

Applicant Information

Name	Jenny L Bratton
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 94086
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
Are you currently a registered voter in Sunnyvale?	Yes
When was the last time you voted? Month/Year	11/24
Have you ever served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission?	Yes
Check all that apply	Previously served
Name(s) of boards or commissions previously served with approximate dates	Heritage Preservation Commission
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)
---------------------	-------------------------------

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I love that the library is a community space. Whenever I go to the library, I see patrons young and old enjoying its resources. I enjoy that it's a welcoming and safe space. I am also really excited about the new library being opened in North Sunnyvale. I think this is long overdue to increase access to those communities. I am a big fan!

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

I can bring my skills in advocacy to this Board. Being a first-generation immigrant, I know the importance of having a library stocked full of multi-lingual and multicultural resources. The library was where I spent most of my free time in my youth. It was the books that the librarians introduced me to and my participation in summer reading programs at the library that accelerated my reading and English skills.

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 first learn the policy issues that are relevant to this role so I can be better-informed and also be able to articulate on these issues. Then I would be sure to engage in respectful dialogue and listening to the community.

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 had a 15-year public school career as an educator. I also have past experience serving as a member on the Heritage Preservation Commission.

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

I have been involved with the Sunnyvale Sister City Association as a volunteer for the past 5 years. I am also a long-time member of Rotary (Redwood City club) and serve as the secretary of that club. I have also been a longtime volunteer and have previously served on the executive board of Sunnyvale Middle School PTSA.

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?

Census records show that the biggest shift in demographics is among the senior population. As the senior population grows, the public library will need to address this by providing more equipment, modifications, or training targeted towards this group and provide more senior services.

Also, technology threats such as malware or data breaches is another area that the library may be forced to pre-empt or take more proactive measures around. Even though the policy of Sunnyvale Library states that it is an open network provided by the City of Sunnyvale available to the general public and is NOT INHERENTLY SECURE, the library may still want to put in place more secure measures to prevent bad actors from exploiting the vulnerability of its users.

Last, but not least, there may be a decrease in public funding in the foreseeable future which will result in budget cuts.

Demographic Information

Your age	45-64
Your gender	Female
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.)
LGBTQIA+ Identity	No, I am not part of the LGBTQIA+ community
Race or Ethnicity (select all that apply)	Asian
Do you speak a language other than English?	Yes
Which languages?	conversational Mandarin
Household Income	Over \$161,670
Residence - Are you a	Homeowner
Do you live in a	Single Family Home

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

Jenny Lin Bratton

Date

Jan 21, 2025
