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Applicant Information

Name	Kerstyn Clover
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	6 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]
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?	The structure of the meetings is very organized. I found the library board of trustees meeting to be very interesting and really appreciate that the library staff have an opportunity to present various work projects. It did feel that it ran a bit long due to questions that started on-topic for the presentation but ventured off topic into other potential library projects or plans, so it might be valuable to consider a time limit on board questions or adherence to the topic, depending on if this is a frequent occurrence or considered to be an issue by others.
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	Yes

How many meetings have you attended? 1

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice Board of Library Trustees (R)

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission? I really love the library - this library, and libraries in general. When I was a child, the library was the only place I could go to access the internet and get on a computer and now I work in information security and live in Silicon Valley. It feels important to me that, especially given our location, the library continues to be a facility that helps lift up the least privileged by providing fair and open information access safely, as well as providing a variety of learning and entertainment possibilities for everyone.

What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission? In the last board meeting, a staff member presented on generative AI and its possible implications and uses for everyone and the topic of keeping patrons' information private was also discussed. I have been working in information security for over a decade and have a passion for protecting security and privacy in a world that increasingly collects and commodifies personal information. I have experience working across varying skill and interest levels to provide training and awareness around security and technology topics and could provide insight into what the industry is looking for, if technology education and career preparedness is of interest for the library's multi-year plan. I have also spent some time working in program management and department planning at various jobs, so I have time management skills and some understanding of budget projections and workload management. I'm also just a huge lifelong library user: I've used inter-library requests for books and movies, I use the online streaming options, and I read dozens of books a year via ebooks and physical books, so I'm familiar with the library's current offerings.

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?

My understanding from reading the provided policy manual is that the best way to achieve this is to remain open-minded to the community during library board meetings, to apply good judgment to various points of view, and to select what seems most effective for serving the city's population. I would try to attend current/future and review past meetings both for City Council and the Library Board in order to understand the key functions, concerns and interests as well as get accustomed to the standard procedures of the meetings so that I can be as effective as possible. If possible, I would also be very interested in getting to know more about the library's operations and information on the different populations of people who use the library, or are under-served by the library, to serve as context.

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

Degree: Bachelor of Science from Defiance College - major in Digital Forensic Science, minor in Art
Professional certification: Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
Training: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) (this training provides a whole-community approach to understanding a community's needs and goals for emergency planning, and teaches how to effectively scope, budget, plan and design preparedness exercises and programs to help a given community become more prepared and resilient)

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

Specifically in Sunnyvale, last year I attended the city's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and joined the CERT deployment team. Whenever possible I attend the monthly training/review meetings and joined a recent deployment to look for a missing person. I enjoy attending local activities like the Art and Wine Festival and supporting local whenever possible by doing things like helping to build lighted arches for the Heritage district project or just ensuring I buy some Girl Scout cookies from my local scouts. I'm looking forward to taking one of the city's adult swimming lesson offerings this summer and appreciate that it is much more cost effective than private lessons.

More broadly, I've volunteered in the past at places like local animal shelters and running clubs, and I help organize a monthly book club and weekly crafting event.

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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?

Yes

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

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 that public sentiment will likely continue to split regarding technology, with some people feeling that increased technology usage is a pathway to being competitive in job markets, and other people feeling that the availability and attention demands of technology are detrimental to everyday life. We can see this in public sentiment both for and against generative AI as one example, and in ongoing and increasing state and local legislation around things like age verification for social media and use of mobile phones in schools. I think this could represent a divide for the library, where it will be important to both provide digital resources to support the population that seeks to use them, and also to maintain things like physical media catalogues (DVDs, CDs, books) and offer non-tech classes and events for those who wish to re-introduce or increase their more "real world" interests and skills. I also think it will be extremely important for the library to continue ensuring that patrons can have a safe and private library experience when using library systems, buildings, and materials as this ensures free exploration of ideas and free expression. Many people are feeling apprehensive about money and it seems forecast that coming years will lead to more people reducing their spending; it is my understanding that Sunnyvale Community Services for example has served increasingly high numbers of Sunnyvale families recently; this will likely increase usage of library resources, so the library will likely see higher costs for item replacement, building wear and tear, and so on. There may also be some conflict from new populations using the library for the first time, if this means a significant population of people do that, and potentially an increase broadly speaking in the unhoused and very low income populations of the city that may turn to the library for assistance in finding resources and support beyond the library system.

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 would start with understanding which issues are highest priority, taking into account the potential increased costs that would be incurred if something failed vs. the costs of repair and maintenance, as well as potential downtime to the library and its systems in the event of a failure. If a cost/benefit and priority analysis shows clear choices (for example, that plumbing must be updated due to high risk of flooding damaging equipment) a first line consideration could be determining whether city or state funds are allocated for urgent building repairs/updates, or could be requested.

If the costs needed for the updates are comparatively small and it is feasible, some sort of community fundraising effort could also be considered, or proposal of a smaller bond designed to address the issues identified as urgent or necessary for supporting existing functions without the expansion aspects.

Another potential option could be seeking outside partnership, although obviously this must be done with caution to avoid undue influence by a corporation or individual on the library. With these risks in mind, it seems possible that some of the proposed expansions would represent some sort of naming opportunity with funds also earmarked for (again as example) the plumbing issues.

Demographic Information

Your age

Your gender

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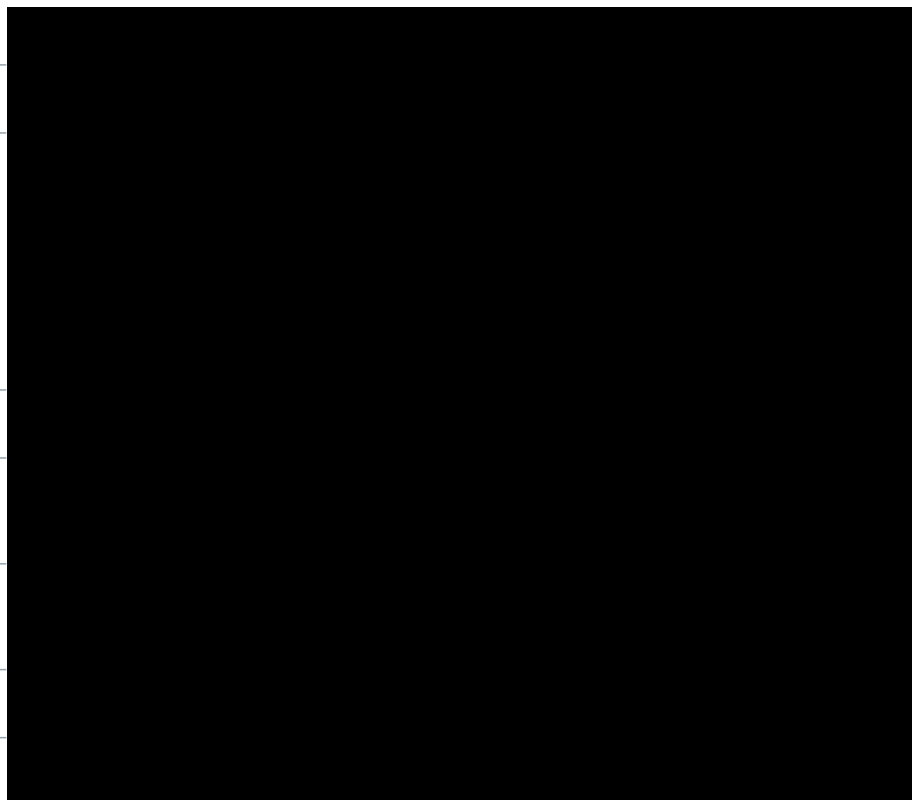
LGBTQIA+ Identity

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)

Do you speak a language other than English?

Household Income

Residence - Are you a



Do you live in a	<div></div>
Do you have any other identities* you would like to share with us?	

Your Agreement

Description Area	<p>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.</p>
I agree	Yes
Your full name	Kerstyn Clover
Date	Apr 08, 2025