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Applicant Information

Name	David L Beaudoin
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	
Email	
Phone	
Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale?	Yes
When was the last time you voted? Month/Year	Nov, 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?	I don't have many improvement suggestions to offer. Where possible keeping things moving would always be better and perhaps looking at ways to restructure the meetings to better leverage the fact that they are broadcast and allow folks to better share content from the meetings via social media or other mechanisms.
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	No

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice	Human Relations Commission
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Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I'm passionate about equality and representation and have loved living in Sunnyvale because we have one of the most diverse and supportive communities in the country. As our community has faced increased attacks against diversity initiatives and equity policy I want to help ensure that we continue to be a guiding light for other communities around the nation.

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

I have experience managing a local non-profit (the Digital Game Museum) and have been around local politics my entire life. I grew up with family and friends who were active in local government as county supervisors, campaign managers, activists, and elections officials. I also hold a masters degree in international policy and governance which is focused on human centered policy and technology - which will be critical as we continue to see expansion of technology as a factor driving social policy. Professionally I work in the cybersecurity and governance sector as a product manager and have extensive experience in translating regulations and policy into action and outcomes for individuals.

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?

The key thing would be to provide concise and actionable recommendations to the City Council based on the needs of the community. I would work together with my fellow commission members to understand the situation on the ground in the community, the policy and political landscape outside of our community at the state and national level, and work to find a reasonable and responsible path forward for recommendations that will directly impact our community. Then translate those recommendations into actionable policy guidance. I would lean into existing policy both because policy should evolve logically, but also from a tactical perspective to limit challenges in adopting any new or changed policies or positions.

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

Masters Degree - International Policy and Society: Michigan State University
Board Member: Digital Game Museum
Corporate Governance Committees:
Guidewire Inc: Data Governance Committee, Data Steward Working Group, ONYX Employee Resource Group
Center for Internet Security: Patent Committee, CIS AI Advisory Board, IDEA Alliance Resource Group
Training: Various leadership training, LeadIn30, MOR Associates Leadership training, Mental Health First Aid Training

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

I am the acting director and a board member at the Digital Game Museum here in town. We work to collect and archive the history of digital game development in the Valley through working with employees of the early game industry to collect their stories and physical artifacts of the work they did to build the industry. I have also volunteered with Santa Clara county at our local vote centers every election since 2020, always in a Sunnyvale vote center. I am passionate about this volunteer work because it's so critical to the continual function of our government. I try to attend the town hall events that our rep Ro Khanna hosts whenever I can and am actively engaged as a citizen when it comes to contacting my elected representatives or providing comment to groups like the FCC, FTC and others when those opportunities arise around areas I'm passionate about. I've also spoke at meetings of the Santa Clara County Board on the importance of human rights in the space of policing and incarceration.

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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

Human Relations Commission

Category One: I'm a Sunnyvale resident.

Yes

What do you think are major equity challenges facing the Sunnyvale community?

Like most of the country wealth and housing security inequality are major challenges we're facing. Additionally, the attacks from the federal government on funding for diversity and equity initiatives is going to continue to cause additional stress on already marginalized communities and Sunnyvale is going to have to do even more to ensure the safety and security of those folks. We already do a great job of celebrating diversity in our community, but we're going to have to take more defensive measures to keep the great progress we've made from being rolled back.

Describe your experience working with historically marginalized communities. How have your actions benefited these communities?

Growing up in Michigan as a child of middle eastern immigrants I saw first hand how racism and othering people can impact communities. Both of my parents were public school administrators so I was exposed to service at a very young age, especially with underserved families in rural areas. I've kept that sense of service throughout my life. At Digital Game Museum we established programs to work with schools to bring in kids from underserved communities to learn about accessioning (checking in artifacts) and the importance of archiving history. At Guidewire I served on the ONYX employee resource group and ran the media club where I worked with a group of other employees to select movies featuring powerful black characters and stories and then lead guided discussions about the themes of the films. My current job at Center for Internet Security focuses on providing cybersecurity services to underserved communities though developing tools and mechanisms to bridge the gap between resources and historical marginalization to ensure that those folks have access to high quality tools to help secure their communities. I also am active in the IDEA Alliance, our diversity and inclusion group. I host our media group which focuses on films or readings on diversity topics ranging from LGBTQIA+ topics to Land Back and native rights initiatives. I've worked to bring in speakers on these topics to present their real life experience to our team and drive insightful conversations that highlight the importance of diversity and elevating marginalized voices.

Demographic Information

Your age

Your gender

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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

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)

Short Answer

Do you speak a language other than English?

Which languages?

Household Income

Residence - Are you a

Do you live in a



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

David Beaudoin

Date

Jul 17, 2025