

Applicant Information

Name	Juan M Alvarez
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	1
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?	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?	Yes
How many meetings have you attended?	2

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?	Desde que vivo en la ciudad he visto algunas problemáticas de inclusión y diversidad. Me gustaría ser parte del cambio y la solución para hacer de esta ciudad un lugar en el que pueda seguir residiendo y creciendo en mis objetivos educativos.
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What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission?

Puedo traer una vision fresca desde la perspectiva de un joven que acaba de llegar al pais y ha experimentando muchos de los desafios que la comunidad inmigrante enfrenta dia a dia. Soy estudiante de bachillerato que reside con su madre en el shelter. Donde vivo y donde estudio veo muchas de las dificultades por los que la comunidad atraviesa y quiero traer mis ganas y mi esfuerzo para cambiar la realidad de muchas personas.

Soy apasionado por las cosas, me gusta aprender y trabajar en equipo. Me gusta mucho escuchar a las personas y encontrar soluciones productivas y beneficiosas.

Soy muy eficiente en lo que me propongo. Me esfuerzo por alcanzar los objetivos que me propogo de manera individual y colectiva.

Soy muy positivo, no importa la dificultad, siempre trato de ser esa cara alegre que da sonrisas a todas las personas que lo necesitan.

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?

Como lo mencione anteriormente soy una persona que cree firmemente en el poder de escuchar a las personas. Cuando nos tomamos las tareas de escuchar a diferentes individuos no solamente que son afines a nuestra cultura e ideologia empezamos a crear comunidad basada en el respeto y la tolerancia.

Este seria el primer paso para iniciar procesos de inclusion y equidad en la ciudad, entendiendo que escuchando creamos espacios de participacion ciudadana y generamos sentido de pertenencia e implicacion.

De esta forma encontraremos respuestas a las problematicas e inquietudes comunes que las personas tienen diariamente al acceder a los servicios y programas publicos que ofrece la ciudad. . Ademas al diferentes grupos culturales de la ciudad, estariamos generando un sentimiento de equidad, inclusion, donde toda persona se sienta que es parte de la ciudad y que su opinion es valiosa.

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

Homestead High School 9th grade. Present

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

Soy parte de los lideres comunitarios de Sunnyvale Community Services. Como miembro del grupo he participado en diferentes actividades para mejorar la calidad de vida de nuestros vecinos a traves de obras sociales y abogacia.

Ademas participo dentro del grupo de voluntarios latinos de la Homestead High School.

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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?

Yo soy la prueba de muchas situaciones de inequidad en Sunnyvale. Soy hijo de una madre soltera. Su salari aun no lo es lo suficientemente alto para poder acceder a una vivienda digna para ella y yo. Vivimos en el coche de mi madre mientras nos daban un cupo en el shelter que tardo 6 meses. Mi madre trabaja mas de 40 hrs a la semana y no alcanzamos a cubrir los gastos de una habitacion en Sunnyvale.

Esta situacion por la que atravieso y muchos jovenes como yo en el shelter, nos implide disfrutar de actividades extracurriculares que ofrece mi escuela y que serian muy beneficosas para mi y mi educacion.

Otro desafio es el transporte. Mi madre en muchas ocasiones no me puede llevarme a la escuela. El recorrido del autobus me toma de 45 a 1hr y si pierdo el autobus, se suma unos 30 minutos mas. El autobus no es seguro, ni en su recorrido ni la parada de espera. Este es el desafio que atravesamos los estudiantes y tambien los adultos en el shelter.

Empleo es el desafio que vive, no solo mi madre y los padres en el shelter, sino personas con vivienda tambien. El salario minimo en la ciudad no es suficieniente para vivir dignamente en Sunnyvale

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

Como he explicado en el curso de esta aplicacion soy residente del shelter y lider de la Comunidad de Sunnyvale Community Services. He tenido varias iniciativas que comparti con Paulina para realizar algunas obras sociales en el shelter con nuestro grupo. Repartimos comida, ropa y realizamos diferentes actividades para los ninos en diciembre.

Tambien apoyo las diferentes ferias de recursos que se realizan en Sunnyvale Community Services enfocadas en nuestros vecinos mas necesitados.

Ademas apoye y fui parte fundamental en el primer evento Iberoamericano celebrado en la ciudad, donde disfrutamos la riqueza cultural y contribuciones de la comunidad hispana en Sunnyvale. Ademas de apoyar a los pequenos negocios de la ciudad.

Demographic Information

Your age

Your gender

Description Area

LGBTQIA+ Identity

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)

Do you speak a language other than English?

Which languages?

Household Income

Residence - Are you a

Short Answer

Do you live in a

Short Answer

Do you have any other identities* you would like to share with us?

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

Juan M Alvarez

Date

Apr 23, 2025

Juan Alvarez
Translated Responses

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

Since I've lived in the city, I have observed some issues related to inclusion and diversity. I would like to be part of the solution and change to make this city a place where I can live and grow in my development goals.

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

I can bring a fresh perspective from the viewpoint of a young person who has just arrived in the country and has experienced many of the challenges that the immigrant community faces daily. I am a high school student living with my mother in a shelter. In the place where I live and study, I see many of the difficulties the community goes through, and I want to bring my energy and effort to change the reality for many people.

I am passionate about things, I enjoy learning and working in teams. I really enjoy listening to people and finding productive and beneficial solutions.

I am very efficient in what I set out to do. I strive to achieve the goals I set for myself both individually and collectively.

I am very positive, no matter the difficulty, I always try to be that cheerful face that brings smiles to all the people who need it.

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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?

As I mentioned earlier, I am a person who firmly believes in the power of listening to others. When we take the time to listen to different individuals, not just those who share our culture and ideology, we begin to build a community based on respect and tolerance.

This would be the first step in initiating processes of inclusion and equity in the city, understanding that by listening, we create spaces for citizen participation and generate a sense of belonging and involvement.

In this way, we will find answers to the common problems and concerns people face daily when accessing public services and programs the city offers.

Additionally, by engaging with the different cultural groups in the city, we would foster a sense of equity and inclusion, where everyone feels they are part of the city and that their opinion is valuable.

Education – List college degrees, majors and any relevant training or experience that demonstrates

your ability to effectively serve on this board or commission.

Homestead High School 9th grade. Present

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

I am part of the community leaders of Sunnyvale Community Services. As a member of the group, I have participated in various activities to improve the quality of life for our neighbors through social work and advocacy.

Additionally, I am involved in the Latino volunteer group at Homestead High School.