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Applicant Information

Name	Andy G Yang
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Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
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How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	18+ years
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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.
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Current Main Residence	[REDACTED]
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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Description Area	Employment NoticeCity of Sunnyvale employees may not serve on a board or commission.
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I am a current City of Sunnyvale employee.	No
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Have you ever served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission?	No
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Have you attended a meeting of the City Council, or a board or commission?	Yes
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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 city council overall seems to be readily considerate of varied perspectives, and regardless of the frustrations of a speaker, will still try to incorporate their viewpoint into the overall evaluation of an issue.</p> <p>Only twice have I attended meetings held by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, where it is more of an intimate and technically detailed discussion on more nuanced factors often unknown to many who do not specifically have an interest in the subject matter.</p> <p>Besides this impressions, I feel I am not experienced enough to offer improvement suggestions, my main reason for applying is to contribute to issue analysis and help facilitate a better evaluation of relevant and irrelevant factors.</p>
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Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying? Yes

How many meetings have you attended? ~4

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I am simply wanting to help the City of Sunnyvale and citizens reach a better understanding of practical non automobile methods of transportation and how it also impacts other policy and issues that one may have previously not realized was relevant.

Frequently when I have extra time and effort to spare, I volunteer at Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition projects and events to contribute mechanical know how and leadership; joining BPAC is another means I hope to apply analysis skills formed from real world experience and experimentation in order to contribute to others' accessibility of bicycling (or really any other alternatives to the automobile).

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

Working at Walt's Cycle as a full time employee has compelled me to properly experience and learn from real world applications of bicycling, and combined with my years of bicycle commuting starting from high school, I innately comprehend real world attributes of this field that (imo) often get overlooked by formal institutional education and study.

Not specific to bicycling, I evaluate scenarios by looking from different criteria and contexts, giving various perspectives a genuine effort to view from. Being adaptable to the full context is a critical skill to any high level decision making, and overall I believe my broad and thorough self studying on the matter of bicycling easily incorporates various other issues (e.g. economy, criminal justice, societal equity).

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?

Priority above all actions and choices is to give fair consideration for the various attributes of different peoples' viewpoints and concerns. Merely demonstrating this consideration significantly eases tensions between differing views, and the least I can do for BPAC and the general public is help facilitate this type of effective and readily achievable practice.

The way I see it, the purpose of BPAC is to find equitable and tangible resolutions to the various ever developing problems common people are impacted by; BPAC focuses on the accessible transport subject matter, and my role is to both influence the decision making to become overall more effective, and to also accommodate necessary compromises stemming from grievances many may have.

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

Since April of 2021 I have been a full time employee at Walt's Cycle, a family owned bicycle shop that has been here in Sunnyvale since 1953.

The skills I refined through diligent work and the many perspectives I learned from various conversations with customers coming from many different backgrounds and situations, are all real world immediately tangible advantages I intend to share with BPAC and its audience.

I graduated Homestead High School 2019 and have some general education from De Anza College, but quit before completing full two years equivalent of classes.

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

Most of my community efforts are in conjunction with Bike Sunnyvale (local chapter of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition), and mostly involve technical skills on mechanical repairs and teaching other volunteers how to competently practice and apply such skills.

My biggest contribution is helping co found a reoccurring project, Bicycle Mass Tube Patching (I usually serve as co host each event with another highly skilled leader). How it works is that we take bulk discarded bicycles tubes from various bicycle shops around the area and subsequently train and organize a group of volunteers to process them; find tubes worth patching and patch them for charity operations that need bicycle tubes, and recycle the non repairable tubes.

The most relevant extent of my advocacy is simply being the one person who rides e-bike everywhere (often in conjunction with Caltrain) and passively showing people that bicycle commuting is realistic and readily attainable. I have occasionally distributed flyers and also advocated for certain pro bicycle pro transit actions (e.g. California legislative bills, voting on local measures,)

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Category One: I am a bicyclist or pedestrian residing in Sunnyvale. Yes

Like many Santa Clara County cities, Sunnyvale is faced with problems stemming from traffic congestion and air pollution. Suggest ways the City can improve facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. Also, how might the City improve education and safety programs for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians?

Education is made most effective when people naturally opposed to the subject matter are convinced to become more receptive to concepts and attributes they have never previously thought of or encountered. Addressing concerns/grievances and demonstrating that the decision making process gives fair consideration to skeptics and opponents is a very important application of inclusivity that the City and everyone involved on this matter can adopt.

My "raw" initial impression (without having read the ATP or Vision Zero) is that redirecting significant proportions of automobile trips and overall reducing automobile usage not only establish prerequisites for projects that help common people willingly choose bicycles (or any micromobility means) and public transit over cars, but also it massively helps people who continue to primarily drive automobiles for transit without curbing their rights and freedoms.

Emphasizing the 2nd part of the previous statement is one example I frequently use to include skeptics as being part of the overall progress, simply assuring that inclusion more often and more broadly will most certainly facilitate the effectiveness of education.

Description Area View the Active Transportation Plan

Have you read the Active Transportation Plan? No

Description Area View the Vision Zero Plan

Have you read the Vision Zero Plan?

No

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

Andy Gene Yang

Date

Mar 31, 2026
