

Applicant Information

Name	Marlene Hernandez
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.
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	11/2024
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?	No
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	No

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice	Housing and Human Services Commission
Apply for another board or commission? ¹	Yes
Second Choice	Human Relations Commission

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

Me motivo el sentido de poder informar y compartir con mi comunidad el aprendizaje que pueda obtener si tengo la oportunidad de pertenecer a esta Comission. asimismo teniendo conocimientos de la gran necesidad que tienen la comunidad latina al Norte de Sunnyvale con respecto al acceso de una vivienda digna.

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

Considero que uno de mis mayores atributos es el poder compartir con las personas mis conocimientos y tratar de dar la informacion mas correcta que poseo, considerando mis anos de experiencia laboral en manejo de grupos y liderazgo, asimismo escuchar todas las perpectivas de acuerdo a la competencia de la Commission de Housing and human Services.

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?

- Escuchar a todos los miembros de la comunidad sobre sus preocupaciones relacionados a la vivienda y los servicios sociales que la ciudad presta a sus residentes.
posteriormente con las perpectivas que han sido expuestas por los residentes de la ciudad recomendar al consejo adoptar programas e iniciativas que puedan ayudar a resolver las inquietudes que se pueda tener acerca de accesibilidad , equidad e inclusion y programas que cumplan el desarrollo social requerido por la ciudad dirigido a todas las comunidades ; como jovenes, adultos mayores y personas con discapacidades.

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

- Administracion de Empresas (3 years)
- Derecho y Ciencias Politicas
- ESL
- Business Administration
- Diversos tipos de clases , Emprendimiento, Salud, Cuidado de Ancianos y Ninos.

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

- Comunity Leader Program of Sunnyvale Comunity Services
- Volunteer Dioces Catholic of San Jose for 11 year (by Resurrection Catholic School)
- Volunteer Sport Program of Homestead High School. (XC and Track and Field).
- Election Cleerk Volunteer at Santa Clara County.
- Coordinadora Vecinal East Palo Alto
- Volunteer Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
- Volunteer Congregation of Mother Calcuta

Description Area

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

Housing and Human Services Commission

Evaluate the quality and adequacy of the housing programs that serve the Sunnyvale community. Considero que son programas muy interezantes pero necesitan mas difusion, que tengan mas allegada a todos los residentes de la ciudad de Sunnyvale, tal vez promoverlo en diferentes lenguajes.

Evaluate the quality and availability of the human services programs that serve the Sunnyvale community. Considero que con el trascurrir de los anos la ciudad de Sunnyvale, a tenido varios cambios que han favorecido a comunidades relegadas por antiguas administraciones, habiendo mas acceso a programas y difusion.

Share your thoughts on how the City might better improve housing affordability, prevent displacement and serve our unhoused residents.

- Implementar los refugios temporales dignos.
- Acceso a Viviendas asequibles.
- Fortalecer red de apoyo social.
- Prevencion de asistencia temprana.
- Mejorar las oportunidades laborales.
- Coordinacion entre agencias estatales y privadas.

Description Area View Unhoused Community Support

Have you read Unhoused Community Support? Yes

What are your thoughts on Sunnyvale's support for the unhoused community? Difundir los programas actules que ofrece la ciudad de Sunnyvale, ayudaria a prevenir el incremento de la de personas sin vivienda, ya que acudirian en la primera etapa.

Human Relations Commission

Category One: I'm a Sunnyvale resident. Yes

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

- Desigualdad de ingresos y concentration de riqueza.
- Crisis de vivienda y aumento de la falta de hogar
- Inequidad Educativa
- Descriminacion racial y barreras estructurales.
- Desigualdad al acceso tecnologico y oportunidades laborales

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

La participacion a la organizacion del Primer Festival Iberoamericano realizado en la ciudad de Sunnyvale, incluyo a una comunidad latina involuntariamente marginada por anos por las anteriores administraciones.

Trabajar educando a la Comunidad del Adulto mayor en la Ciudad de East Palo Alto, (programas de primeros sintomas de identificacion de la demencia senil).

Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests**Description Area**

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****Your gender****Description Area**

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)

Do you speak a language other than English?

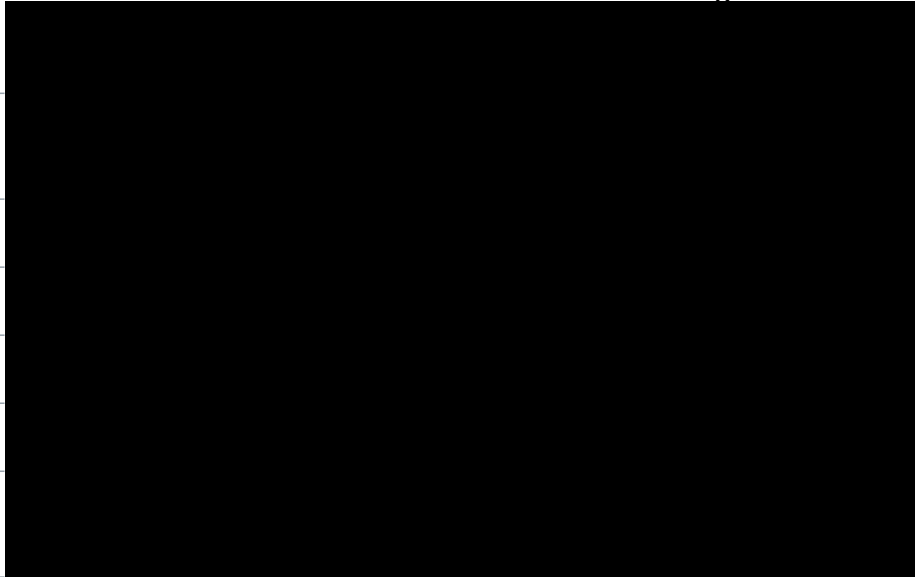
Which languages?

Household Income

Residence - Are you a

Do you live in a

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



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

Marlene Hernandez

Date

Apr 23, 2025

**Marlene Hernandez
Translated Responses**

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I am motivated by the opportunity to inform and share with my community the knowledge I could gain if I have the chance to be part of this Commission. I also recognize the great need within the Latino community in North Sunnyvale regarding access to decent housing.

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

I consider one of my greatest attributes to be the ability to share my knowledge with others and provide the most accurate information I have, considering my years of work experience in group management and leadership. Additionally, I make it a priority to listen to all perspectives in line with the responsibilities of the Housing and Human Services Commission.

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?

- Listen to all community members regarding their concerns related to housing and the social services the city provides to its residents.
- Based on the perspectives shared by the city's residents, recommend to the council the adoption of programs and initiatives that can help address concerns related to accessibility, equity, and inclusion, as well as programs that fulfill the social development required by the city, targeting all communities, such as youth, seniors, and people with disabilities.

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

- Business Administration (3 years)
- Law and Political Science
- ESL (English as a Second Language)
- Business Administration
- Various courses in Entrepreneurship, Health, Elderly and Child Care.

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

- Community Leader Program of Sunnyvale Community Services
- Volunteer at Diocese Catholic of San Jose for 11 years (by Resurrection Catholic School)
- Volunteer Sports Program at Homestead High School (XC and Track and Field)
- Election Clerk Volunteer at Santa Clara County
- Neighborhood Coordinator in East Palo Alto
- Volunteer at Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
- Volunteer with the Congregation of Mother Teresa

Evaluate the quality and adequacy of the housing programs that serve the Sunnyvale community.

I consider these programs to be very interesting, but they need more outreach to reach all residents of Sunnyvale. Perhaps promoting them in different languages could help increase accessibility.

Evaluate the quality and availability of the human services programs that serve the Sunnyvale community.

I believe that over the years, the city of Sunnyvale has undergone several changes that have benefited historically marginalized communities, with increased access to programs and better outreach.

Share your thoughts on how the City might better improve housing affordability, prevent displacement and serve our unhoused residents.

- Implement temporary dignified shelters
- Access to affordable housing
- Strengthen social support networks
- Early assistance prevention
- Improve employment opportunities
- Coordination between state and private agencies

What are your thoughts on Sunnyvale's support for the unhoused community?

Disseminating the current programs offered by the city of Sunnyvale would help prevent the increase in homelessness, as people would seek assistance during the early stages.

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

- Income inequality and wealth concentration
- Housing crisis and rising homelessness
- Educational inequity
- Racial discrimination and structural barriers
- Inequality in access to technology and employment opportunities

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

My involvement in organizing the First Ibero-American Festival held in the city of Sunnyvale included a Latino community that had been unintentionally marginalized for years by previous administrations.

Additionally, I worked on educating the senior community in the City of East Palo Alto, focusing on programs for early identification of dementia symptoms.