**

**Reference 1 Address**

**Reference 1 Email address**

**Reference 1 Phone**

**Reference 2 Name**

**Reference 2 Address**

**Reference 2 Email address**

## Reference 2 Phone

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### Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Within my school, I am an avid member of multiple organizations, including service clubs and most notably Associative Student Government, where I currently serve as Vice President of Special Events and have been recently elected to be ASB President for following term. As a representative of my student body, I attend the monthly Student Site Council meetings my school holds and present insight on what my peers would like to bring to light. Outside of campus, I am apart of the District 4 Youth Commission and canvas weekly for a local candidate running for re-election.

Question applies to Youth Commission

**In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.**

Ever since I could remember, I have found passion in serving the people around me. Growing up, I would take any opportunity to be a mentor to my younger peers, be apart of school events, and take initiative in group settings. Now that I am older and can play a larger role in my community, I am very invested in finding solutions to issues that are prevalent within the area I live in, like period poverty and lack of ESL student support. These issues fall under some of the broader topics I would prioritize if appointed. Overall, I am motivated by the desire to foster better environment and a greater community in which I grew up in and hope to do so under this position.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Something I have always been extremely passionate about is the homelessness and poverty issue within youth in San Jose. Growing up in District 4, I saw first hand the effect that homelessness and poverty had on our community. As I grew older, I saw the way it impacted my peers who often had difficulties learning because of the financial hardships their family faced, and it is something that no one should ever have to go through. In the school district I am enrolled in, over 900 students are unhoused. Another issue I believe is very prominent for youth living in San Jose is public safety. I attend Independence High School, and since my freshman year we have faced several situations that endangered students, including school shooting threats, trespassing on campus, and physical assault. I firmly believe student's safety should never be compromised in the place where they seek education.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

If appointed, I would prioritize homelessness and poverty above all, along with other subtopics that contribute to these problems, such as environmentalism and intersectionality. Currently within our commission, we have committees dedicated to these topics. I would love to continue this system, as well as implement new ideas such as larger social media outreach, collaboration with on campus organizations, and more service events executed by all committees.

**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.**

**What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?**

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

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

Yes\,

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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I am currently apart of the Homelessness and Poverty committee in my council, who recently just planned and executed a winter clothing drive across multiple schools in our district to donate to a homeless shelter. We are currently working on a policy proposal to provide menstrual products in public libraries.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Yes

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Yes

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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## **Retirement Board Questions Only**

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## **Verification**

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

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I Agree \*

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Neyha  
First Name

Pradeepkumar  
Last Name

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Email Address

[Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

San Jose  
City

CA  
State

95138  
Postal Code

## Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

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District 2

[Redacted]  
Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Youth Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Youth Commission

**Birthdate**

█/08

N/A

Employer

N/A

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

N/A

**Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

**Address of Current Employer of Spouse**

N/A

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N/A

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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Dance (1 hr everyday) School - Everyday

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**Reference 1 Address**

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**Reference 2 Address**

**Reference 2 Email address**

## Reference 2 Phone

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### Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

I completed my first term as the Youth Commissioner for District 2. I worked with my YAC to host a toy drive event and was a part of two Youth Commission ad-hocs for sexual violence advocacy and the youth participatory budget summit program. I also will begin hospital volunteering.

Question applies to Youth Commission

**In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.**

A community is one that should bring together all residences, regardless of their differences. However in order for this to come into action, a community needs to feel like a safe place for everyone. My community interests include keeping public use areas clean and trash free such as parks. Additionally, another community interest should be allowing the residents of the community to find a common sense of identity.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

The main problem that I feel the youth of San Jose is facing has to be insecurities. Whether it comes to food, or just not being social enough. A problem that needs to be fixed is pertaining more towards the mental health of the youth of San Jose especially after the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all of us. Mental health drives physical health in my opinion which is why it should be a matter that is looked at.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

The Youth Commission's priorities should include safety, mental health, and access to educational resources.

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Leadership and background knowledge of the government in San Jose

**What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?**

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To provide access to resources and serve as a voice for the youth

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

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1. Mental Health 2. Safety 3. Education

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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Yes\,

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I led the District 2 YAC, we are working on policy regarding GEDs and hosted a toy drive in which we raised over 100 dollars

Question applies to Youth Commission

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Yes

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First Name

Bansal

Last Name

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Email Address

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CA

State

95125

Postal Code

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District 6

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Youth Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Youth Commission

**Birthdate**

█/2007

Not Employed

Employer

High School Student

Job Title

**Current Employer Address**

N/A

**Current Employer of Spouse**

Not Married

**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

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Notre Dame San Jose Junior. 2021-2025.

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District 6 Youth Commissioner and Exec Board Member - Communications Director 2nd Term (2022-2024). Intern for the Office of Matt Mahan (Summer 2023). Intern for Chief of Staff (Fall 2023). Fellow on Public Policy at the Los Altos Institution (Jan 2024-Present). Intern for the Campaign of Sam Liccardo for Congress (Jan 2024- Present). Remake our World Ambassador (2022-Present). Program Co-Director, Learn4Justice Global Changemakers International Exchange Camp (Jul 2023 - Aug 2023). Intern for the Campaign of Matt Mahan for Mayor (Jun 2022 - Nov 2022).

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## Languages Spoken

English, with knowledge of Hindi and some Spanish.and Spanish

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Almaden Country Day School award for academic excellence. Member of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF is an honors society based on academic excellence & service to the community).

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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.**

I would love to continue my roles of both District 6 Youth Commissioner and Communications Director for this organization because I am genuinely passionate about youth and civic engagement and the opportunity they provide to make a positive difference in our city. If given the opportunity to continue in these positions, I am confident that I can contribute even more to the success and growth of the SJYC. I feel very proud to be considered for reapplication.

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

I have been a District 6 Youth Commissioner and Communications Director for the past 2 years and would be honored to continue this esteemed position! I have met amazing people, and the Youth Commission has allowed me to find my passion for policy and government. This commission has changed my life for the better, and I am forever grateful.

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Yes  No

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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Apart from my school & homework commitments, I spend about 5 hours a week doing my internship for Sam Liccardo. On the Youth Commission, in my role as Communications Director and D6 Commissioner, my hours vary from 2-6 hours per week. My role as a Fellow at the Los Altos Institution also varies on a week-to-week basis. My responsibilities at home are more limited to helping my Mom and Dad on an as-needed basis. I am extremely committed to continuing to make time for this outstanding position as I am beyond passionate about this topic.

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**Reference 1 Name**

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Willa Reed

**Reference 1 Address**

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**Reference 1 Email address**

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**Reference 1 Phone**

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[REDACTED]

**Reference 2 Name**

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Sheila Santwani

**Reference 2 Address**

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**Reference 2 Email address**

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**Reference 2 Phone**

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[REDACTED]

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**Supplemental Questions**

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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I am serving as the District 6 Youth Commissioner and Communications Director for the San Jose Youth Commission. I am a Fellow on Public Policy. I have interned in the City of San José, gaining hands-on political experience. I am a Student Ambassador for Remake Our World, which is a global non-profit organization working in the area of climate justice and women's rights). You can learn more at <https://remake.world/> I volunteer for the campaign of Sam Liccardo for Congress.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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I am extremely passionate about social justice and sustainability, and in my head, these topics are connected. These are also topics where people must come together to accomplish our common goal. As a young person of color, I want to make sure that I do my best to stay involved with my community and work with local policymakers to find solutions to these pressing problems, which is why this opportunity is of particular interest to me.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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1. Lack of opportunity to participate in the tech economy - The overall economy of the Bay Area is booming but lots of under-privileged youth do not have access to the right education that would make these large companies employ them. We cannot solve our biggest challenges like climate change without using technology at all levels, and educating our youth is very critical for that. 2. Social inequality - We live in an affluent area that also has some of the highest levels of homelessness and substance abuse. We have to create programs that can help minimize these gaps, especially as we are now competing in a global economy and cannot afford to leave our youth behind.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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1. Creating an even playing field for youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. We can do this by reducing the barriers in technical / STEM education and by creating more opportunities for internships at our local companies. 2. We live in a very diverse and multi-lingual community, and we must be able to bring people together in a way that connects us all with our shared goals and not be distracted by our differences. The Youth Commission can play an important role in this because every youth who feels like they belong in our City will be a lifelong positive contributor.

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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My experience serving as the D6 Youth Commissioner has been amazing so far. I have been able to hear the voice of our youth and work toward a better society. Our monthly meetings allow me to gain a deeper understanding of present issues and work with other commissioners to find solutions. Being the first Communications Director has allowed me to help increase youth engagement and get to know my peers on a deeper level, as well as pursue Graphic Design-- a passion I never knew I had.

**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.**

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As the current D6 Youth Commissioner, I have created a diverse Youth Advisory Council with 9+ members working to serve the youth of my district. I am also the first/only Communications Director within our Commission and made our first official Instagram account/social media presence. I have attended and spoken at different Summits including Budget Summit and Civics Summit. I have also spoken at all official Youth Commission meetings as a Commissioner. I have attended the YAC Social to meet other passionate teenagers in NorCal. Outside of the Youth Commission, I have interned in the summer for the Office of Matt Mahan as well as for his Chief of Staff in the fall. I am a fellow on Public Policy at the Los Altos Institution and have a deep love for public and youth government. I am experienced, knowledgeable, and have a strong sense of leadership.

## What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

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The purpose of the Commission as I have experienced firsthand is to tackle the issues that youth in our city face and make an overall safer and better environment for teens. It is to help the youth of San Jose.

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

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1. Mental Health: I hope to create a mental health fair with resources for youth, providing a space for San Jose teens. 2. Gender-based violence: this term, I was a part of the gender-based violence AD-HOC on the Youth Commission, and we wrote and passed a policy mandating placards in public spaces with hotlines and numbers to call in emergencies. I have an immense sense of fulfillment knowing I have worked to better someone's life. I hope to continue making policies and working with strong women in the future. 3. Homelessness: I believe one of the biggest issues facing San Jose is homelessness, especially among teenagers.

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Yes\,

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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I have been the District 6 Youth Commissioner for the past 2 years, and my Youth Advisory Council has helped me with research for Budget Summit, policy proposals, and increasing youth engagement. I feel honored to have worked with and recruited this amazing group of teenagers and I really do hope I get to continue our journey together.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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Yes

Question applies to Youth Commission

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Yes

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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I am an independent-thinking and very persevering individual who wants to make a difference in our world. I have a brother who is autistic and that drives me even more to help people who may not be as fortunate as I am. I maintain a 4.8 GPA currently in high school, have my second-degree black belt, and have participated in many local/youth government opportunities in and out of the Commission.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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### Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes  No

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District 8

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

### Length of Residency

6 or more years





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## Interests & Experiences

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William C. Overfelt High School, ESUHSD - 11th Grade

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

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I was a Project Hope Youth Ambassador in Summer 2022 and i was a youth commissioner for district 8th since 2023

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**Languages Spoken**

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Spanish and English

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**Special Awards or Recognitions Received**

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I received a recognition for completing the Project Hope Youth Ambassador Academy in Summer 2022.

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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.**

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i would like to continue being a youth commissioner for district 8 because i enjoy helping out my community and making changes, I grew up seeing my single mom struggle a lot. She worked hard to give me what I have in life. By being a part of the Youth Commission, I want to be a voice for people in-need that are struggling and im a representative of my community and i would like to continue the work i have already started with my peers on the commission.

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

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i have 2 years of experience in cleaning and working on events for a community as well as giving food back to the community in our welch park food distributions.

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Yes  No

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N/A

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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I am a member of the Welch Park Neighborhood Association. our community meeting meet every first Monday of the month from 6:00-8:30pm and our board member meetings meet every third Thursday of the month from 5:00-8:00, our second harvest food distribution distributes food every third Saturday of the month from 10:00-3:30 and we have litter pickups every second Saturday of the month from 9:00-12:00.

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**Reference 1 Name**

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**Reference 1 Address**

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## Reference 1 Phone

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## Reference 2 Name

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Hilda Morales

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## Reference 2 Phone

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## Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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in 2022, I completed the Project Hope Youth Ambassador program. As part of the program, I helped plan events to clean-up my community. Project Hope Youth Ambassadors also planned a community meeting at the Foxdale Apartments to learn more about the residents' needs. I continue to participate in the Welch Park neighborhood litter pick-up events every month and i attend monthly meetings at a youth commissioner for district 8 and have also participated in budget summits and organized collaborative community events

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Over the past few years, I have noticed that blight and public safety have improved in my neighborhood. The streets and parks are cleaner now because of the community's involvement in organizing litter pick-ups and addressing illegal dumping. It feels safer, cleaner and healthier now. Our public safety has gotten better because we now have easy contact with the police. Our community works together with SJPD to address crime in our area, so now our community feels safer knowing that there are more patrols in our area. I am interested in bringing more of these types of relationships, resources and events to my community.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Some of the problems that youth in San Jose are facing are gang violence, graffiti and blight. When youth see a lot of gang related stuff (like graffiti) in their neighborhood, it makes them feel unsafe in their community and scared to go outside and have fun like they used to. When a teenager gets involved in gangs, it can affect their outlook on life and the opportunities they have as adults. For teenagers that are at-risk of joining a gang, there should be more supports so that they can focus on school, improve their mental health, and have a good life.

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

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I think that a priority for the Youth Commission should be to include diverse voices. It's important for diverse voices to be heard so we can better understand the different needs of our community, especially of people who are really struggling with money for housing, food and other basic necessities.

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I have experience with planning events like litter pick-ups, dumpster days, and community meetings. I am also skilled at doing outreach for events to get the word out in my community. I am bilingual and speak English and Spanish. I have been involved in the Welch Park Neighborhood Association for 3 years, since I was 13.

**What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?**

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My understanding of the purpose of the Commission is that it gives youth an opportunity to share our voices and concerns, so that we can help create change in the City of San Jose.

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1. Public Safety, Gang Prevention 2. Housing and Homelessness 3. Blight

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No

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ive really enjoyed my time being in the youth commission, i have made a lot of friends and connections with big people that impact and changed my life and inspired me to never give up on my dreams and putting me with a different mindset on how things work.

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District 10

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Primary Phone

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**Reference 1 Name**

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Nolan Mascarenhas

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## Reference 1 Phone

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## Reference 2 Name

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Megan Maloy

## Reference 2 Address

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My first passion lies in supporting, developing, influencing, and empowering the youth of tomorrow. Through my life's own experiences, I can personally connect to many challenges the children of today face and understand how it impacts them. The majority of my childhood was spent in a divorced family adjusting and switching between houses to dealing with chronic health issues/surgeries have made me realize how important it is to have a strong foundation and support system as a kid. This is why, through the Youth Commission, Learn to Be, and local community involvement, I have strived to empower and support youth by creating avenues for them to be the change they seek. My second passion revolves around building a sustainable environment starting with our city of San Jose. After experiencing extreme weather conditions with the scorching heat wave last summer, followed by extreme drought and heavy winter floods, I decided to take on the initiative of leading policy-writing surrounding sustainability initiatives in the District 10 Youth Advisory Council. The two sustainability policies I have worked on focus on implementing sustainability education programs for upskilling and empowering low-income families, youth, and those in the workforce. Additionally, I supported the Development Urban Green spaces as part of the urban constructions and master plans in the densely populated and limited space we live here in San Jose in order to reduce the Urban Heat Island Effect and beautify the city of San Jose as I have aimed to do at a smaller-scale through park clean-ups at Almaden Park as well as our upcoming Park Clean-up at Frank M. Santana Park. Lastly, my belief is similar to the one my school upholds "equity over equality". My interest and desire are that everyone should be presented with the same opportunities regardless of background making them accessible to everyone.

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

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1. Mental Health Crisis: "17% of teens in Santa Clara County have considered suicide in the past year. This is 4-5 times above the national average. 1 in 3 teens have tried vaping in Santa Clara County." How can we get to the root cause of these issues? From both my personal experiences and interactions with my peers, we youth are pressured to live up to expectations, deal with an identity crisis and acceptance, and juggle our workloads to just name a few. When overwhelmed with all these pressures, we try to escape and when it becomes too overwhelming, thoughts of suicide enter the picture. We try to hide it, run away from it, and ignore it. We hide it by inhaling flavored air which gives us the illusion that everything is alright. This just numbs the pain but doesn't truly go away. While many schools have mental health counselors, this isn't enough because talking to someone for 20 minutes won't make up for the days, months, and years that the youth are burdened. The answer to me is clear: there is a lack of outlets and resources available and provided to youth in SJ. This is why I championed the availability and quality of educational resources in our Budget Summit, as I believe that more channels should be provided through the city to be more inclusive towards all youth and allow youth in San Jose the opportunity to express themselves and explore opportunities to shine.

2. Inflation and homelessness: Since the pandemic, inflation has hit a 40-yr high impacting the San Jose youth with future uncertainty. SJ is the No.1 US city in youth homelessness and as per San Jose spotlight data tops the list of 100 major cities with the highest number of homeless young adults per capita. Further rising prices, surging rents will further force the youth to cut costs on various fronts like food, and activities and might also force them/their families out of the area due to the high cost of living. This is just the tip of the iceberg that will spiral out of control. Without a good support system, the increasing wealth gap will make it challenging for the youth who might have to slow down their financial start as they enter adulthood with fewer job opportunities, struggles from debt, and hunger. We need to find ways to provide resources like affordable housing, incentivize, and prepare the youth of tomorrow to develop side hustles, and job shadowing opportunities, teach them to be their own CFOs by enabling them with early financial education and budgeting tools, and even consider funding their entrepreneurship initiatives to encourage them. This was highlighted in our Youth Priorities Survey, and I completely agree with the many youth in the city that assert that inflation and homelessness is a pressing issue in the city.

3. Lack of Youth Civic Engagement: The City of San Jose has 27 boards and commissions which carry out initiatives to help improve the well-being of our city. However, despite the ability to do so, the only commission that currently has youth members is the Youth Commission. This is a major problem, as we are excluding a major demographic and stakeholder from the decisions that are being made by these commissions. Many of the resolutions that are designed and put into place by the city affect youth in more ways than one, and without gathering their input throughout the brainstorming and implementation stages, we are depriving our community of valuable insight. Adding on to this, some of these decisions may impact youth in negative ways, which could easily be prevented by youth representation across the city. Increased youth representation on these boards would greatly help increase diversity and provide a new perspective, one that is direly needed not only to help make San Jose more inclusive but equipped for the next generation (which is the youth) to take over. This is why I believe events such as the Budget Summit and the Youth Budget Priority ad-hoc are crucial, as we extend the impact that youth can have by directly presenting our perspective to the City Council and other commissions such as NSE.

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

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1. The Youth Commission is a panel representing “all” youth’s opinions, passions, and perspectives to influence and drive the San Jose city initiatives. So first and foremost, I believe, to achieve these goals, one of the main priorities of the Youth Commission is “youth outreach”, and as our duties says, provide equitable access to opportunities for not only youth in general, but marginalized youth. 2. Secondly, every year as global and economic conditions change, San Jose city devises a robust set of initiatives to address the needs of the community. I believe “we” as the youth commission, should align our work to advocate, recalibrate, enhance, and review those focus areas and initiatives not just from a youth perspective, but how it impacts the whole community from a present and future angle. From sustainability efforts, safety regulations, or implementing new programs to increase awareness of the issues facing the people of San Jose, the Youth Commission should drive change and reform based on the beliefs that represent the “entirety” of San Jose. 3. Lastly, we represent the “voice of the youth”! Hence, we should work through different forums to gather the youth perspectives through discussions, pushing out surveys, leveraging our local networks through our school, our activities, etc. to seek the input and views of youth and members of the community. This feeds as an input mechanism through memorandums and policies we create and present to articulate ourselves to members of the city council. Additionally, as youth we play an important role by initiating, participating, and organizing recurring events such as summits, town halls, or feedback forums which are open to all youth.

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Yes\,

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Currently, I am the President of the District 10 Youth Leadership Coalition and have served on the coalition for the past 3 years. In my first year as part of the coalition, I was the Technology Director building the first youth coalition website for wider outreach and also helped local neighborhood associations such as the D10LC with their own websites. My second year as the Vice President has given me the foundation to empower and steadily grow the youth coalition District 10 members. Compared to last year, this year we were able to tap into more youth through our wider outreach across various schools and the website to grow the coalition by 20%. I organized sessions for the youth to understand the lifecycle of the policies through experienced speakers and proposed two memorandums from our district and helped to draft two policies. - Implementing sustainability education programs for three cohorts: up-skilling the existing workforce, developing youth-focused green skill programs, and enabling low-income families for green skill jobs - Developing Urban Green spaces as a part of the urban constructions and master plans in the densely populated and limited space we live here in San Jose. This year, as President I have been able to lead to the Leadership coalition as the President. Together, we have been able to expand on our website to improve its functionality and make it a one-stop shop for people to learn about the D10YLC. Additionally, we have begun to develop three different policies to improve quality of life in the city as well as uplift marginalized communities. We have also been active members with neighborhood associations such as the Almaden Valley Community Association, where we have co-sponsored the City Council Candidate Forum and County Supervisor Candidate Forum which had a combined attendance of over 130 people. In addition, we have also hosted a Study Smart session to engage with youth over future college considerations and budgeting tips. Lastly, I was able to invite our Councilmember to engage with our YAC, and we had a robust conversation about youth within the city and learned more about his time as Councilmember.

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Yes

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Yes

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I am excited to have the opportunity to continue my work with the Youth Commission and continue to drive initiatives that empower youth. From the Budget Summit, to leading my Youth Leadership Coalition to help drive events and write memorandums, the Youth Commission has enabled me to explore my passions and make a real impact in my local community. Presenting to LEC, NSE, City Council, and the Santa Clara County Youth Task Force has been a great privilege, and proclaiming the outstanding work that the Youth Commission has accomplished truly brings me joy. This year has been especially eye opening, as my experience as Vice Chair and Outreach Director has changed the scope with which I perceived the youth within the City of San Jose as I had before given my special focus on District 10. Given my extensive experience as a Youth Advisory Council member and Youth Commissioner, I hope to bridge the gap and encourage more youth to participate and be civically engaged. Additionally, given that our work plan for this year will roll out into next year (we plan on writing an MBA based on our Youth Priorities Survey, securing the funds this year, and spending them next year), I want to use my experience from this year to help roll out the plans from this year to next year. Overall, I believe that I still have a lot to contribute to the commission, and would be honored to continue my work next year in a similar or even larger capacity than I did this year as Vice Chair and Outreach Director.

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- 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\*

Marian \_\_\_\_\_ Kucharewski \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Last Name

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 Email Address

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 Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suite or Apt

San Jose \_\_\_\_\_  
 City

CA \_\_\_\_\_  
 State

95124 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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

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 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

## Length of Residency

6 or more years

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Youth Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Youth Commission

**Birthdate**

█/2007

N/A

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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## 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.**

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Athens Debate Academy - 2023-present Valley Christian High School - 2022-present Valley Christian Elementary and Junior High School - 2017-2022

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

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Youth Advisory Council - 2024-present Student Corps - 2023-present Community Outreach Leadership - 2021-2022

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## Languages Spoken

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English, Mandarin (intermediate)

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## Special Awards or Recognitions Received

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Gold Presidential Service Award - 2023 Life Scout (Scouts of America, formally Boy Scouts of America) - 2022 Senior Patrol Leader (Scouts of America, formally Boy Scouts of America) - 2022-present

**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.**

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During the Covid shutdown, I was in the 7th grade. I was at home for one year learning through zoom; at the same time my dad was on zoom meetings and my brother was completing freshman year of high school online. I often thought about what people who didn't have the luxury of WiFi at home did to continue their education during this time. Throughout the last four years, this thought has stuck with me. What other advantages do I have that others don't? I discovered that many things can be found by searching online, but maybe others don't have the access to search the things we consider a part of our daily lives. I would like to become a member of the Youth Commission so I can be the voice for these people. I want to focus my attention on making sure that all youth have the same access to resources as I do. These include the ability to access WiFi, education/schooling, mental health support, and safe, up-to-date public facilities. Unfortunately, not everyone knows that there are people whose duty it is to help you, such as the Youth Commission. While serving as a Youth Commissioner, I would like to find new methods to reach the underserved areas of San Jose - whether it be speaking at school assemblies, handing out flyers at local businesses, or other methods to make sure that all youth in San Jose are aware of all the options open to them. Additionally, I would like to refine the Youth Commission's approach on issues such as homelessness. As we all know, homelessness is an issue that has been rooted deeply in our city for years, and cannot be fixed by raising awareness through things as simple as passing out flyers. Instead, I would like to work with my fellow commissioners to find innovative solutions that will work with the resources we have to address the root cause of the situation. By doing this, I believe we can create a tactical plan through collaboration with local organizations to ease the impact homelessness has on our population. Finally, I would like to work towards reducing the percentage of teenagers struggling with mental health in California from 45% to 41%. As someone who has watched their friend suffer from suicidal thoughts, eating disorders, and PTSD, I know how important it is to address mental health. The thoughts that come with mental health disorders consume our everyday lives, and even takes the lives of people who have years ahead of them. Although this may be ambitious, I believe mental health is one of the biggest problems facing local youth and the Youth Commission should prioritize finding solutions. This can be done through anonymous online counseling, informational sessions, and working with local schools to improve their relief programs. In the long term, I would like to aim for implementing new programs that take an alternative approach to mental health care.

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

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Since early 2023, I have been attending Youth Commission meetings and events. I have attended five Youth Commission meetings over the past year and went to numerous events, such as the Yearly Budget Summit, Commissioner workshops and park workdays. I am actively involved in the District 2 and 6 YACs, which I have represented at various community workdays, such as the City's Mt. Pleasant Park Workday. Additionally, I have collaborated with Ms. Emily Lansing of the Mayor's office on advertising the March 9th Guadalupe, Alameda, and Downtown streets cleanup to my school community, which yielded a great turnout.

**Do you own property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list the addresses here.**

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**Do you rent property in the City of San José?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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Yes  No

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

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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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Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Being the Senior Patrol Leader in Scouts BSA Troop 2233 (formerly Boy Scouts) is the most significant leadership position I currently hold. The Senior Patrol Leader is the primary youth leader in the troop. The role previously required a large amount of time, but will now require less than one hour per week as I am moving out of my position to pursue other roles such as Youth Commissioner. Other than this, I typically spend my time studying, going to community events, and doing some chores at home. I do not have any other time consuming responsibilities.

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**Reference 1 Name**

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Megan Maloy

**Reference 1 Address**

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Marian Kucharewski

**Reference 1 Phone**

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Emily Lansing

**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 Youth Commission

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

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I frequently volunteer at local churches and enjoy organized events such as street festivals with my friends. In addition, I recently went on a mission trip to Chile with my school community, where we helped underserved areas by building soccer fields, re-roofing a church, and baby-sat children so parents could work. When I was in 8th grade I would visit local elementary schools one time per week and tutor them in reading and writing. I am also a recurring volunteer at both Fish Food Pantry and RAFT Resource Area for Teachers. In my free time, I attend park cleanups and farmer's markets.

Question applies to Youth Commission

**In one paragraph, please explain your community interests.**

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Every summer, I am a volunteer at my local church's Vacation Bible School. As a young child I loved being a member of this experience. Starting in 6th grade, I became a leader of VBS. Since then, I've discovered how much I enjoy being a role model for the children. I enjoy talking to them about their experiences, and helping them throughout the day. When children are present at one of the service events I attend, I often take up the role of babysitter since I find children the most fun and genuine to be around. I love to problem solve and talk through situations with people who are troubled. To hear the perspectives of people in our community is one of the reasons I love volunteering at events and going out to explore festivals. This connection to my community is one of the reasons I would like to take a step further and join the Youth Commission. It is my hope that I will get to network and hear from even more people during this journey.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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The standard youth in San Jose faces pressure to succeed in academic, extracurricular, and social fields. Mental health affects everyone, and not having a safe space to find help is an issue most teenagers face in our city. Even when people do have access to mental care, teens often feel ashamed or invalid, and refrain from attending due to a lack of anonymity. Thus, I believe it is vital for the commission to continue its efforts in expanding the available mental health resources. Many youth struggle to have their talents noticed due to situations out of their control, such as dysfunctional families, financial inequality, or poor facilities. These issues are broad and difficult to solve, and many underserved youth do not have the representation or resources they need to thrive in San Jose. In addition, these same youth often don't have the option to attend college. Safety is a major issue for youth in San Jose. In communities with a history of violence, teenagers do not feel safe going to public spaces such as the library or park, in which they normally should be able to feel comfortable. Most young adults refrain from taking public transit as it is not very safe, and waiting at bus stops can be dangerous.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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The Youth Commission should strive to continuously become a better voice of the youth. We need to be a louder voice of everyone, which means representing people that don't know about our existence. The commission must also find ways to use our position to improve the lives of students and provide equal access to resources. By prioritizing the effectiveness of events, initiatives, and policies, the Commission will make this impact on the community.

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

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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I am a Youth Advisory Council member for Council Districts 2 and 6. In Council 2, I hold a position in the Social Media team. Council District 2 represents my school and Council District 6 represent where I live.

**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.**

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As Senior Patrol Leader in my scout troop, I have led large groups, facilitated collaboration between youth and adults, created programs tailored for younger scouts, coordinated volunteer opportunities, and advised future leaders. My responsibilities include planning weekly meetings, arranging a minimum of two troop outings per month, organizing three monthly overnight trips, recruiting new members, and running meetings. In addition, I mentor other Scouts by meeting with them and discussing their objectives and goals. My role requires me to implement feedback from my peers on how the troop is operating and has left me with a great deal of experience. I've found communication, initiative, and longterm planning to be key in successful leadership. All of these qualities are essential to the role of Youth Commissioner, as they must take a position while accounting for the needs of the people they represent, stay organized, and communicate with their YACs, city employees, and local businesses, among others.

**What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?**

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I feel the purpose of the Youth Commission is to represent the overall population of people under 18 in San Jose and empower them to pursue their interests. By encouraging civic participation in the government and community affairs, we are giving youth the opportunity to become the next generation of leaders and learn about their right and responsibilities. The Youth Commission also serves as a part of the city's government and directs communal affairs such as events and programs. Overall, it operates under City Council to represent youth, empower the younger population of San Jose, and work toward the betterment of the city.

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

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- Environmental Sustainability/Urbanization: San Jose, a large city, should continue its advances to become a greener city and research ways to keep the environment healthy for its citizens. - Access to education and resources for all community members: A majority of San Jose residents had the option to pursue a high school and college education, but there are still various groups that are unable to access these resources within the city. - Housing/Shelters for children: Most homeless shelters in the area don't accommodate children, leaving many of them on the streets of San Jose.

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Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Yes,

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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I started in my District YAC in January 2024. Since the time I began, District 2 has been collaborating with the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association to plan community events and boost participation. We are in the process of electing a youth representative to become an advisor on the neighborhood's board. Although we have not had any major projects since I joined, we are working towards having one in the near future.

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Yes

Question applies to Youth Commission

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

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Yes

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

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I am running primarily for the Citywide Commissioner seat, as I believe it will give me a better opportunity to understand people across the city instead of just those immediately around me.

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(Optional) Please upload a resume.

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**Retirement Board Questions Only**

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## Verification

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

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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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I Agree \*