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Applicant Information

Name Naomi Weiss

Are you a Sunnyvale resident? Yes

How long have you lived in Sunnyvale? 20 years

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

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Description Area Employment NoticeCity of Sunnyvale employees may not serve on a board or commission.

I am a current City of Sunnyvale employee. No

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? No

Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying? No

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice Board of Library Trustees (R)

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

When I was in elementary school every Sunday would consist of a trip to the Sunnyvale Public Library. I remember those mornings when my dad would bike with my brother and I to the library, backpacks full of books to return and ready to help us carry the new treasures we would discover there. He would drop us off in the kids section while he went to find his own, more age appropriate, reading material and we would scour the shelves for our next adventure. As I got older, more regions of the library opened before me and filled my adolescence with the joy of seeing the world through the eyes of others. When I graduated from Fremont High School and went off to UCLA, I was introduced to a new library system: the largest university research library system in the world. It gave me new worlds to explore but ultimately what I found there was the same warmth and depth of knowledge that I'd enjoyed as a child in my home library. Post-grad I moved back to Sunnyvale for work and am once again an avid user of SPL but this time with the time, inspiration, and motivation to be involved with how it runs. The UCLA library showed me ways of integrating technology with literature, making libraries accessible to students, and much more. I would be honored to contribute in any small way to the experience of future generations of readers.

What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission?

As a user of the library from childhood through young adulthood I think I have a unique insight that would be helpful in this position. Furthermore, having just graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and starting a career in engineering, I have knowledge of how to incorporate technology into the library and best apply it. Ultimately though I think what most qualifies me for this position is the passion and interest I have in reading and my reverence for the importance of libraries. The impact they have on everything from the imagination of children to providing critical social services in the form of free educational resources is wonderful and merits preservation.

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?

As a member of the commission I would attend all meetings, actively discuss items, and listen to public input. I would ensure that I am thoroughly following all requirements of this position and go above and beyond to participate in all library events and meetings.

Education - List college degrees, majors and any relevant training or experience that demonstrates your ability to effectively serve on this board or commission.

BS in Electrical Engineering from UCLA ('25).

Describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations.

Having moved back to Sunnyvale post college a few months ago I have not yet gotten the chance to be involved in civic organizations.

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.

Do you have any concerns related to the above code and policy?

No

Are you willing to accept a temporary appointment for the remainder of an unexpired term?

Yes

Board or Commission-Specific Questions

Board of Library Trustees

Community demographics and technology are constantly changing. What do you think are the principal issues the Sunnyvale Public Library may be addressing over the next few years?

I think as cost of living continues increasing there may be fewer families and children in the area which would shift the demographic of the library older. I also think that as technology continues improving and becoming more a part of our lives, young people will not be as familiar with the benefits of a physical book to read and a physical space to read it in. Both these factors make it vital to continue making an active effort to draw people of all ages, but especially younger crowds, to the library through events and targeted initiatives. This is something I would love to help grow as a part of the SPL commission.

Our main library's infrastructure is aging, with ongoing maintenance issues. The 2024 library bond measure, intended to solve those issues, failed. What solutions do you suggest?

I am not familiar with the specific issues plaguing the library's infrastructure but I think the resources such as the website and app are doing a wonderful job keeping the library modern and accessible. With regard to physical maintenance issues, I think there is a lot to be learned from how other city libraries maintain their collections and I would be excited to help think of ways to further improve. If more money is necessary, then working with youth organizations at high schools or companies in the area to fundraise creatively is something I think could be worth exploring as it would both increase engagement with the library and help raise funds.

Voter Registration Requirement

Description Area If you are applying for the Board of Library Trustee, Heritage Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel Board or the Planning Commission, you must be a registered voter in Sunnyvale.

Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale? Yes

When was the last time you voted? Month/Year November/2025

Your Agreement

Description Area 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 Naomi Weiss

Date Apr 13, 2026
