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Applicant Information

Please accept my request to be reappointed to: Parks and Recreation Commission (R)

Name dona mason

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

How long have you served on your current board or commission? Since 2021

Have you ever served on another City of Sunnyvale board or commission? No

What new information about your qualifications would you like Council to know?

During my time as a commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission, my colleagues have elected me twice to serve as Vice Chair. Also, I have attended numerous commission-related events, generally remaining in the background and speaking with city residents about their experiences with the Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Department. In that realm, I have attended the Arts in the Park annually, various meetings to discuss park renovations, Earth Day Celebrations, and the opening of Washington Park Swimming Pool to learn more about citizens' experiences. As the only female commissioner during my tenure on this commission, I think it is very important to ensure we are building an inclusive community for all genders, for young families and those from marginalized backgrounds. To that end, I have spoken with change makers in those domains (such as clergy, mom bloggers, etc.) so that they know how to better use the parks system (and disseminate that information to their followers) and also inform them of the City's various offerings such as free summer movies, subsidized swimming for residents and drop-in free day camps at different Sunnyvale parks.

Reasons you wish to be reappointed.

One of the main reasons I wish to be reappointed is because I absolutely LOVE our great City's Parks and Recreation system. As a mother, and also the primary caregiver to my children, I have met many other residents who lean on our City's open spaces as a safe, nurturing place where their children can learn and explore. Land ownership in our city is costly and as such families rely on shared open spaces for their children to grow emotionally and socially. I have been honored to have a voice to better ensure our City is creating a community of belonging for families and that all families are informed about how to best use our open spaces. I am able to use my voice on behalf of groups which then helps better direct City Council on the policies it enacts. I am very well connected to families living in different parts of the city ranging from the Lakewood area to the Serra Park area and better understand their needs. I also have a steady temperament which allows me to work with individuals from different backgrounds and I very much believe everyone deserves a voice. One of my favorite aspects of serving on this commission is listening to residents share their feedback about a proposed initiative without judgement. My role is to listen and guide policies that amplify the voice of our residents.

Any additional information related to your reappointment?

I am passionate about my position on the Parks and Recreation Commission as it allows me advocate for parks and programs that serve everyone-across ages, incomes, and abilities. Moreover, I am able to promote events, classes, and shared spaces that help people not only feel less isolated and build genuine community. This is evident when I see residents using basketball courts, picnic areas, and soccer fields to build stronger connections with one another. Also, the other commissioners and myself have been able to provide input on big decisions including new park developments, renovations, budgets, and land use. Moreover, working at a high school as a guidance counselor has allowed me to connect my vocation guiding students with my passions for the parks and recreation in the sense that I often promote to the high schoolers to get involved in city jobs (such as serving as a lifeguard, camp counselor, etc).

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

Nov/2024

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

Dona Mason

Date

Apr 14, 2026
