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Applicant Information

Name Parnikaa H Jagaty

Are you a Sunnyvale resident? Yes

How long have you lived in Sunnyvale? 10 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? No

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?

Sustainability:
I am very passionate for bringing change that will positively affect my community and its surrounding environment and therefore would like to serve as a part of the Sustainability Commission. Sustainability is something I truly love and enjoy. I have gone to the Earth day fair every year (not just for the cute fluffy rabbits) near the City Hall. And, going to there makes me realize how important sustainable behaviors are in our everyday life, and I now have an interest in learning more about how technology may be utilized to minimize waste. As far as at-home hobbies go, I grow mint plants, attempt to create Starbuckish beverages, and customize reusable sprouts bags.

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

I enjoy public speaking and feel confident sharing ideas in group settings, especially because I take drama at school, which has helped me become comfortable speaking in front of others and expressing ideas clearly. At the same time, I make sure I'm listening just as much as I'm talking. I'm organized and like helping teams stay focused and on track. Through the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety's Explorers program, I've learned how to work under pressure, communicate clearly, and handle conflicts calmly and respectfully. That experience has shown me how important teamwork and accountability are, especially when decisions impact other people.

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?

To effectively serve in this role, I would start by reviewing meeting materials so I understand the issues before giving input. I'd listen closely to different perspectives, especially members who are affected, and ask questions if something isn't clear. I'd focus on solutions that are fair, practical, and in line with the commission's goals. When giving advice to the City Council, I'd think about how decisions impact the wider Sunnyvale community and try to approach every discussion with an open mind and a willingness to learn.

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

I'm currently a 9th grader with a 4.0 GPA at Fremont High School. I take drama, which has helped me build confidence in public speaking and expressing ideas clearly. I'm also a part of the Explorers program, where I've learned teamwork and conflict-resolution skills that I can bring to the commission. I don't have a lot of experience yet but I am willing to learn and adapt.

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

I'm was formerly an intern for Rose Cart Florist where I promoted their business on social media and am currently an intern for Athlete HQ where I research athlete-related injuries and create informative Instagram carousel posts.

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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?

These are some of the problems that would require attention: minimizing the emission of greenhouse gases, developing a transportation system using public transport and electric cars, and preparing for the effects of climate change such as heat and drought. Some of the other matters that the commission could tackle include minimization of waste and facilitating community involvement in sustainability initiatives.

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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 plays could be improved by focusing more on community involvement. It could include more hands-on activities that people can easily join, like neighborhood clean-ups, tree planting events, recycling drives, local workshops, and programs to teach the younger generation more about sustainability. Clear communication and outreach to different groups could also help more people get involved. Giving residents more chances to participate and share feedback would make the actions more inclusive and effective.

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

Parnikaa Himanshu Jagaty

Date

Apr 15, 2026
