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Applicant Information

Name	Paul Davis
Are you a Sunnyvale resident?	Yes
How long have you lived in Sunnyvale?	22 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.
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?	I have attended (remotely) meetings of the Sustainability Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Library Board of Trustees. What I've seen is a regular yearly cadence to the reports from groups or departments with separate work products taken up by members of the board. I can't think of any suggestions for improvements to what I have seen.
Have you attended meetings of the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying?	Yes
How many meetings have you attended?	about 10 total

Board or Commission Selection

First Choice

Board of Library Trustees (R)

Applicant Qualifications

What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I am a lifelong library user, from childhood through the present day. I love the Sunnyvale Library, the variety of resources it makes available, and am looking forward to celebrating the opening of the new branch library. Two years ago I just assumed the library bond measure would pass and didn't think much about making an effort to participate in ensuring it would be successful. Since then, I've become more interested in civic participation at the local level and have had discussions with commission members about becoming a member and the responsibilities it entails. I feel the time is right for me to step forward and participate more actively in areas that most interest me.

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

Beyond my education and career in high-tech and the organization and analysis skills that go along with it, I am curious and a continuous learner. I pursue challenges with an open mind and love to bring new ideas to problems.

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?

Increase my participation in City Council meetings and communicate directly with members of the Council starting with my own.

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

I don't have any specific education in Library Science. My educational background is a BS in Physics and an MS in Electrical Engineering. I have been a technology, business, and marketing professional for over 30 years and have served in management and executive roles at multiple companies.

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

I have been a blood donor for over 25 years and done some seasonal volunteering at Sunnyvale Community Services..

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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

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?

Changes in technology and community demographics are not new. Over the years I have already seen how the material available in the library has changed with the changing demography. However, budget and space limitations mean it will be impossible to accommodate all the potential areas of cultural interest, especially among smaller minority communities. The challenge will be to include these groups in the larger community while also supporting areas of cultural interest. There is no perfect answer here.

Likewise, technology will continue to advance and the library is a crucial resource for those without access to technology. There will always be those looking to upgrade to the latest and greatest, especially here in Silicon Valley, but there will always be budget limitations and more technology is not always the answer. Providing a balance between the needs of the greater community and access to specific new and innovative technologies will always be a challenge.

In short, the library is a resource for and a reflection of the community. Members of the Library Board of Trustees must always bear that in mind.

Our main library's infrastructure is aging, with ongoing maintenance issues. The 2024 library bond measure, intended to solve those issues, failed. What solutions do you suggest?

I was disappointed by the failure of the bond measure but not surprised. While I would have loved to see the bond measure get approved, I understand the concerns about the cost of the new library coming on the heels of a new branch library and the city hall construction. I see two areas that both require attention. First, getting priority on the most urgent maintenance issues, because even if a new library bond does get approved in the future it will be years before the building is ready. The second area of focus would be looking at the scope of the new building. Again, coming on the heels of a new branch library I can see how some people questioned the size of the building (especially when compared to the new city hall). Maybe this has already been looked at, but most people think of a library as just a place for borrowing books. Expanding how the library is talked about, emphasizing the other valuable services and community building activities that are part of the library might increase the support. Maybe "library" is only part of the name you that goes on the outside of the building.

Voter Registration Requirement

Description Area

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?

Yes

When was the last time you voted? Month/Year

November 2024

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	Paul M Davis
Date	Apr 14, 2026
