

Applicant Information

Name	Kurt Erikson
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	2002
Description Area	Residence Notice:Unless otherwise noted, your principal place of residence must be in Sunnyvale. You must live in Sunnyvale at the time of appointment and at all times during service on a board or commission.
Current Main Residence	
Email	
Phone	
Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale?	Yes
When was the last time you voted? Month/Year	11/2024
Have you ever served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission?	No
Have you attended a meeting of the City Council, or a board or commission?	Yes
Briefly describe what you learned by watching or attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. What improvements would you suggest?	<p>The members of the City Council are good listeners, ask polite questions, and are mostly well-prepared. Sunnyvale citizens are getting their money's worth.</p> <p>I met once with the board on planning. The members were friendly, inquisitive, and easy-going. They took our agenda seriously and helped realized our project about two years later. I had a good experience.</p>
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	Yes
How many meetings have you attended?	Several

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice	Planning Commission (R)
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Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?	I like planning. I like Sunnyvale. I like complex problems to which I like to dove-tail competing interests.
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What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission?	I like numbers and can tell their story simply to non-numbers people. I like bringing the best out of people.
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The primary role of a board or commission member is to provide advice to City Council on policy issues that are within the scope of the board or commission. What steps would you take to effectively exercise this specific board or commission role?	Depending on the time frame, talk to some if not all interested parties, understand their interests and then structure the issue(s) like an old-fashion telegram (succinct) for a first round consultation with the City Councilors in order to understand their positions. Then take follow their guidelines.
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Education - List college degrees, majors and any relevant training or experience that demonstrates your ability to effectively serve on this board or commission.	BA-Economics with minor in computer science; active licenses as CPA and EA. Happily retired.
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Describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations.	CERT. Elected School Site Council at Homestead High School. School volunteer. Sunnyvale Public Safety Citizens Academy.
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Description Area	The City has a Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials and an Attendance Policy (7.2.19), 2 G (II) that appointed members are required to follow.
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Do you have any concerns related to the above code and policy?	No
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Are you willing to accept a temporary appointment for the remainder of an unexpired term?	Yes
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Board or Commission-Specific Questions

Planning Commission

Sunnyvale has limited vacant land for new development. This could increase pressure for redevelopment of existing developed areas. How can Planning respond to this situation?

Ahh! The age old dilemma: unlimited wants and limited resources. The City has a plan and decision criteria. That's a very good start. Our job in the community is to fill it with life, step by step on an unending journey that I hope will bring joy, peace, and variety to the community. We need to create an environment of planning certainty for our citizens who are both consumer and producer of goods and services, so that they can put life into their and our City's plans over many years.

Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How do we achieve a balanced community?

Gather the proposals, group them, grade them in according to City plans, give each of them a priority, socialize the results, and make a decision of ranking. Make the proceedings transparent, we humans have a tendency to have blind-spot biases that others can help us see and help us act upon. Track what we have done to the 2023-31 plan.

What do you see as the greatest land use challenges facing the City? How do you propose addressing them?

In our calendar-filled days, we all need breaks-moments of respite to let our thoughts wander, then refocus later. Children bursting with energy need space to play. Seniors need a slow lane to stay mentally and physically fit. Micro-communities, which I define as within a 15-minute walk of each other, need places to meet-whether green, entertaining, or both. I really like the way Murphy Street is shaping up-a European flair I've grown to love.

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View the Housing Element

Have you read the Housing Element?

Yes

What are your thoughts on the Housing Element? How should it be implemented?

I spent about an hour reviewing the eight chapters of the Housing Element in a summary manner, not reading each of the approximately 700 pages. I appreciated its broad and deep approach, especially the inclusion of opposing viewpoints. Good work.

Implementation: see previous tracked, step-by-step prioritization approach.

Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests

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If you are appointed to the Arts Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing and Human Services Commission or the Planning Commission, you must electronically file the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), which will be a public record.Statement of Economic Interests - Form 700Understanding of Filing Requirement I understand and agree that if I’m appointed to the Arts Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing and Human Services Commission or Planning Commission I must electronically file the Fair Political Practices Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). This form reports my economic interests and those of my spouse or domestic partner, if applicable. I understand this will be a public record.

Radio Button

No

Demographic Information

Your age

Your gender

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Do you speak a language other than English?

Household Income

Residence - Are you a

Do you live in a

Do you have any other identities* you would like to share with us?

Your Agreement

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IMPORTANT NOTICE – READ BEFORE SIGNING:By selecting both “Yes” and “Submit Form” below I am adding my digital signature to this application. I am also agreeing with the following statements:All statements I have made on this application are true and correct.I authorize the City of Sunnyvale (City) to investigate the accuracy of this information.I release the City from all claims and liabilities arising from such investigation.I acknowledge that any false statement on this application will be grounds for the City to deny my appointment. A false statement discovered later, will be grounds to dismiss me from my appointment at any time.I acknowledge that any false statement on this application could lead to criminal charges. Charges could fall under California Penal Code, Section 115 or other applicable law.

I agree

Yes

Your full name

Kurt Erikson

Date

Apr 23, 2025
