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Applicant Information

Name Lena GARVEY

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]

Email

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Description Area Employment Notice City of Sunnyvale employees may not serve on a board or commission.

I am a current City of Sunnyvale employee. No

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? For the sustainability commission for Sunnyvale: no improvements for suggestions, they're good and informative. The speaker series is interesting and it's refreshing to see those type of meetings.

Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying? No

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice Sustainability Commission

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I am a current resident of Sunnyvale and plan to continue residing here the long foreseeable future. It's a beautiful place and I have a vested interest in keeping the city beautiful through sustainable methods that benefit all current and future residents.

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

I have a passion and knowledge of renewable energy, come with financial background knowledge, and have worked in public agencies that both interface with the public through community advisory committee meetings and city council meetings.

I previously worked in City of San Jose in their San Jose Clean Energy department which gave me a glimpse of the issues within our energy grid and taught me the council-manage government dynamic. I currently work at Orange County Power Authority which has furthered my understanding of future clean energy procurement issues and furthered my passion for the goal of a 100% renewable energy grid.

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?

My first step is to always understand the underlying guideline behind the event and in this case, it would be to read the founding document for the commission and understand the goals, scope, and responsibilities of the commission and their members.

Before commission meetings, I would take time to understand the board package and raise any questions or concerns I might have.

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

College Degree: BA in Business Administration, Concentration in Finance

Experience:

Financial Analyst at TechCU - worked with local business owners for their loans to understand their financial need and business use.

Analyst at San Jose Clean Energy (CCA, local government agency) - reviewed energy contracts and risk management of counterparties.

Analyst at Orange County Power Authority (CCA, public agency) - negotiate energy contracts and managing energy contracts

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

Previously Volunteer at Sacred Heart (San Jose) previously for their community gardens and foodbank distribution

Previously Volunteer for planting trees with Our City Forest (San Jose).

Annually donate to various charities that both benefit programs for children and families. Donations to organizations vary based on my spouse and I's hometowns: Scotia, NY and San Francisco, CA and to local organizations around us.

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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

Sustainability Commission

Category One: I'm a Sunnyvale resident.

Yes

Category Two: I'm a Sunnyvale business community member.

No

Sustainability is a new and emerging concern in many communities. What do you think are the primary sustainability policy issues this commission will be addressing over the next few years?

Carbon Neutrality

Description Area

View the Climate Action Playbook

Have you read the above version of the Climate Action Playbook?

Yes

What are your thoughts on the Playbook? How might the actions ("Plays") be improved?

The playbook resonates with me and it's quite clear what the goals are. I appreciate the ease of understanding and ample infographics for the first half of the playbook.

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

Lena Garvey

Date

Mar 30, 2026
