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Applicant Information

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| Name | Marian Chen |
| 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. |

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| Current Main Residence | [REDACTED] |
| Email | [REDACTED] |
| Phone | [REDACTED] |

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| Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale? | Yes |
| When was the last time you voted? Month/Year | 11/2025 |

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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? | No |
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| Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying? | No |
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Board or Commission Selection

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| First Choice | Planning Commission (R) |
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| Apply for another board or commission?1 | Yes |
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| Second Choice | Parks and Recreation Commission (R) |
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| Apply for another board or commission?2 | Yes |
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| Third Choice | Personnel Board (R) |
| Apply for another board or commission?3 | Yes |
| Fourth Choice | Board of Library Trustees (R) |
| Apply for another board or commission?4 | Yes |
| Fifth Choice | Heritage Preservation Commission (R) |

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission? I have lived in Sunnyvale for twenty years but have not interacted much with the city I live in. I would like to change that and get involved. I would like to better understand how the city works and do my part to help.

What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission? I have worked in multinational corporations for thirty years in administration, sales, audit, finance and accounting. I have managed cross functional teams and projects.

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 first get familiar with the charters of the board or commission, listen attentively, educate myself of all relevant contexts. Then I will thoroughly understand the issues that require my input, collaborate with other members to make sure I have the entire picture before offering my input.

Education - List college degrees, majors and any relevant training or experience that demonstrates your ability to effectively serve on this board or commission. Fluent in English and Chinese in reading, writing and speaking
Certified Public Accountant (inactive)
University of San Francisco, bachelor of science in business administration;
University of California, Berkeley, HAAS School of Management, MBA
Currently hold Senior Director of Finance role at a semiconductor company

Describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations. I have a ten year old Child. In the last ten years, my community involvement has been related to her activities at her school or dance studio. Before having my child, I volunteered as a youth mentor with Friends For Youth, as an ER waiting room assistant at El Camino Hospital, team interpreter and patient relations assistant for Interplast (aka Resurge).

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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

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?

Sunnyvale is the center of the silicon valley and the center of the world's cutting edge technology industries. Sunnyvale's city library should play a proactive role in providing education and access to such technologies to its residents.

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 need to better understand the specific ongoing maintenance issues and relevant cost and all available alternatives before offering my thoughts.

Heritage Preservation Commission

Describe how you have engaged with local history and heritage within Sunnyvale?

I have not engaged in the past.

What historical features or structures in our community do you think are at risk? What course can the City take to preserve them?

The story telling of our history. My child goes to a school in Sunnyvale, but there is no story telling about Sunnyvale in local schools. I think that should change. I think the city should host field trips for local schools.

What factors would influence your recommendation to preserve a particular building or site?

Safety, culture or architecture or artistic significance, and cost.

Park and Recreation Commission

Community demographics are constantly changing. What do you think are the principal issues the commission may be addressing over the next two years?

Get out there and visit the parks and venues in the city on different days and at different hours, observe first hand how communities are using them, and what is missing. A few years ago, Las Palmas park tennis center stopped offering private lessons citing mandates from the city. The reality is that the courts were empty at 3:30 P.M. on week days. Instead of banning private lessons altogether, the city should have done better research and provided a more comprehensive approach.

How could we improve our parks and recreation infrastructure and programming to better serve our diverse community?

Thoroughly analyze each community's demographics and talk to people.

Personnel Board

I hold a public office or employment

Yes

I am a candidate for another public office or position.

No

I am a former City employee.

No

I have a spouse, household member or designated relative (your or your spouse's parent, stepparent, grandparent, child, sister, brother, niece, nephew, uncle or aunt) employed by the City of Sunnyvale in a position with the right to hear a disciplinary matter before the Personnel Board.

No

Describe your experience and responsibilities in the administration of employee discipline.

I have managed teams of various sizes. The biggest team I directly managed has five direct reports and thirteen extended team members. Our role in finance and accounting requires us to have zero error discipline. Finance and accounting are also supporting functions in a corporation, so we also need to provide high quality of customer service. We manage hundreds of millions of corporate revenue from contracts to orders ,billings to collections, accounting and reporting, ...My team needs to maintain high level of focus and precision throughout these processes all the time. Leading by example, transparency, accountability and communication are key to ensuring such discipline.

Describe your experience and responsibilities in the administration of employee grievances.

Open door and open ear policy. Listen attentively, offer fair feedback and resolution if needed.

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?

What kind of city do we want to have? What's our objective? What do we want to be known for? What's already adequately available in neighboring cities and does not need to be duplicated? What can be jointly developed with other cities? Smart Station benefits other cities, any other projects can follow the same model?

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 take a look at what we are lacking and what we are doing right in each specific area. What are our realities today, what do we want our community to be like ten twenty years from now? Be factual, be specific, I don't think there is any broad stroke approach.

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

Greatest land use challenge is the lack of it. Renovate / repurpose existing land and buildings.

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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.

Radio Button Yes

Demographic Information

Your age 55-64

Your gender Female

Description Area 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.)

LGBTQIA+ Identity No, I am not part of the LGBTQIA+ community

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply) Asian

Do you speak a language other than English? Yes

Which languages? Chinese

Household Income Over \$500,000

Residence - Are you a Homeowner

Do you live in a Single Family Home

Do you have any other identities* you would like to share with us? My Chinese first name is Meng

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

Marian Meng Chen

Date

Nov 22, 2025
