

Applicant Information

Please accept my request to be reappointed to:

Heritage Preservation Commission (R)

Name

Pamela B Sharma

Are you a Sunnyvale resident?

Yes

How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?

Since 2012

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

How long have you served on current your board or commission?

Since 2021

Have you ever served on another City of Sunnyvale board or commission?

No

What new information about your qualifications would you like Council to know?

I was appointed by the Sunnyvale City Council to the Heritage and Preservation Commission in 2021 and have served continuously till date. I have also served as Chairperson of the Heritage and Preservation Commission from 2022 until 2023.

During my time as Commissioner, I have been a vocal member of the commission, asking pertinent questions and clarifying questions on specific agenda items presented. I have attended 89% of all Heritage and Preservation Commission meetings over the last four years.

Examples of my involvement on the Commission include:

- Advocating for the public through approving plans such the Resource Alteration Permit (file 2021-7230 and file 2022-7682) for single-family homes, in keeping in line with the historical nature of the respective properties.
- Advocating for the approval of the Landmark Alteration Permit for the expansion of Fibbar MaGee's (file 2021-7203) from a historical and aesthetic perspective in downtown Sunnyvale. I raised questions during the presentation about the seismic integrity of the building and overall safety.
- Asking questions regarding funding Heritage and Preservation Commission study issues (June 1, 2022 Meeting).
- Gaining clarification regarding the current Heritage Inventory and ramifications from Senate Bill 9 (June 1, 2022 Meeting).
- While Chair in 2023, advocating for an increased role and voice of the Heritage and Preservation Commission with Sunnyvale City Council members.
- Advocating to Sunnyvale City Council for approval of Heritage and Preservation Commission-related study issues.
- Gaining consensus approval from fellow commission members for a commemorative plaque to be installed by builder, to honor historical legacy of Parish Family property and poultry farm. (Resource Alteration Permit for the removal of 148 Crescent Avenue from the Heritage Resource Inventory (file 2021-7265)).
- Advocating for a plaque installation by builder to commemorate removal of historic redwood at Cityline Project (June 5, 2024 Meeting).

In addition to the above contributions to the Heritage and Preservation Commission, I am also a Neighborhood Co-Lead for

the Victory Village Neighborhood Association since 2023. In addition to addressing neighborhood concerns with Sunnyvale City Council and the County of Santa Clara, I have also organized social get-togethers for our neighborhood.

I am also an active member of the gardening community in Sunnyvale. I co-moderate a Next Door gardening group, "Sunnyvale Edible Gardening," to exchange ideas about native plants of the area, best organic methods of gardening, and to foster a sense of community based on our shared love of gardening. I actively attend the monthly garden share at Charles Street Gardens, to share my harvests and plants with the local gardening community. I also support the Charles Street Gardens semiannual plant sales through promotion of the sales to the larger community and purchasing of plants and seedlings.

In my home, I have a small "Little Free Library" in my front yard, where I share books, homemade ceramics, and extra seeds with my community. I am a part-time artist and use my front yard garden to showcase my works in congruous harmony with the plants I am growing in a particular season.

Reasons you wish to be reappointed.

I would like to continue the work I started in 2021 with the Heritage and Preservation Commission. As I mentioned in my previous answer, I am an active and vocal member of the Commission. I am enthusiastic about the work I do, and I look forward to giving back to my city and community in this capacity.

In particular, I am excited to see the approval of the study issue of the establishment of the Japanese American Incarceration Memorial. It will be the first study issue that has been approved for the Heritage and Preservation Commission in many years. I also look forward to perhaps serving as chairperson again, if I am reappointed to my seat.

I have also had the opportunity to collaborate with residents of Sunnyvale on the commission and City Council members. I look forward to meeting more residents of Sunnyvale through my involvement with the Heritage and Preservation Commission.

Any additional information related to your reappointment?

No additional information at this time. Thank you to Sunnyvale City Council members for consideration of my application to the Heritage and Preservation Commission.

Demographic Information

Your age	
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

Do you have any other identities* No
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

Pamela Batsha Sharma

Date

Apr 22, 2025