

## Applicant Information

Name	Mariia Tkachenko
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	4 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	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 attended (by working there) State of the City in 2024 and learned a lot about Sunnyvale's future. I was especially excited about art projects (Later I saw the results at the Sun Flair), the new library project, and bike lanes improvements. I was especially fascinated by the variety of commissions that help Sunnyvale thrive.
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	No

## Board or Commission Selection

First Choice	Arts Commission
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## Applicant Qualifications

<b>What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?</b>	Art is an everyday part of my life. And seeing art as an essential part of Sunnyvale makes me fall in love with our city even more. I feel passionate about public art projects and want to learn how to contribute more to that. I have a degree in Cultural Studies. I am practicing and creating art objects. And I see a tremendous value in the inspiration and joy that city art can contribute even into a simple walk to the grocery store.
<b>What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission?</b>	I am very open-minded, always curious, full of new ideas, and always excited to create, improve, and develop. I know how to "read" and present a project, I know how to do research and communicate on it. I am being active and proactive on every project I work on.
<b>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?</b>	1. Reviewing current policies and previous commission decisions. Reviewing the issues. 2. Seeking input from artists, community, peers. 3. Collaborating with fellow commissioners. 4. Communicating with the City Council.
<b>Education - List college degrees, majors and any relevant training or experience that demonstrates your ability to effectively serve on this board or commission.</b>	Education: Cultural Studies Degree Volunteering: Family Events Coordinator Job: Event Staff, Event Manager, Art Teacher
<b>Describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations.</b>	Contributing to Stocklmeir Elementary school life as Event Coordinator; official active Girl Scouts troop helper; 2023-2024 School Site Council member; Sunnyvale Recreation Services event staff.
<b>Description Area</b>	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.
<b>Do you have any concerns related to the above code and policy?</b>	No
<b>Are you willing to accept a temporary appointment for the remainder of an unexpired term?</b>	Yes

## Board or Commission-Specific Questions

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### Arts Commission

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<b>What role do you think public art plays in a city?</b>	Inspiring during a daily routine. I see public art as a way to communicate with a person who goes by with their daily tasks, that this city has a soul and cares for it. It makes living in Sunnyvale more cheerful. It makes people see that it is not only about buildings and cars. It is about emotions, beauty, ethics, dreams...
<b>How might the City strengthen art programs in the community?</b>	Involve kids in public art projects. It would be fantastic to see how kids can enrich the landscape of Sunnyvale.
<b>The Sunnyvale Public Art collection includes sculptures and other physical art. As an Arts Commissioner, how would you prioritize the inclusion of visual, literary, interactive and performing arts to embody the cultures of our diverse community?</b>	I would prioritize inclusivity by balancing and integrating all kinds of art projects. While sculptures (or other physical art) can be permanent or semi-permanent to "remind" of a message, time-based experiences can highlight events, news, and current issues. Considering that Sunnyvale is highly diverse and friendly, we have all the tools to implement ideas into different projects. Projects can be dedicated to holidays, social groups, ages, locations, hobbies... Even considering hobbies and pets can be a great idea to host a community event.

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### Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests

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<b>Description Area</b>	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.
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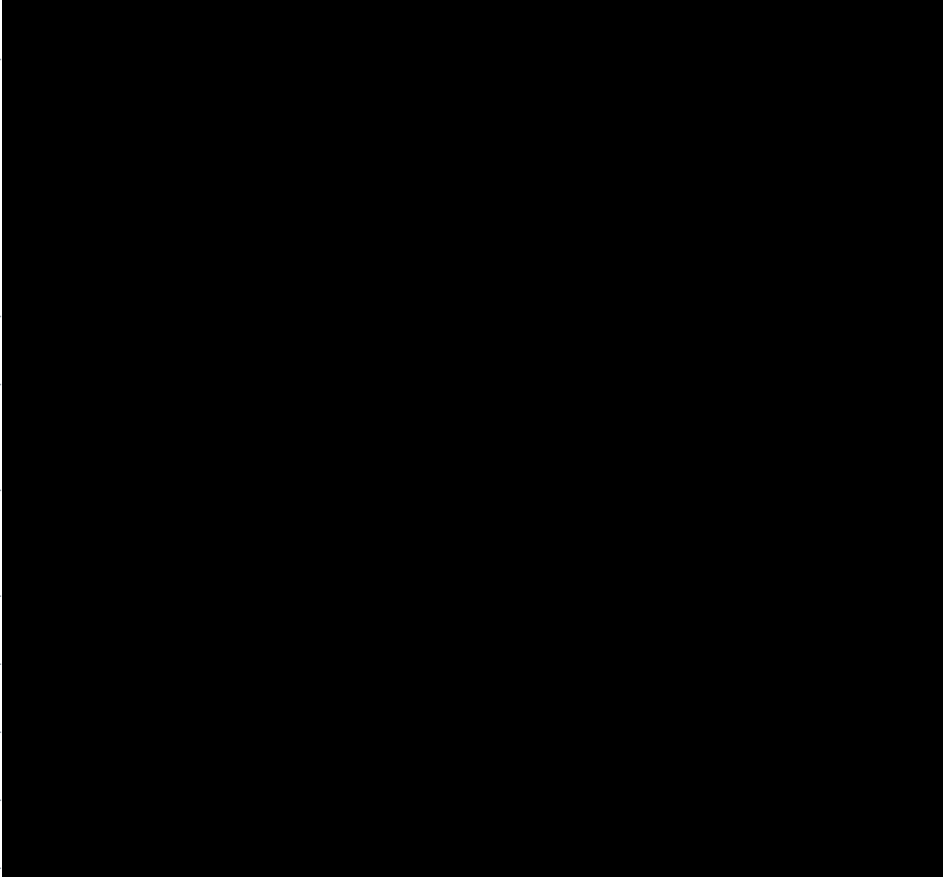
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### Demographic Information

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<b>Your age</b>	
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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	
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.
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I agree	Yes
Your full name	Mariia Tkachenko
Date	Apr 22, 2025