

Applicant Information

Name	Cara Kuhn
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	6 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	November 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?	<p>I watched a Board of Library Trustees meeting and I learned about how IMLS funding is used by the library and how they plan to adapt to its absence.</p> <p>I liked the librarian's presentation on the digital divide and their goals on educating the public. I think I would like to hear more about their plans to educate middle school and high school age students about AI, scams, etc. There was a focus on younger children, and older adult, but not folks who have access to smartphones/ computers, but given little guidance on the dangers and/or advantages of new technology.</p>
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	Yes

How many meetings have you attended?

1 city council meeting, 1 BLT meeting.

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice

Board of Library Trustees (R)

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

Given the state of the world, I've realized that democracy is a participation sport. I live in, and value this city, and I feel the responsibility of being a citizen to give back to my city. One of the things I value most is the library. It is the heart and soul of a community - a place where education and diversity is valued. It is a place where we can educate ourselves, come together as a community, and learn.

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

I am a life long patron of the library, with a firm belief that reading is core to education. I am curious about new methods of learning, and how the library can find new ways to innovate as the heart of the community.

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?

I would determine the scope of the issue, the stakeholders affected, the constraints of the issue, the cost benefit analysis of the issue, and the various paths available to move forward on any given issue. Few decisions are clear cut, but having the pros and cons carefully thought through allows for better decision making.

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

I have a Bachelors of Science in Communication from the University of Florida. I have a MBA from the University of South Florida. I am trained in data analytics and marketing.

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

I volunteer at my daughter's school, Fairwood Explorer Elementary 2 hours every week. I was the co-lead volunteer for their 2025 Walk-a-thon to raise funds for field trips. I am a member Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. The goal is to reduce gun violence. I volunteer to educate folks on how to store their gun safely so children cannot access guns. In the past, I was an active member of the Santa Clara Bird Alliance. I worked in the field trip program and was one of the docents for when the kiddos came to visit local parks.

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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

Board of Library Trustees

Community demographics and technology are constantly changing. What do you think are the principal issues the Sunnyvale Public Library may be addressing over the next few years?

I think one of the major concerns, especially in North Sunnyvale, is internet access. Internet access is such a critical aspect of life now a days, especially for students. I am curious about how the Sunnyvale Public Library, especially the new branch opening up, is going to address this issue.

Our main library's infrastructure is aging, with ongoing maintenance issues. The 2024 library bond measure, intended to solve those issues, failed. What solutions do you suggest?

While the bond failed, it only missed the mark by a little. More than a majority voted for a new main branch, so the support is there. I would like to hear more discussion of funding sources. If not a bond measure, is there another set of financial tools available? What are other cities doing to build and support libraries? I would look to the success stories in other Bay Area cities to find a route for the library.

Demographic Information

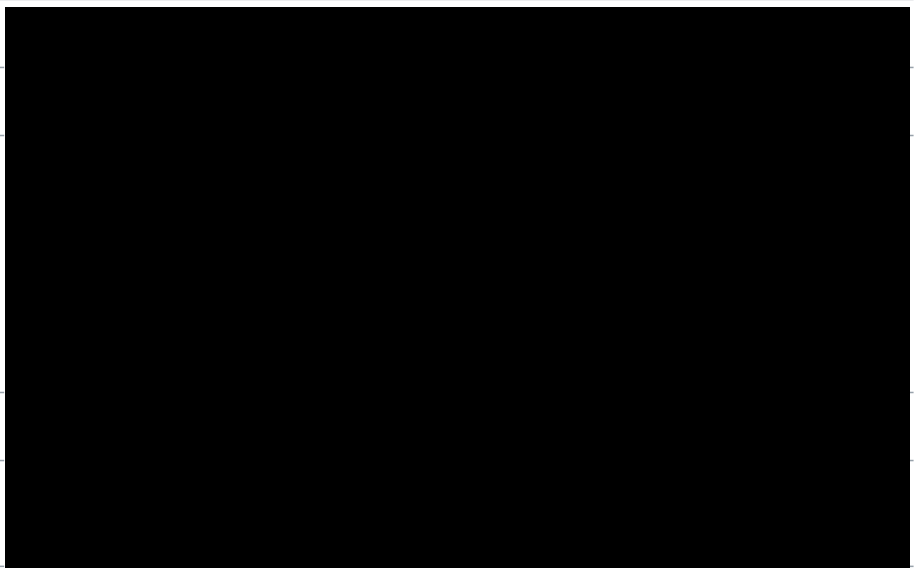
Your age

Your gender

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LGBTQIA+ Identity

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)



Do you speak a language other than English?

Household Income

Residence - Are you a

Do you live in a

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

Cara Lynne Kuhn

Date

Apr 24, 2025