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Applicant Information

Name	Shandor Dektor
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	8 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	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?	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>Attended commission meeting on sustainability, attended parks + rec meeting, attended city council meeting on traffic calming. It is interesting to see the workings of Sunnyvale. There appears to be a gap between the workings of the council and boards and the practical running of city.</p> <p>Generally it seems like there is little use in showing up in person unless you filed notes/requests ahead of time. Hard to provide feedback in any sort of "impromptu" fashion.</p> <p>I do appreciate the the meetings are posted online and are relatively easy to find!</p>

Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying? Yes

How many meetings have you attended? 2-3, but it's been a while.

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission? I would like to get more involved in the City of Sunnyvale. I have lived here long enough to understand some of the strengths and weaknesses of our city, and would like to push our city to become more welcoming of cyclists and pedestrians.

In my 8 years in Sunnyvale (located in downtown) I have bike-commuted ~50% of my commutes. As an experienced cyclist, the infrastructure is adequate, but biking with my elementary school aged children to and from school has made me acutely aware of the hazards to newer riders - sharing roads with traffic, navigating intersections, etc. Finding ways in which to develop novice-friendly riding routes will go a long way to making Sunnyvale a more pleasant place to get around on a bike.

As a pedestrian (and occasional jogger), I enjoy living in the walker-friendly downtown area, but think there's work to be done in the broader Sunnyvale. All too often, I find obvious pedestrian paths blocked by the car-dependent style in which Sunnyvale was developed. Adding more pedestrian (and bike) friendly "shortcuts", when available, broadly boost the walkability of an area.

In short, I think our city is great, but also think there are lots of routes of improvement!

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

Practical skills:

- I have extensive experience working in mapping and navigation, so have a good eye for making and analyzing maps.
- I am also used to putting together presentations and giving talks on my work. (google workspace, lately)
- Lots of experience with stats and data analysis (PhD in navigation!)

Relevant to this particular project, I like to jog through new neighborhoods and discovering the "back roads" in my 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?

- 1) Get a solid understanding of the scope of the board.
- 2) Get to know other members of the board, get up to date on the latest issues the board has been working on, and what the agenda is for the foreseeable future.
- 3) Get to know the council members in some fashion to learn how they process information and what forms of presentation are most useful.
- 4) Update plan based on feedback from 1-3 and go from there...

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

BS Physics, Carnegie Mellon
BS Mechanical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon
MS Aeronautics and Astronautics, Stanford
PhD Aeronautics and Astronautis, Stanford
Working @Google since 2018. Previously had a failed startup!

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

- 1) Ellis Elementary School PTA - all-around volunteer, and organizer of the schools "International Night" event for the last 3 years, with ~1000 attendees. Applied and received funding for 2024 event from CEGP.
- 2) Organizing S Bayview to try to get traffic calming measures to mitigate the traffic pattern changes related to the downtown construction.
- 3) At Stanford during grad school, managed a team of 20 volunteers for 2 years hosting graduate student events for a 700+ member . Managed a ~\$60-\$70k annual budget.
- 4) At CMU during ugrad, was president of our outdoors club. Annual budget ~\$3500

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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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Category One: I am a bicyclist or pedestrian residing in Sunnyvale.

Yes

Like many Santa Clara County cities, Sunnyvale is faced with problems stemming from traffic congestion and air pollution. Suggest ways the City can improve facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. Also, how might the City improve education and safety programs for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians?

For cyclists:

More bike boulevards (e.g. Bryant in Palo Alto), thinking beyond bike lanes along major thoroughfares (El Camino, Fair Oaks, Alma, Evelyn). Increasing separation of bike lanes along major thoroughfares.

This is somewhat out-of-scope, but enforcing speed limits on e-bikes on bike/pedestrian trails would improve the safety and comfort of non-ebike users.

More separated bike routes around schools, more bike parking at schools. This often feels like an afterthought - navigating the morning school drop-off rush with kids on bikes is quite stressful!

For pedestrians and cyclists: better connectivity between cul-de-sacs and Sunnyvale street network. Too many mazes to navigate force walkers and cyclists to less "pleasant" routes (i.e. the same routes the roads are designed to force cars to travel).

For pedestrians:

Add more trails, if at all possible (e.g. the east channel trail!)

More pocket parks and benches to give opportunities to take rests on longer walks.

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View the Active Transportation Plan

Have you read the Active Transportation Plan?

No

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View the Vision Zero Plan

Have you read the Vision Zero Plan?

No

Demographic Information

Your age	
Your gender	
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	
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	

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	Shandor Dektor

Date

Jul 14, 2025
