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Applicant Information

Name	Archana Varshney
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	25 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]

Description Area	Employment NoticeCity of Sunnyvale employees may not serve on a board or commission.
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I am a current City of Sunnyvale employee.	No
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Have you ever served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission?	No
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Have you attended a meeting of the City Council, or a board or commission?	No
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Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	No
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Board or Commission Selection

First Choice	Arts Commission
Apply for another board or commission?1	Yes
Second Choice	Parks and Recreation Commission (R)

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

My motivation to apply for the Arts Commissioner role comes from a deep belief in the power of arts and culture to bring communities together, inspire creativity, and reflect diverse voices. I have seen how public art and cultural programs can transform neighborhoods, create a sense of belonging, and provide meaningful opportunities for artists.

I was actively involved as a PTA member at Stockmeir Elementary School, where I contribute to organizing events such as International Dance Fairs and Art Fairs. These experiences have allowed me to witness how art and culture can bring people together, celebrate diversity, and create a sense of belonging within the community.

I also served as a Scout Master and Scout Counselor for the City of Sunnyvale, where I mentored youth and promote leadership, teamwork, and community service. This experience has further strengthened my commitment to civic engagement and youth development.

In 2025, I contributed to the Sunnyvale city's Festival of Lights(Diwali) by organizing and leading an Indian dance flash mob. This experience allowed me to combine artistic expression with community participation, creating an inclusive and joyful cultural experience for the public.

With my passion for community engagement and appreciation for the arts, I am eager to contribute to thoughtful decision-making, advocate for artists, and help shape programs that enrich the cultural landscape of our city.

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

I bring good communication skills, teamwork, and a strong interest in the arts. I enjoy listening to different ideas and working with people from diverse backgrounds. I am organized, responsible, and willing to learn. I also care about making arts accessible to everyone in the community and supporting local artists.

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 listen to the community and artists, review proposals carefully, and work with other members to make fair decisions. I would support creative and inclusive projects, and also encourage programs in parks and recreation spaces so more people can enjoy and participate.

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

Education:

- Master's Degree in Accounting
- Bachelor's Degree in Commerce
- Intermediate in Science (Biology)
- One-Year Diploma/Certificate in Tourism

Training & Experience:

- Scout Master and Youth Program Training
- Child Development Training (including art and dance) through De Anza College
- Experience working with children with autism through art and dance programs
- Nearly 20 years of experience working with schools and community programs
- Strong background in organizing cultural events, art programs, and community activities

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

I have nearly 20 years of experience serving the community. I am a PTA member at Stocklmeir Elementary School and a Scout Master and Scout Counselor for Sunnyvale, mentoring youth and promoting leadership. I have volunteered as Creative Director with nonprofits like FOG and Sewa, leading art and dance programs, including flash mobs and Holi events, engaging the public, and fostering creativity and inclusivity

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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

Arts Commission

What role do you think public art plays in a city?

Public art brings communities together, creates a sense of identity, and makes public spaces more vibrant and welcoming. It reflects the culture, diversity, and creativity of the people living in the city. Public art can inspire, educate, and encourage people to engage with their surroundings in meaningful ways. It also provides opportunities for local artists to showcase their work and connect with the community, making art accessible to everyone.

How might the City strengthen art programs in the community?

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The Sunnyvale Public Art collection includes sculptures and other physical art. As an Arts Commissioner, how would you prioritize the inclusion of visual, literary, interactive and performing arts to embody the cultures of our diverse community?

I would support a balance of visual, literary, interactive, and performing arts by engaging our diverse community and encouraging artists to share their cultural stories. This will help create public art that reflects and celebrates everyone in Sunnyvale.

Park and Recreation Commission

Community demographics are constantly changing. What do you think are the principal issues the commission may be addressing over the next two years?

Key issues include ensuring equal access, maintaining safe and inclusive spaces, and offering programs that reflect our diverse community.

How could we improve our parks and recreation infrastructure and programming to better serve our diverse community?

We can make our parks better by keeping them clean, adding more fun and safe spaces, and offering activities that everyone in the community can enjoy.

Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests

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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.

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Yes

Voter Registration Requirement

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If you are applying for the Board of Library Trustee, Heritage Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel Board or the Planning Commission, you must be a registered voter in Sunnyvale.

Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale?

No

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

Archana Varshney

Date

Apr 04, 2026
