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## Applicant Information

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<b>Name</b>	Dana E Katzenelson
<b>Are you a Sunnyvale resident?</b>	Yes
<b>Description Area</b>	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.
<b>Current Main Residence</b>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 40px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Sunnyvale, CA 94086
<b>Email</b>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>
<b>Phone</b>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 80px; height: 15px;"></div>
<b>Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale?</b>	Yes
<b>When was the last time you voted? Month/Year</b>	11/2024
<b>Have you ever served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission?</b>	No
<b>Have you attended a meeting of the City Council, or a board or commission?</b>	No
<b>Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?</b>	No

## Board or Commission Selection

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<b>First Choice</b>	Board of Library Trustees (R)
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## Applicant Qualifications

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<b>What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?</b>	I saw a post about the opening on the r/Sunnyvale subreddit. I check out books from the library regularly and am interested in getting more involved with the community.
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**What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission?**

I represent a regular library user with a common local profession (software engineer). I am organized and proficient with common office software for documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more. I collaborate well with others and am willing to learn more about how this process works.

**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 would keep abreast of policy issues by attending City Council meetings and using existing recommended resources. I would form my own opinions based on experience and consult with other stakeholders such as librarians, Friends of the Sunnyvale Library, and other community members including my neighbors. I would summarize the results of the collective findings in a document or presentation as needed and would be happy to present them formally or informally and discuss them in detail.

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

I have an A.B. (Bachelor's) Cum Laude from Harvard in Computer Science. Back in high school (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, valedictorian), I participated as the only student representative on the Strategic Planning Committee, an advisory committee about the long term direction for the school. These days I'm serving on the Culture Club at my remote-first workplace (Panther Labs) which focuses on building community within the company despite the distance between employees.

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

I am currently trying to get more involved with the community. I recently started taking pottery and metal embossing classes through the city and signed up to volunteer with the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library.

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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

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## **Board or Commission-Specific Questions**

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### **Board of Library Trustees**

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**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?**

The biggest one is almost certainly how to move forward given that the ballot proposition to fund the new library failed. The need that led to that ballot proposition is still present and we must find a new way to fulfill it that is supported by our community. Beyond that, I would imagine many smaller issues like developing programming, maintaining community engagement, deciding what to add to the collections, and ensuring funding.

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## Demographic Information

<b>Your age</b>	18-44
<b>Your gender</b>	Female
<b>Description Area</b>	LGBTQIA+ Identity (LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and the "+" is an all-inclusive way to include additional terms used to describe one's gender, romantic, and sexual identities for those who do not identify with heterosexuality or the gender binary.)
<b>LGBTQIA+ Identity</b>	Prefer not to answer
<b>Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)</b>	White Other
<b>Short Answer</b>	Ashkenazi Jewish
<b>Do you speak a language other than English?</b>	No
<b>Household Income</b>	Over \$161,670
<b>Residence - Are you a</b>	Renter
<b>Do you live in a</b>	Apartment/Condo

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## 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.

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**I agree**

Yes

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**Your full name**

Dana Katzenelson

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**Date**Jan 16, 2025

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