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Applicant Information

Name	Trong Du
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
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] Sunnyvale, CA 94087
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	Board of Library Trustees (R)
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Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?	I recently retired after over 40 years in the high-tech industry and now have the time to contribute more actively to our community. Serving on the Board of Library Trustees offers an opportunity to support the library's role in shaping a better Sunnyvale for the future.
What skills or attributes can you bring to this board or commission?	I am well-versed in various technologies and their practical applications. More in the answer to the question below.

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?

As an applicant for the position on the Board of Library Trustees in Sunnyvale, CA, I bring a unique combination of professional experience and cultural perspective that I believe will be highly valuable in advising the City Council on matters concerning the city library. Below, I outline specific steps I would take to provide meaningful advice:

Leverage Technology to Address Current Issues:

With many years of experience as a software developer and software development manager, I am well-versed in various technologies and their practical applications. I will evaluate existing challenges faced by the library, such as resource accessibility, operational inefficiencies, or outreach limitations, and recommend how technology can be utilized to address these issues effectively. For example, I can propose solutions like implementing user-friendly online catalog systems, digital resource management tools.

Enhance Operations and Services through Technology:

In addition to resolving current issues, I can advise on adopting and integrating technologies that will enhance the library's operations and services. This could include improving digital literacy programs, expanding e-book collections, or introducing innovative platforms for virtual events and workshops. By focusing on scalable and cost-effective solutions, I aim to ensure the library remains a modern and inclusive resource for the community.

Support for the Asian and Vietnamese Communities:

As a Vietnamese individual, I am deeply connected to the needs and values of the Asian community in general and the Vietnamese community in particular. I will work to ensure that the library's programs, collections, and services are inclusive and culturally relevant. This includes:

Advocating for multilingual resources and materials, particularly in Vietnamese.

Supporting community engagement initiatives that celebrate Asian cultures.

Encouraging programs that address the educational and informational needs of immigrant families.

Through these efforts, I am committed to making the Sunnyvale library a forward-thinking institution that serves as a cornerstone for technological innovation, operational excellence, and cultural inclusivity.

Education – List college degrees, majors and any relevant training or experience that demonstrates your ability to effectively serve on this board or commission. BS Computer Science , UC Berkeley
40+ years experience in software development and software development manager
President of Vietnamese Christian Restoration Ministry

Describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations. I'm a Sunday School teacher my church Vietnamese Alliance Church in San Francisco
I'm the president of Vietnamese Christian Restoration Ministry (VCRM), our mission is to help drug addicts to overcome their addiction by putting their trust in the love and grace of God.

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

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? Leveraging current and future technologies to make our library operates more efficiently in term of costs and services offered to our community.

Demographic Information

Your age 65 and up

Your gender Male

Description Area LGBTQIA+ Identity (LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and the “+” is an all-inclusive way to include additional terms used to describe one’s gender, romantic, and sexual identities for those who do not identify with heterosexuality or the gender binary.)

Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply) Asian

Do you speak a language other than English?	Yes
Which languages?	Vietnamese
Household Income	Under \$161,670
Residence - Are you a	Homeowner
Do you live in a	Single Family Home

Your Agreement

Description Area	<p>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.</p>
I agree	Yes
Your full name	Trong Du
Date	Jan 19, 2025