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Applicant Information

Name Orna Bitton Palmon

Are you a Sunnyvale resident? Yes

How long have you lived in Sunnyvale? 10 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 Planning Commission (R)

Apply for another board or commission?1 Yes

Second Choice Heritage Preservation Commission (R)

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

Living in Sunnyvale for more than 10 years and having a background in architecture and urban regeneration, I am very interested in my home town - Sunnyvale's planning and I am ready to get involved and influence in order to serve our community.

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

I have a background in architecture and urban planning - specifically in urban regeneration, and am very interested in those subjects.

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?

I will read and learn the material that we will receive from the City for the meetings, will learn and find materials to support my point of view, and will make visual presentations if needed to support my opinion.

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

Education

Master of Science in Planning - Urban Regeneration, UCL - The Bartlett, London, England, 2004

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch), Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, 2007

Bachelor of Science in Architecture, The NB Haifa School of Design, Haifa, Israel, 2002

Certifications

LEED Green Associate, 2018

PROSCI Change Management Certification, 2022

Program Management Certification - HAAS School of Business, UC Berkeley, 2023

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

Back in 2015 I participated in few meetings of architects commit to discuss architecture projects in San Jose.

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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

Heritage Preservation Commission

Describe how you have engaged with local history and heritage within Sunnyvale? I did not have the chance yet

What historical features or structures in our community do you think are at risk? What course can the City take to preserve them? I am not aware of a specific building

What factors would influence your recommendation to preserve a particular building or site? Cost, to option to achieve private investments while following the city's instructions

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? The planning should take in account all aspect of redevelopment - the influence on infrastructure, traffic, density, education health etc when deciding on redevelopment and make sure they were all taken in account.

Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How do we achieve a balanced community? We need to make sure that specific communities are not getting pushed out from Sunnyvale if we want to achieve and maintain a balanced community.

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

I think that the greatest land use challenges is lack of housing while maintaining the quality of life and avoid traffic and congestions when increasing density.

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View the Housing Element

Have you read the Housing Element?

No

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 700 Understanding 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.

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Yes

Voter Registration Requirement

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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

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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

Orna Bitton Palmon

DateApr 16, 2026
