

Applicant Name Richard Lesher

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If yes, which one? _____ Term currently serving _____
_____ Term previously served _____

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If yes, how many meetings have you attended?

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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

As a resident with interest in how community projects are decided upon and executed I am motivated to be part of that decision making process. As a stay at home parent, with both my children now attending school I am able to free up time for that effort.

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

By profession and experience I am accustomed to working with diverse decision making bodies to come to a consensus in order to execute a project or policy within the limitations of the organization's mission or charter.

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The challenge I have found in regard to committee meetings of all sorts is staying on topic, and remembering to restrain ourselves to stay within the limits of our assigned responsibilities. Once task focus is defined, then we need to say within the limitations of the resources available to assign to the policy that needs creation, renewal, or alteration.

Applicant Name Richard Lesher

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

Bachelor of Science - Business Management and Finance San Jose State University (1995 and 1999 respectively)
Masters of Business Administration - Golden Gate University (2003)
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
United States Army Logistical University - Quartermaster Officer Leadership Course (2016)
United States Army Logistical University - Captain Career Course (2021)

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

Prior to my Army Reserve Career I spent 20 years in Financial Services, Corporate Finance and Investment Management.

I am a US Army Reserve (USAR) officer in the Logistics Branch with previous time as a Commander of a Quartermaster Company of 160 soldiers and \$53M in equipment. My current USAR assignment is the Executive Officer for the Distribution and Deployment Operations Center - Korea

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

As mentioned, I have not attended a Sunnyvale associated meeting. I suspect it will be much like other open audience meetings I have been present for. Community attendees will have highly vested opinions on a multitude of topics which need to be balanced against community needs, and resources all while staying within the limitations of time and topics that need to be covered during the course of the meeting.

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

I have served on the Board of Directors for the Santa Clara Drum and Bugle Corps (2006-2013), and held the position as Treasurer. My tenure involved correcting previous poor fiscal practices, and saw the rise of organizational revenues more than double from \$2M to just under \$5M.

I have also volunteered for toy drives run by Dollar Stores to provide gifts for children of Service Members of the US Army Reserve.

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There is a possibility my USAR obligations might conflict with one or two meetings a year when I am attending extended training exercises. The possibility of virtual attendance is not entirely ruled out for those occasions.

12. If an unplanned vacancy arises on the board(s) or commission(s) you are interested in, would you be willing to accept a temporary appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term or until a recruitment is held and Council officially fills the vacancy? Yes No

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Signature of Applicant LESHER, RICHARD, WILLIAM Digitally signed by LESHER, RICHARD, WILLIAM.1403067128 Date: 2021.11.01 09:33:43 -07'00' AM [REDACTED] Date 11/1/2021

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Park and Recreation Commission

We are looking for someone who has interest in open space and recreational activities

9. Community demographics are constantly changing. What do you think are the principal issues this Commission may be addressing over the next few years?

Personnel Board

Additional eligibility requirements for Personnel Board - Please check Yes or No for each question:					
	YES	NO		YES	NO
I hold public office or employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I have a spouse, household member, or designated relative (parent, step-parent, grandparent, child, sister, brother, niece, nephew, uncle, or aunt of the individual or of the individual's spouse), employed by the City of Sunnyvale in a position which has the right to have a disciplinary matter heard before the Personnel Board.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I am a candidate for another public office or position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I am a former City employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

10. Please describe your experience and responsibilities in the administration of employee discipline.

As a non profit Board Member I have participated in disciplinary reviews of executive employees and voted on corrective actions to be executed.

As a military commander, I have executed the administrative function to discipline and terminate service members out of compliance of military law, attendance requirements, and substance abuse.

11. Please describe your experience and responsibilities in the administration of employee grievances.

As a military commander I have oversaw service members grievances in confidence against other service members and resolved most situations at my command level. On occasion I have elevated the grievance up my command chain and referred the service member to the Army's legal services or Inspector General.

It is key to remember to document the entire chain of process and information pertaining to the grievance in accordance with the employer's polices, and pertinent laws that apply to the situation.

Planning Commission:

12. 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?

Firstly, there is probably competing economic motivations between the vacant investors, and the new development owners. Those influences should be secondary to the over all mission of improving the Sunnyvale Quality of Life.

A city should try and avoid what is seen elsewhere as a migration of new development at the cost of letting current areas fall in to disarray.

For example, CV19 has created an environment in Sunnyvale of vacant retail and commercial spaces. The owners of those properties have an economic interest at getting them occupied verses new developers who have an interest to introduce commerce that might not currently be ideal for vacant business locations. Bringing those two interests together would facilitate additional possibilities that avoid building new and creating dilapidated locations.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

Firstly, there are many interests that are being projected in our society. It's important to consider if those interests are coming from within our city or are outside influences with agendas not considering Sunnyvale.

Responses to proposals need to consider the current offerings available to a proposal, the additional benefit the proposal seeks to achieve, and the cost/quality of life balance that has to be compromised. Finally, proposal data and findings need to be validated from an independent source to even be considered as legitimate.

Sustainability Commission:**We are looking for someone who has Demonstrated interest in environmental sustainability issues**

14. Sustainability is a new and emerging issue in many communities. What do you think are the primary sustainability policy issues this commission will be addressing over the next few years?

15. Sustainability Commissioners will need to consider social, economic and environmental issues when addressing sustainability policy issues. How does one achieve a balanced community?



**CITY OF SUNNYVALE
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION**

The City supports its demographic diversity and encourages applicants from all groups to apply.

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Date Received:	11/2/2021
Voter registration verified:	
On:	11/3/21
By:	mtt

Please print or type answers to all questions. Write N/A if not applicable.

General eligibility requirements: Sunnyvale resident and registered voter in Sunnyvale. Other requirements may apply to specific boards and commissions. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk via cityclerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov or at 408-730-7483, TDD 408-730-7501 or visit the City website at sunnyvale.ca.gov.

If you would like to apply for more than one vacancy, place a number next to the board or commission, in order of your preference, for which you would like to apply.

Only applications for current openings will be considered at this time. Applications for future openings will be kept on file for one year. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview with City Council. Appointments will be made at a regular meeting of the City Council.

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission
- Sustainability Commission

If you are applying for the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, please identify the category for which you are applying. You may apply for both if qualified.

- Category One: Applicants must be bicyclists or pedestrians residing and registered to vote in Sunnyvale.
- Category Two: Applicants must have an interest in bicycle and/or pedestrian issues in the City and belong to one of the groups listed below. Sunnyvale residency is not required, but applicant must be a registered voter or legal resident.

Please check as many that apply:

- PTA/parent group member
- Santa Clara Unified School District/Sunnyvale School District Administration
- Neighborhood association member
- Sunnyvale teacher or principal
- Person interested in Sunnyvale park and recreational activities

If you are applying for the **Sustainability Commission**, please identify the category for which you are applying.

- Category One: Applicants shall be Sunnyvale registered voters.
- Category Two: Applicants shall include members of the Sunnyvale business community*. Such members need not be Sunnyvale residents.

*Sunnyvale business license holders; or designated representative of Sunnyvale businesses with 200 or more employees.

Applicant Name: Iglesias Nathan J
Last First M.I.

Current Residence: [Redacted] Sunnyvale CA 94089
Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Preferred Contact Phone Number(s): [Redacted]

1. Are you a currently-registered voter in Sunnyvale? Yes When was the last time you voted?
Month October Year 2021

Applicant Name Iglesias, Nathan

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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I submitted a plan for review to the Planning Department in May 2020, and it wasn't until a Planning Commission meeting in October of 2021 that my request was resolved. I want to be forthcoming about not harboring frustration towards any people involved in the process, but I see opportunity for process improvement. The Planning Commission has the precarious responsibility of both protecting/preserving the community, while guiding changes and updates. It's precarious because these values, preserve and change, can feel at odds. I believe that natural tension is healthy and can serve as a check and balance. I want to invest myself and my skill sets into an organization that has the charter and authority to mindfully navigate change and progression. There are few concepts more sacred than "home", and I want to contribute perspective, empathy, and duty to the commission.

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

I have a dual-professional background:

1. I'm an active National Guard Army officer. I've deployed two times to Afghanistan and I operated an international intelligence fusion center, which brought Pakistan and Afghan forces to a shared table. These countries have a historic mistrust of each other; I worked to create a safe space through identifying aligned interests. I'm very diplomatic and capable of thriving in sensitive and nuanced environments; I focus on relationships and maintain consistency and transparency. I regularly brief senior officers (to include generals) and I believe in fairly representing all perspectives of an issue to allow decision makers to make fully informed decisions.

2. I work as an Insights and Analytics manager in the tech space. I'm very comfortable with numbers, rules and regulations, and processes. I'm also conditioned to focus on objectivity when receiving ideas, and I proactively look for my own cues of unconscious bias. I prefer evaluating all the facts before making a judgement, but can optimize for speed when that's a deliberate request.

6. 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 that board or commission. With this in mind, what steps would you take to effectively exercise this specific board or commission role?

1. I would familiarize myself with the governing rules and regulations.
2. I'd review precedent, akin to case law to look for guidance and frameworks of problem solving.
3. I would focus on limiting information to the relevant facts to allow for focus
4. I would actively share multiple perspectives about a solution, even if it's one I don't agree
5. I would be accountable to be fully informed and to present in a manner that allows for honest, fair, and quick decision making

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

MBA; Cornell
BS, Economics; Santa Clara University
AA, Dari: Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center
Negotiations Certificate; Notre Dame University
Marketing Certificate; Tulane University

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I have two active occupations:

1. Intelligence Officer, California Army National Guard

I manage a team of intelligence professionals and our org is a liaison with the Air Force. We conduct battlefield deconfliction and planning exercises together.

2. Insights and Analytics Manager

I manage a team of program managers, trainers, and I support the org through analytical research and insights.

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

I observed that the Planning Commission was seeking two simultaneous objectives:

1. To be fair
2. To be consistent

It's interesting, but sometimes fair and consistent do not go hand in hand, especially when evaluating change and progress. I admired that the Planning Commission expressed gratitude to both the residents who attended, and to the Planning Department. The Commission didn't come across as if it were biased.

I want to contribute to that objectivity. I want to help ensure the Planning Department has sufficient guidance to work quickly, and that residents view the Planning enterprise as one that is efficient and optimized for fair/predictable outcomes. Predictability is hugely important to planners.

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

I commanded 200+ National Guard Soldiers/Airmen at the Oakland Coliseum; we supported vaccinating >500k people.

I provided military liaison support at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in Sacramento during the fire season.

I managed an intelligence organization that build models/projections around if/when/where government services would fail during the initial outbreak of COVID-19.

Most of my off time is spent serving in the California National Guard.

Applicant Name Ilesias, Nathan

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I have no issues with the code of ethics and conduct.

If I am activated for military service, that could impact my ability to attend in-person meetings; however, even when I was activate for 6+ months, I brokered an agreement between my military commander and primary employer to meet both requirements.

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Planning Commission:

12. 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?

There are multiple stakeholders; they need to be identified and their interests and priorities acknowledged and weighed.

Stakeholders include, Sunnyvale: home owners, renters, businesses, and potential individual entities that could become any of those.

Considerations include: state-wide housing requirements, tax base impacts, the sense of community, how change will advantage and disadvantage the stakeholders. My plan would be to survey impacted stakeholders (via whatever tools, precedent exists) and understand the objectives of the City Council (near and far term) to make recommendations that nest within the intentions of the elected officials.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

Transparency is critical to equity and balance. When operating transparently, it facilitates honest discussions about issues, opportunities, and risks. Also, when you operate transparently, it makes you more predictable, which fosters trust and the social capital necessary to succeed through controversial issues.

When balancing the impacts of a plan, it's important to be honest about how social, economic, and environmental issues and stakeholders may be impacted. Are they advantaged? If so, how? Are they disadvantaged? If so, how?

Conducting an honest and thorough survey supports effective community problem solving. Operating transparently also means calling out when we realize a decision can negatively impact another issue or stakeholder; identifying adverse impact is the first step to honestly discussing if that is acceptable and if it can be mitigated. Finally, remembering that both commissions and elected officials serve the bodies that selected them is important and reminder for priority setting.

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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

My neighborhood does not have representation on the Planning commission and there is a lot of development happening in my area and we are not well represented.

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

Fair judgement and some equity of the board. I do not think the board has had any Hispanic member in a while.

6. 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 that board or commission. With this in mind, what steps would you take to effectively exercise this specific board or commission role?

I would listen the experts opinion and the public opinion about the specific issue, but ultimately I will make the judgment based on what benefits our community in the short and long term.

Applicant Name Vasquez, Marco

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

Associate Degree in Accounting, Community College of the Air Force

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I am currently serving in the 129th Rescue Wing as a Accounting Liason Officer in the Comptroller Flight.

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

The Planning comission has a lot to say about our city's insfrastructure. My suggesstion is to diversify the board.

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

I am the vice chair of SNAIL

Applicant Name Vasquez, Marco

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None

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Planning Commission:

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We need more housing density. Sunnyvale has moved in the right direction of building more town homes and apartments while also making them affordable through its BMR program.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

The commissioner must look into all the aspects presented to the commission and make the best judgment for the best of the community minimizing any negative impacts

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Applicant Name Yasaman Hakami

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If yes, which one? Heritage Preservation Commission Term currently serving _____
Term previously served x

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If yes, how many meetings have you attended? All



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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I had a great educational experience on the Heritage Preservation Commission, and learned a great deal about the history of Sunnyvale, a city I have spent my entire life residing in. Because of this I have a strong desire for a more involved role with local affairs, and after learning more about the commission from community members, I have decided to apply for this particular commission. I believe that as an active member of our community, I can contribute a positive and long-lasting impact on the Planning Commission.

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

I will bring a detail oriented, focused, and level-headed perspective to this commission. As a pragmatic, articulate, and analytical individual, I believe that I can examine and approve the right measures our city needs. My professional background is in program and operational management at both Google and Accenture, therefore equipping me with a keen ability to successfully implement process improvements. I have a background in policy analysis and politics as seen in my studies at American University and UC Davis.

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I have active and former commission experience both in the City of Sunnyvale and County of Santa Clara. I also have experience in working with stakeholders in office and development and planning - I have direct access to the President of Prometheus, the largest developer in the City of Sunnyvale. I will seek to propose study issues on any relevant policy questions, and provide useful recommendations on land use and zoning decisions with stakeholder and constituent advice and interests in mind to uphold thriving public-private partnerships that responsibly boost our city's housing stock.

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De Anza Community College
American University -- Political Economy (Transferred)
University of California, Davis -- Law and Society

Professional Roles:

Operational and Program Management Consultant at Google via Accenture
Strategy Fellow at West Ventures
Capital Development at United Nations Foundation
Corporate Communications at the Sheryl Sandberg and Dave Goldberg Family Foundation

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I'm currently assisting cross-functional teams at Google with program management, business operations, and agile strategy to support a more efficient campaign delivery practice.

I was the second hire in marketing at Finalis, the first and fastest-growing decentralized investment banking platform.

I was also a Strategy Fellow at West Ventures, gaining experience in go-to-market approaches, product-market fit, and brand. My portfolio companies include: Pagaya Investments, SeatFrog, Perch Credit, MURAL, and GetSetUp.

My background also covers capital raising and growth strategy as I supported the #UniteForHealth Covid19 multi-million dollar development initiative, in partnership with the WHO, at the UN Foundation in Washington, D.C.

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

Firstly, I have become comfortable with an online and remote commission meetings on Zoom. I have read the parliamentary handbook, and I understand how remote public comment is monitored.

My largest improvement will include establishing a secure system of communication between commissions and City Council by introducing a TCMAC equivalent for the Planning Commission so the public may also be aware of specific items. This will allow for the public to be better-educated on city matters to decrease misinformed outbursts during public comment.

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

City of Sunnyvale - Heritage Preservation Commissioner
Santa Clara County - Domestic Violence Commissioner
Sunnyvale Democratic Club Member

UNA-NCA Consultant
UN Foundation Intern

Ro Khanna District Affairs Intern
California Democratic Party Administrative Intern

Applicant Name Yasaman Hakami

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No concerns.

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Signature of Applicant Yasaman Moinzadeh Hakami Date 11/4/2021

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Planning Commission:

12. 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?

We should explore ways to increase funding for mixed-usage development on vacant sights in the city. Secondly we should explore ways to permit current property owners to develop their properties in ways that allow for smart density and with consideration of local/state law. This should all be promoted while noting ways to not displace existing residents.

I again believe that my background in sociology, law, former commissioner experience, and direct connection with stakeholders (Bay Area developers and community members) will best inform me to make the most responsible decisions.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

I believe that on a micro level, people deserve a thriving community where they can have their children grow up with a close community and not have to fear eviction or displacement. Where our workers can easily access jobs and diminish traffic as the workforce can both afford to live near offices and access effective transportation services that reduce CO2 emissions. Our city should invest in developing our roads to increase roadway safety. We should also invest in greater development in our downtown and local city centers so our neighborhood residents can enjoy utilizing recreation nearby rather than having to leave to neighboring towns. As the second largest city in the county, we should support our communities size by bringing in business and also supporting to local mom-and-pop shops so they can continue to care for our residents as they have for generations.

Sustainability Commission:

We are looking for someone who has Demonstrated interest in environmental sustainability issues

14. Sustainability is a new and emerging issue in many communities. What do you think are the primary sustainability policy issues this commission will be addressing over the next few years?

15. Sustainability Commissioners will need to consider social, economic and environmental issues when addressing sustainability policy issues. How does one achieve a balanced community?