



# City of Sunnyvale

## Notice and Agenda

### City Council

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Tuesday, November 16, 2021

4:30 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream |  
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#### **Special Meeting: Consent Calendar and Study Session - 4:30 PM**

**Meeting online link: <https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540>**

#### **Special Teleconference Notice**

*Because of the COVID-19 emergency and the “shelter in place” orders issued by Santa Clara County and the State of California, this meeting of the Sunnyvale City Council will take place by teleconference, as allowed by Government Code Subdivision 54953 (e) and Resolution No. 1089-21.*

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*Meeting call-in telephone number: 833-548-0276 | Meeting ID: 961 1158 0540*

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CFR 35.160 (b) (1)).

### Call to Order

*Call to Order via teleconference.*

### Roll Call

### Consent Calendar

*All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If a member of the public would like a consent calendar item pulled and discussed separately, please refer to the notice at the beginning of this agenda.*

- 1.A    [21-1004](#)            Reconsider and Affirm Resolution No. 1089-21; and Make Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB 361) to Continue Virtual Public Meetings for the City Council and Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees During the COVID-19 State of Emergency

**Recommendation:** Affirm Resolution 1088-21; and make findings pursuant to Government Code Subdivision 54953(e) (AB 361) to continue virtual public meetings for the City Council and Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees during the COVID-19 State of Emergency:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the state of emergency conditions related to COVID-19, as set forth in Resolution No. 1088-21 adopted on October 26, 2021 and incorporated herein by reference, are on-going;
2. The City Council finds that there is a need to continue teleconferencing for public meetings without posting the teleconferencing locations on the agenda and without requiring the teleconference locations to be accessible to the public during the current Governor-proclaimed COVID-19 state of emergency; and
3. The City Council finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the City Council, Council Standing Committees, and City Boards and Commissions to meet safely in person.

**Study Session**

*The public may provide comments regarding the Study Session item(s). If you wish to address the Council, please refer to the notice at the beginning of this agenda.*

- A     [21-0202](#)     4:30 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)  
Review of New State Housing Laws
- B     [21-0170](#)     6 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)  
Board and Commission Interviews
- C     [21-0692](#)     7 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)  
Joint Meeting of City Council with Board and Commission  
Chairs and Vice Chairs to Review and Improve Overall  
Effectiveness of Commission Meetings

**Adjourn Special Meeting****NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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**Planning to provide materials to Council?**

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**Upcoming Meetings**

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# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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**21-1004**

**Agenda Date: 11/16/2021**

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### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

#### **SUBJECT**

Reconsider and Affirm Resolution No. 1089-21; and Make Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB 361) to Continue Virtual Public Meetings for the City Council and Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees During the COVID-19 State of Emergency

#### **BACKGROUND**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-29-20, which suspended portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963) that limit the use of teleconferencing for public meetings; the Order was scheduled to sunset when the COVID-19 Pandemic ends. The Ralph M. Brown Act places strict requirements on local legislative bodies regarding the posting, access and physical location of voting members during public meetings.

Beginning with the March 31, 2020 Council meeting, the City has conducted public meetings utilizing teleconferencing technology to provide for members of the public, staff, and public officials (Councilmembers and board or commission members) to participate without in-person participation.

On June 11, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-08-21, which among other things rescinded his prior Executive Order No. N-29-20 and set a date of October 1, 2021 for local government agencies (local bodies) to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the Brown Act.

On August 10, 2021, Council provided direction regarding the format of future public meetings, including continuing virtual-only meetings as long as this model is allowable (RTC No. 21-0718).

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, which took effect immediately as an urgency statute. AB 361 allows for similar teleconferencing exemptions to continue after the September 30, 2021 sunset of Executive Order No. N-08-21, if one of the following circumstances applies:

1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
2. The legislative body is meeting to determine whether, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. The legislative body has determined that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person presents imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

AB 361 requires that a legislative body revisit the state of emergency every 30 days to reevaluate if the circumstances continue to meet one of the conditions listed above.

On September 20, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-15-21 clarifying that local agencies could continue to rely on Executive Order No. N-08-21 until September 30, 2021.

On September 21, 2021, Santa Clara County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody issued guidance to public meeting bodies such as the Sunnyvale City Council and the City's Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees to continue meeting remotely (via teleconference) due to the COVID-19 emergency.

On October 6, 2021, the City Council held a Special Joint meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors; the first Sunnyvale meeting conducted under the provisions of Government Code (G.C.) Subdivision 54953 (e) (AB 361). Council made the necessary findings included in Government Code Section 54953 (e) within 30 days on October 26, 2021 by adopting Resolution No. 1089-21 (Attachment 1).

On October 7, 2021, eight Bay Area Health Officers, including Santa Clara County, issued criteria for lifting COVID-19 indoor masking requirements:

- The jurisdiction reaches the moderate (yellow) COVID-19 transmission tier, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and remains there for at least three weeks; and
- COVID-19 hospitalizations in the jurisdiction are low and stable, in the judgment of the health officer; and
- 80% of the jurisdiction's total population is fully vaccinated with two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson (booster doses not considered) or eight weeks have passed since a COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for emergency use by federal and state authorities for 5- to 11-year-olds.

### **EXISTING POLICY**

California Government Code Sections 54950-54963 (Ralph M. Brown Act)

Sunnyvale Resolution No. 1089-21 (Attachment 1)

Sunnyvale Emergency Resolution Nos. 979-20, 981-20, 994-20, 1010-20, 1016-20, 1025-20, 1036-20, 1042-21, 1045-21, 1057-21, 1069-21, 1078-21 and 1088-21 (Attachment 2)

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

### **DISCUSSION**

The indoor masking mandate in Sunnyvale remains in place because Santa Clara County has not met the criteria outlined by the County Health Officer to lift COVID-19 indoor masking requirements. As of November 8, 2021, the vaccination rate in Santa Clara County was 73.4%, less than the 80% required for the County Health Officer to consider lifting the indoor masking mandate (See Attachment 3). City officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in City facilities.

Returning to in-person public meetings for the City Council and the City's Boards, Commissions and

Council Subcommittees would put members of the public, staff, and public officials at a greater risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Reaffirming Resolution No. 1088-21 and making findings consistent with Government Code Section 54953(e) due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, conducting public meetings in-person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, including members of the public, staff, and public officials (Councilmembers and board or commission members) would allow City Council and the City's Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees to continue conducting public meetings utilizing teleconferencing technology without providing for in-person participation.

Staff will return to Council within 30 days to allow Council an opportunity to reevaluate if the circumstances continue to meet one of the conditions outlined in Government Code Section 54953 (e). This reevaluation and any subsequent reevaluations would refer back to Resolution No. 1089-21 and would also apply to public meetings of the City's Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, Sunnyvale Public Library and Department of Public Safety. In addition, the agenda and report are available at the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Affirm Resolution 1088-21; and make findings pursuant to Government Code Subdivision 54953(e) (AB 361) to continue virtual public meetings for the City Council and Boards, Commissions and Council Subcommittees during the COVID-19 State of Emergency:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the state of emergency conditions related to COVID-19, as set forth in Resolution No. 1088-21 adopted on October 26, 2021 and incorporated herein by reference, are on-going;
2. The City Council finds that there is a need to continue teleconferencing for public meetings without posting the teleconferencing locations on the agenda and without requiring the teleconference locations to be accessible to the public during the current Governor-proclaimed COVID-19 state of emergency; and
3. The City Council finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the City Council, Council Standing Committees, and City Boards and Commissions to meet safely in person.

Prepared by: David Carnahan, City Clerk

Reviewed by: Jaqui Guzmán, Deputy City Manager

Reviewed by: Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Kent Steffens, City Manager

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No.1088-21
2. Resolution No.1089-21
3. Santa Clara County Resident Vaccination Rate - November 8, 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 1089-21****A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SUBDIVISION 54953(E) (AB 361) TO CONTINUE VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950, et seq., hereinafter referred to as the “Brown Act”) requires that public meeting agendas be posted at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and at least 24 hours prior to a special meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings by teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to attend and to address the local legislative body, as long as the following requirements are met: (1) each teleconference location from which a member is participating is noticed on the agenda; (2) each teleconference location is accessible to the public; (3) members of the public must be able to address the body at each teleconference location; (4) at least one member of the legislative body must be physically present at the location specified in the meeting agenda; and (5) during teleconference meetings, at least a quorum of the members of the local body must participate from locations within the local body’s territorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 which suspended the Brown Act teleconferencing requirements so that legislative bodies can hold public meetings solely by teleconference, or otherwise electronically, without listing the teleconference locations and without any physical location, as long as the agenda that is posted 72 hours in advance indicates that the members of the legislative body will be participating by teleconference, provides the teleconference or webinar access information by which the public may participate electronically, and lists the procedure for individuals with disabilities to request reasonable accommodations; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which sunsets the Brown Act provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2021, Governor Newsom signed urgency ordinance AB 361 which allows a local agency to use teleconferencing for public meetings without posting the teleconferencing locations on the agenda and without requiring the teleconference locations to be accessible to the public during a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625 et seq, if the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of its legislative bodies to meet safely in person or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and



WHEREAS, the City Council has made findings, beginning on March 17, 2020 and continuing every 60 days thereafter, most recently by Resolution No. 1078-21 adopted on August 31, 2021, for the continued proclamation of local emergency based on substantial evidence that the public interest and necessity require the continuance of the proclamation of local emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the March 31, 2020 Council meeting, the City has conducted public meetings utilizing teleconferencing technology to provide for members of the public, staff, and public officials to participate without providing for in-person participation, and on August 10, 2021, the City Council provided the direction regarding the format of future public meetings, including continuing virtual-only meetings as long as this model is allowable; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021, due to the delta variant spike in case numbers and hospitalizations, eight Bay Area Health Officers, including Santa Clara County, issued Health Orders requiring face coverings indoors in public places, regardless of vaccination status, beginning August 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a recent surge in COVID-19 cases has been reported in the Bay Area and across California as well as the country due to the highly contagious delta variant; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local health officials are considering the appropriateness of third booster shots for vaccinated individuals in light of waning immunity to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) requires that the City Council review the need and make findings for continuing the teleconferencing without complying with the agenda posting and public comment requirements at least once every thirty (30) days until Governor terminates the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the associated emergency conditions are on-going and there is a need to continue teleconferencing for public meetings without posting the teleconferencing locations on the agenda and without requiring the teleconference locations to be accessible to the public during the current Governor-proclaimed COVID-19 state of emergency and if approved, will be in effect for 30 days and will expire on October 28, 2021 unless staff returns to City Council on or before October 28, 2021 to request to continue the need for teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council establishes the bylaws for Council-appointed Boards and Commissions through the adoption of City Council Policy 7.2.9 (Boards and Commissions), which includes provisions related to holding public meetings in compliance with the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, Boards and Commissions do not have authority under City Council Policy 7.2.9 (Boards and Commissions) to establish their own rules for meeting locations, schedule, or use of teleconferencing, but rather these policies are established by the City Council for all Boards and Commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the state of emergency conditions related to COVID-19, as set forth in Resolution No. 1078-21 adopted on August 31, 2021 and incorporated herein by reference, are on-going.

2. The City Council finds that there is a need to continue teleconferencing for public meetings without posting the teleconferencing locations on the agenda and without requiring the teleconference locations to be accessible to the public during the current Governor-proclaimed COVID-19 state of emergency.

3. The City Council finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the City Council, Council Standing Committees, and City Boards and Commissions to meet safely in person.

4. City officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in City facilities.

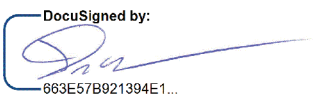
5. Members of the City Council, Council Standing Committees and City Boards and Commission are authorized to use teleconferencing, or other electronic means, to hold its public meetings without noticing the teleconferenced locations on the agenda, without making teleconferenced or physical locations accessible to the public, without posting agendas at teleconferenced locations, without requiring members of the legislative bodies to be physically present at the meeting, and without requiring a quorum of the members of the legislative body to participate from locations with the City's jurisdiction, as long as the agenda that is posted at least 72 hours in advance indicates that members of the legislative body may be participating electronically, provides the teleconference or webinar access information by which the public may participate electronically, and lists the procedure for individuals with disabilities to request reasonable accommodations, in compliance with AB 361, Government Code Section 54953(e).

6. The City Clerk is hereby directed to report to the City Council within thirty (30) days on the need to further continue teleconferencing for public meetings without posting the teleconferencing locations on the agenda and without requiring the teleconference locations to be accessible to the public during the current Governor-proclaimed COVID-19 state of emergency.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on October 26, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: KLEIN, HENDRICKS, LARSSON, MELTON, FONG, CISNEROS, DIN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
RECUSAL: NONE


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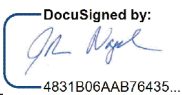
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LARRY KLEIN  
Mayor

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JOHN A. NAGEL  
City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 1088-21****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SUNNYVALE EXTENDING THE CITY  
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES'  
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL  
EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the City due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously ratified and confirmed that proclamation of local emergency on March 17, 2020 by adopting Resolution 979-20; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed and unanimously extended the proclamation of local emergency on April 7, 2020 (Resolution 981-20); May 26, 2020 (Resolution 994-20); July 14, 2020 (Resolution 1010-20); August 25, 2020 (Resolution 1016-20); October 13, 2020 (Resolution 1025-20); December 8, 2020 (Resolution 1036-20); February 2, 2021 (Resolution 1042-21); March 30, 2021 (Resolution 1045-21); May 25, 2021 (Resolution 1057-21); July 13, 2021 (Resolution 1069-21); and August 31, 2021 (Resolution 1078-21); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the need to continue the existence of a local emergency and finds that the conditions supporting the declaration of emergency related to COVID-19 continue to exist, for reasons including, but not limited to:

- (1) Although the Statewide Stay at Home Order and Blueprint for a Safer Economy were rescinded on June 15, 2021, emergency conditions related to COVID-19 continue. The nationwide surge in cases from the COVID-19 "Delta" variant has peaked in late August, and the spread of cases from the more contagious Delta variant continues to be cause for significant concern among public health officials; and
- (2) Vaccination rates in Santa Clara County are high, yet the Delta variant continues to pose a significant risk to those who are unvaccinated, including children 12 and under who remain ineligible for vaccination; and
- (3) The California state of emergency and Santa Clara County's local emergency declarations related to COVID-19 remain in effect. The State and county continue to closely monitor cases and the spread of COVID-19; and
- (4) All residents of Santa Clara County remain subject to a mask mandate, requiring face coverings indoors for all, regardless of vaccination status; and

- (5) The increase in cases associated with the Delta variant has made clear that the pandemic is not yet over. Although California “reopened” on June 15, 2021, certain health measures intended to limit the spread of COVID-19, particularly among unvaccinated individuals and for children who are not yet eligible for vaccination, remain in effect, and public health authorities continue to make aggressive efforts to reach individuals not yet vaccinated; and
- (6) Although the stay-home/shelter orders and other orders regulating operations, capacity, and similar measures have been lifted with the reopening, many residents and businesses continue to suffer economic hardship that began while those orders were in effect; and
- (7) Due to COVID-19 closures and stay-at-home orders, many Sunnyvale residents experienced job loss or reduced hours, and many Sunnyvale businesses experienced reduced revenues, and/or faced temporary or permanent closures. The recovery period for these individuals and businesses is only beginning. For example, although resources have been identified to help repay landlords for rent lost during the pandemic and to provide tenants with financial assistance to continue making rent payments, many of these resources have been slow or not yet able to distribute funds. Some businesses, such as restaurants and other public-serving industries, are still experiencing a worker shortage<sup>1</sup> that limits the ability of the businesses to return to full capacity; and
- (8) The City has and continues to experience a loss of revenue from several areas due to closures related to COVID-19; and
- (9) The economic recovery from COVID-19 and its impacts are now estimated to be in terms of years not months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the COVID-19 situation continues to create conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Sunnyvale and is still deemed to be beyond the control of normal protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities of and within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City of Sunnyvale hereby proclaims the extension of the period of the Existence of a Local Emergency for an additional 60 days or unless sooner terminated.

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Lait Weinstein, NBC News, June 29, 2021, *As diners and restaurant owners embrace a summer reopening, long wait times are leaving a bitter taste. A nationwide shortage of workers means long wait times for restaurants are becoming increasingly common. That's leaving customers and staff frustrated*, at <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/diners-restaurant-owners-embrace-summer-reopening-long-wait-times-are-n1272099>

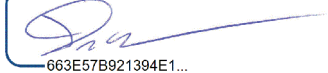
2. The Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale.
3. As required by California Government Code section 8630, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every sixty (60) days until this Resolution is terminated.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on October 26, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: KLEIN, HENDRICKS, LARSSON, MELTON, FONG, CISNEROS, DIN  
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ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
RECUSAL: NONE

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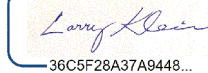
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City Clerk

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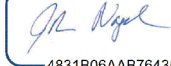
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LARRY KLEIN

Mayor

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City Attorney



# COVID-19 Vaccinations Among Santa Clara County Residents

Last updated on November 8, 2021



Residents Ages 12+  
With Completed  
Vaccination

**1,466,049**

Percent of Residents  
Ages 12+ With  
Completed Vaccination

**85.5%**

Residents All Ages  
With Completed  
Vaccination

**1,466,084**

Percent of Residents All  
Ages With Completed  
Vaccination

**73.4%**

Number of  
Residents With  
Booster Dose

**200,473**

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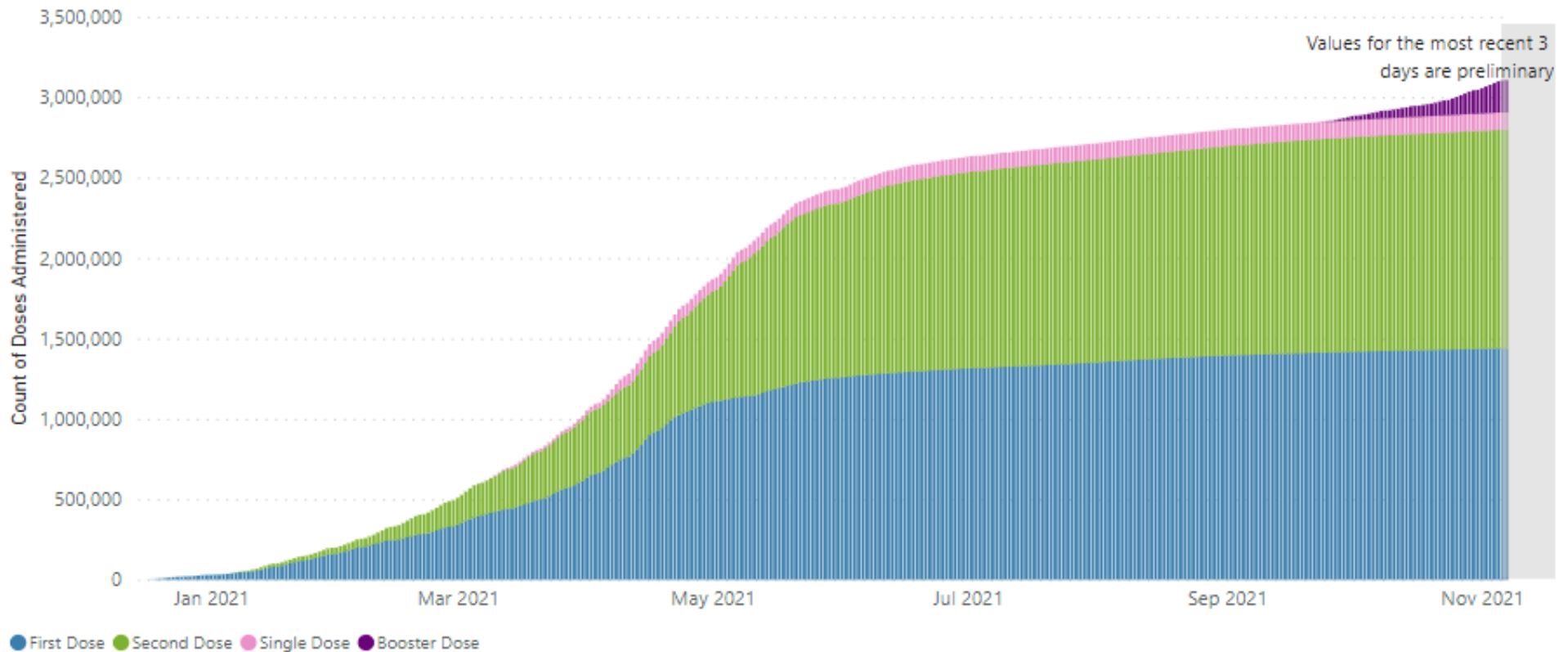
**Cumulative Doses**

Vaccinations by Day

Demographics: All Residents Ages 12+

Demographics: Select Age Group

Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered Over Time





# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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**21-0202**

**Agenda Date:** 11/16/2021

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4:30 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)  
Review of New State Housing Laws





# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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**21-0170**

**Agenda Date:** 11/16/2021

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6 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)  
Board and Commission Interviews

### **BACKGROUND**

The application deadline was November 5, 2021. The deadline serves as a cutoff point to allow time to verify voter registration and schedule interviews.

### **EXISTING POLICY**

Council Policy 7.2.19 Boards and Commissions  
Administrative Policy Manual Chapter 1 - General Management Article 15

### **DISCUSSION**

The City received 4 applications for current vacancies on Boards and Commissions. Four applicants are scheduled to be interviewed on November 16, 2021.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions are scheduled for November 30, 2021.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, Sunnyvale Public Library and Department of Public Safety. In addition, the agenda and report are available at the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

Staff

Prepared by: David Carnahan, City Clerk

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Board and Commission Interview Schedule - November 16, 2021
2. Summary of Board and Commission Applicants
3. Board and Commission Applications (pages without responses have been removed)

**City Council Special Meeting: Board and Commission Interviews**  
**Interview Schedule**  
**Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 6 p.m.**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Board/Commission</u></b>
6:00	Richard Leshner	Planning Commission
6:15	Nathan Iglesias	Planning Commission
6:30	Marco Vasquez	Planning Commission
6:45	Yasaman Hakami	Planning Commission

Summary of Applicants  
Board and Commission 2021 Recruitment

							Number of Vacancies:	1	1	
							Number of Applicants:	0	4	
Application Received	Previously Interviewed within the year	Interview Date/Time	Withdrew	Declined Interview	Appointed	Incumbent (I), Previous Applicant (P), New (N)	Applicant Name	Personnel Board	Planning Commission	
11/1/2021	N					N	Leshner, Richard		1	
11/2/2021	N					N	Iglesias, Nathan		1	
11/5/2021	N					N	Hakami, Yasaman		1	
11/5/2021	N					N	Vasquez, Marco		1	



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	Last	First	M.I.
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	Street	City	State
E-mail Address:	[REDACTED]		
Preferred Contact Phone Number(s):	[REDACTED]		

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When was the last time you voted?

Month November Year 2020

Applicant Name Richard Leshner

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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

As a resident with interest in how community projects are decided upon and executed I am motivated to be part of that decision making process. As a stay at home parent, with both my children now attending school I am able to free up time for that effort.

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

By profession and experience I am accustomed to working with diverse decision making bodies to come to a consensus in order to execute a project or policy within the limitations of the organization's mission or charter.

6. 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 that board or commission. With this in mind, what steps would you take to effectively exercise this specific board or commission role?

The challenge I have found in regard to committee meetings of all sorts is staying on topic, and remembering to restrain ourselves to stay within the limits of our assigned responsibilities. Once task focus is defined, then we need to say within the limitations of the resources available to assign to the policy that needs creation, renewal, or alteration.

Applicant Name Richard Leshner

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

Bachelor of Science - Business Management and Finance San Jose State University (1995 and 1999 respectively)  
Masters of Business Administration - Golden Gate University (2003)  
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)  
United States Army Logistical University - Quartermaster Officer Leadership Course (2016)  
United States Army Logistical University - Captain Career Course (2021)

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

Prior to my Army Reserve Career I spent 20 years in Financial Services, Corporate Finance and Investment Management.

I am a US Army Reserve (USAR) officer in the Logistics Branch with previous time as a Commander of a Quartermaster Company of 160 soldiers and \$53M in equipment. My current USAR assignment is the Executive Officer for the Distribution and Deployment Operations Center - Korea

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

As mentioned, I have not attended a Sunnyvale associated meeting. I suspect it will be much like other open audience meetings I have been present for. Community attendees will have highly vested opinions on a multitude of topics which need to be balanced against community needs, and resources all while staying within the limitations of time and topics that need to be covered during the course of the meeting.

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

I have served on the Board of Directors for the Santa Clara Drum and Bugle Corps (2006-2013), and held the position as Treasurer. My tenure involved correcting previous poor fiscal practices, and saw the rise of organizational revenues more than double from \$2M to just under \$5M.

I have also volunteered for toy drives run by Dollar Stores to provide gifts for children of Service Members of the US Army Reserve.



Applicant Name Richard Leshner

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There is a possibility my USAR obligations might conflict with one or two meetings a year when I am attending extended training exercises. The possibility of virtual attendance is not entirely ruled out for those occasions.

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Signature of Applicant LESHER, RICHARD, WILLIAM Digitally signed by  
LESHER, RICHARD, WILLIAM, 1403067128  
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Date 11/1/2021

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Applicant Name Richard Leshner**Park and Recreation Commission****We are looking for someone who has interest in open space and recreational activities**

9. Community demographics are constantly changing. What do you think are the principal issues this Commission may be addressing over the next few years?

**Personnel Board**

Additional eligibility requirements for Personnel Board - Please check Yes or No for each question:					
	YES	NO		YES	NO
I hold public office or employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I have a spouse, household member, or designated relative (parent, step-parent, grandparent, child, sister, brother, niece, nephew, uncle, or aunt of the individual or of the individual's spouse), employed by the City of Sunnyvale in a position which has the right to have a disciplinary matter heard before the Personnel Board.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I am a candidate for another public office or position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
I am a former City employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

10. Please describe your experience and responsibilities in the administration of employee discipline.

As a non profit Board Member I have participated in disciplinary reviews of executive employees and voted on corrective actions to be executed.

As a military commander, I have executed the administrative function to discipline and terminate service members out of compliance of military law, attendance requirements, and substance abuse.

11. Please describe your experience and responsibilities in the administration of employee grievances.

As a military commander I have oversaw service members grievances in confidence against other service members and resolved most situations at my command level. On occasion I have elevated the grievance up my command chain and referred the service member to the Army's legal services or Inspector General.

It is key to remember to document the entire chain of process and information pertaining to the grievance in accordance with the employer's policies, and pertinent laws that apply to the situation.



**Planning Commission:**

12. Sunnyvale has limited vacant land for new development. This could increase pressure for redevelopment of existing developed areas. How can planning respond to this situation?

Firstly, there is probably competing economic motivations between the vacant investors, and the new development owners. Those influences should be secondary to the over all mission of improving the Sunnyvale Quality of Life.

A city should try and avoid what is seen elsewhere as a migration of new development at the cost of letting current areas fall in to disarray.

For example, CV19 has created an environment in Sunnyvale of vacant retail and commercial spaces. The owners of those properties have an economic interest at getting them occupied verses new developers who have an interest to introduce commerce that might not currently be ideal for vacant business locations. Bringing those two interests together would facilitate additional possibilities that avoid building new and creating dilapidated locations.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

Firstly, there are many interests that are being projected in our society. It's important to consider if those interests are coming from within our city or are outside influences with agendas not considering Sunnyvale.

Responses to proposals need to consider the current offerings available to a proposal, the additional benefit the proposal seeks to achieve, and the cost/quality of life balance that has to be compromised. Finally, proposal data and findings need to be validated from an independent source to even be considered as legitimate.

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

15. Sustainability Commissioners will need to consider social, economic and environmental issues when addressing sustainability policy issues. How does one achieve a balanced community?



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	Last	First	M.I.
Current Residence	[REDACTED]	Sunnyvale	CA 94089
	Street	City	State Zip
E-mail Address:	[REDACTED]		
Preferred Contact Phone Number(s):	[REDACTED]		

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When was the last time you voted?

Month October ☒ Year 2021

Applicant Name Iglesias, Nathan

2. Are you currently serving or have you served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission? No ☒

If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Term currently serving \_\_\_\_\_

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If yes, how many meetings have you attended? 2

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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I submitted a plan for review to the Planning Department in May 2020, and it wasn't until a Planning Commission meeting in October of 2021 that my request was resolved. I want to be forthcoming about not harboring frustration towards any people involved in the process, but I see opportunity for process improvement. The Planning Commission has the precarious responsibility of both protecting/preserving the community, while guiding changes and updates. It's precarious because these values, preserve and change, can feel at odds. I believe that natural tension is healthy and can serve as a check and balance. I want to invest myself and my skill sets into an organization that has the charter and authority to mindfully navigate change and progression. There are few concepts more sacred than "home", and I want to contribute perspective, empathy, and duty to the commission.

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

I have a dual-professional background:

1. I'm an active National Guard Army officer. I've deployed two times to Afghanistan and I operated an international intelligence fusion center, which brought Pakistan and Afghan forces to a shared table. These countries have a historic mistrust of each other; I worked to create a safe space through identifying aligned interests. I'm very diplomatic and capable of thriving in sensitive and nuanced environments; I focus on relationships and maintain consistency and transparency. I regularly brief senior officers (to include generals) and I believe in fairly representing all perspectives of an issue to allow decision makers to make fully informed decisions.

2. I work as an Insights and Analytics manager in the tech space. I'm very comfortable with numbers, rules and regulations, and processes. I'm also conditioned to focus on objectivity when receiving ideas, and I proactively look for my own cues of unconscious bias. I prefer evaluating all the facts before making a judgement, but can optimize for speed when that's a deliberate request.

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1. I would familiarize myself with the governing rules and regulations.
2. I'd review precedent, akin to case law to look for guidance and frameworks of problem solving.
3. I would focus on limiting information to the relevant facts to allow for focus
4. I would actively share multiple perspectives about a solution, even if it's one I don't agree
5. I would be accountable to be fully informed and to present in a manner that allows for honest, fair, and quick decision making

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

MBA; Cornell

BS, Economics; Santa Clara University

AA, Dari: Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center

Negotiations Certificate; Notre Dame University

Marketing Certificate; Tulane University

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I have two active occupations:

1. Intelligence Officer, California Army National Guard

I manage a team of intelligence professionals and our org is a liaison with the Air Force. We conduct battlefield deconfliction and planning exercises together.

2. Insights and Analytics Manager

I manage a team of program managers, trainers, and I support the org through analytical research and insights.

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

I observed that the Planning Commission was seeking two simultaneous objectives:

1. To be fair

2. To be consistent

It's interesting, but sometimes fair and consistent do not go hand in hand, especially when evaluating change and progress. I admired that the Planning Commission expressed gratitude to both the residents who attended, and to the Planning Department. The Commission didn't come across as if it were biased.

I want to contribute to that objectivity. I want to help ensure the Planning Department has sufficient guidance to work quickly, and that residents view the Planning enterprise as one that is efficient and optimized for fair/predictable outcomes. Predictability is hugely important to planners.

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

I commanded 200+ National Guard Soldiers/Airmen at the Oakland Coliseum; we supported vaccinating >500k people.

I provided military liaison support at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in Sacramento during the fire season.

I managed an intelligence organization that build models/projections around if/when/where government services would fail during the initial outbreak of COVID-19.

Most of my off time is spent serving in the California National Guard.

Applicant Name Iglesias, Nathan

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I have no issues with the code of ethics and conduct.

If I am activated for military service, that could impact my ability to attend in-person meetings; however, even when I was activate for 6+ months, I brokered an agreement between my military commander and primary employer to meet both requirements.

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There are multiple stakeholders; they need to be identified and their interests and priorities acknowledged and weighed.

Stakeholders include, Sunnyvale: home owners, renters, businesses, and potential individual entities that could become any of those.

Considerations include: state-wide housing requirements, tax base impacts, the sense of community, how change will advantage and disadvantage the stakeholders. My plan would be to survey impacted stakeholders (via whatever tools, precedent exists) and understand the objectives of the City Council (near and far term) to make recommendations that nest within the intentions of the elected officials.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

Transparency is critical to equity and balance. When operating transparently, it facilitates honest discussions about issues, opportunities, and risks. Also, when you operate transparently, it makes you more predictable, which fosters trust and the social capital necessary to succeed through controversial issues.

When balancing the impacts of a plan, it's important to be honest about how social, economic, and environmental issues and stakeholders may be impacted. Are they advantaged? If so, how? Are they disadvantaged? If so, how?

Conducting an honest and thorough survey supports effective community problem solving. Operating transparently also means calling out when we realize a decision can negatively impact another issue or stakeholder; identifying adverse impact is the first step to honestly discussing if that is acceptable and if it can be mitigated. Finally, remembering that both commissions and elected officials serve the bodies that selected them is important and reminder for priority setting.

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Applicant Name:	Vasquez	Marco	A
	Last	First	M.I.
Current Residence	██████████	Sunnyvale	CA
	Street	City	State
			94085
			Zip
E-mail Address:	██████████		
Preferred Contact Phone Number(s):	██████████		

1. Are you a currently-registered voter in Sunnyvale? Yes ☒ When was the last time you voted?  
Month November ☒ Year 2020

Applicant Name Vasquez, Marco

2. Are you currently serving or have you served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission? No ☐

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4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

My neighborhood does not have representation on the Planning commission and there is a lot of development happening in my area and we are not well represented.

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

Fair judgement and some equity of the board. I do not think the board has had any Hispanic member in a while.

6. 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 that board or commission. With this in mind, what steps would you take to effectively exercise this specific board or commission role?

I would listen the experts opinion and the public opinion about the specific issue, but ultimately I will make the judgment based on what benefits our community in the short and long term.



Applicant Name Vasquez, Marco

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

Associate Degree in Accounting, Community College of the Air Force

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I am currently serving in the 129th Rescue Wing as a Accounting Liason Officer in the Comptroller Flight.

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

The Planning comission has a lot to say about our city's insfrastructure. My suggesstion is to diversify the board.

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I am the vice chair of SNAIL

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Signature of Applicant



Date 5 November 2021

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**Planning Commission:**

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We need more housing density. Sunnyvale has moved in the right direction of building more town homes and apartments while also making them affordable through its BMR program.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

The commissioner must look into all the aspects presented to the commission and make the best judgment for the best of the community minimizing any negative impacts

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**CITY OF SUNNYVALE  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION**

*The City supports its demographic diversity and encourages applicants from all groups to apply.*

<b>Office Use Only</b>	
Date Received:	11/05/21
Voter registration verified:	
On:	11/9/21
By:	mt

Please print or type answers to all questions. Write N/A if not applicable.

General eligibility requirements: Sunnyvale resident and registered voter in Sunnyvale. Other requirements may apply to specific boards and commissions. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk via [cityclerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or at 408-730-7483, TDD 408-730-7501 or visit the City website at [sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://sunnyvale.ca.gov).

**If you would like to apply for more than one vacancy, place a number next to the board or commission, in order of your preference, for which you would like to apply.**

Only applications for current openings will be considered at this time. Applications for future openings will be kept on file for one year. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview with City Council. Appointments will be made at a regular meeting of the City Council.

- ☐ Arts Commission
- ☐ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- ☐ Board of Building Code Appeals
- ☐ Board of Library Trustees
- ☐ Heritage Preservation Commission
- ☐ Housing and Human Services Commission
- ☐ Parks and Recreation Commission
- ☐ Personnel Board
- ☒ Planning Commission
- ☐ Sustainability Commission

If you are applying for the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, please identify the category for which you are applying. You may apply for both if qualified.

☐ Category One: Applicants must be bicyclists or pedestrians residing and registered to vote in Sunnyvale.

☐ Category Two: Applicants must have an interest in bicycle and/or pedestrian issues in the City and belong to one of the groups listed below. Sunnyvale residency is not required, but applicant must be a registered voter or legal resident.

Please check as many that apply:

- ☐ PTA/parent group member
- ☐ Santa Clara Unified School District/Sunnyvale School District Administration
- ☐ Neighborhood association member
- ☐ Sunnyvale teacher or principal
- ☐ Person interested in Sunnyvale park and recreational activities

If you are applying for the **Sustainability Commission**, please identify the category for which you are applying.

☐ Category One: Applicants shall be Sunnyvale registered voters.

☐ Category Two: Applicants shall include members of the Sunnyvale business community\*. Such members need not be Sunnyvale residents.

\*Sunnyvale business license holders; or designated representative of Sunnyvale businesses with 200 or more employees.

Applicant Name:	Hakami	Yasaman	n
	Last	First	M.I.
Current Residence	[REDACTED]	Sunnyvale	CA 94087
	Street	City	State Zip
E-mail Address:	[REDACTED]		
Preferred Contact Phone Number(s):	[REDACTED]		

1. Are you a currently-registered voter in Sunnyvale? Yes

When was the last time you voted?

Month January Year 2021

Applicant Name Yasaman Hakami

2. Are you currently serving or have you served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission? Select

If yes, which one? Heritage Preservation Commission Term currently serving \_\_\_\_\_  
Term previously served x

3. Prior attendance at a board or commission meeting is highly desirable. Have you attended meeting(s) of the board or commission for which you are applying? Yes

If yes, how many meetings have you attended? All

**NOTE: If you are applying for more than one board or commission, please reference the specific board or commission in your response to questions 4-7.**

4. What motivated you to apply for this board or commission?

I had a great educational experience on the Heritage Preservation Commission, and learned a great deal about the history of Sunnyvale, a city I have spent my entire life residing in. Because of this I have a strong desire for a more involved role with local affairs, and after learning more about the commission from community members, I have decided to apply for this particular commission. I believe that as an active member of our community, I can contribute a positive and long-lasting impact on the Planning Commission.

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

I will bring a detail oriented, focused, and level-headed perspective to this commission. As a pragmatic, articulate, and analytical individual, I believe that I can examine and approve the right measures our city needs. My professional background is in program and operational management at both Google and Accenture, therefore equipping me with a keen ability to successfully implement process improvements. I have a background in policy analysis and politics as seen in my studies at American University and UC Davis.

6. 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 that board or commission. With this in mind, what steps would you take to effectively exercise this specific board or commission role?

I have active and former commission experience both in the City of Sunnyvale and County of Santa Clara. I also have experience in working with stakeholders in office and development and planning - I have direct access to the President of Prometheus, the largest developer in the City of Sunnyvale. I will seek to propose study issues on any relevant policy questions, and provide useful recommendations on land use and zoning decisions with stakeholder and constituent advice and interests in mind to uphold thriving public-private partnerships that responsibly boost our city's housing stock.

Applicant Name Yasaman Hakami

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

De Anza Community College  
 American University -- Political Economy (Transferred)  
 University of California, Davis -- Law and Society

Professional Roles:

Operational and Program Management Consultant at Google via Accenture  
 Strategy Fellow at West Ventures  
 Capital Development at United Nations Foundation  
 Corporate Communications at the Sheryl Sandberg and Dave Goldberg Family Foundation

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I'm currently assisting cross-functional teams at Google with program management, business operations, and agile strategy to support a more efficient campaign delivery practice.

I was the second hire in marketing at Finalis, the first and fastest-growing decentralized investment banking platform.

I was also a Strategy Fellow at West Ventures, gaining experience in go-to-market approaches, product-market fit, and brand. My portfolio companies include: Pagaya Investments, SeatFrog, Perch Credit, MURAL, and GetSetUp.

My background also covers capital raising and growth strategy as I supported the #UniteForHealth Covid19 multi-million dollar development initiative, in partnership with the WHO, at the UN Foundation in Washington, D.C.

9. Briefly describe what you learned by attending a meeting of the City Council, board or commission. Describe what improvements you would suggest the City consider.

Firstly, I have become comfortable with an online and remote commission meetings on Zoom. I have read the parliamentary handbook, and I understand how remote public comment is monitored.

My largest improvement will include establishing a secure system of communication between commissions and City Council by introducing a TCMAC equivalent for the Planning Commission so the public may also be aware of specific items. This will allow for the public to be better-educated on city matters to decrease misinformed outbursts during public comment.

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

City of Sunnyvale - Heritage Preservation Commissioner  
 Santa Clara County - Domestic Violence Commissioner  
 Sunnyvale Democratic Club Member

UNA-NCA Consultant  
 UN Foundation Intern

Ro Khanna District Affairs Intern  
 California Democratic Party Administrative Intern



Applicant Name Yasaman Hakami

11. The City has a Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials and an Attendance Policy that appointed members are required to follow. Do you have any concerns in these two areas? If so, please describe.

No concerns.

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Yasaman Moinszadeh Hakami

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Applicant Name Yasaman Hakami**Planning Commission:**

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We should explore ways to increase funding for mixed-usage development on vacant sights in the city. Secondly we should explore ways to permit current property owners to develop their properties in ways that allow for smart density and with consideration of local/state law. This should all be promoted while noting ways to not displace existing residents.

I again believe that my background in sociology, law, former commissioner experience, and direct connection with stakeholders (Bay Area developers and community members) will best inform me to make the most responsible decisions.

13. Planning Commissioners are often asked to consider social, economic and environmental issues when reviewing proposals. How does one achieve a balanced community?

I believe that on a micro level, people deserve a thriving community where they can have their children grow up with a close community and not have to fear eviction or displacement. Where our workers can easily access jobs and diminish traffic as the workforce can both afford to live near offices and access effective transportation services that reduce CO2 emissions. Our city should invest in developing our roads to increase roadway safety. We should also invest in greater development in our downtown and local city centers so our neighborhood residents can enjoy utilizing recreation nearby rather than having to leave to neighboring towns. As the second largest city in the county, we should support our communities size by bringing in business and also supporting to local mom-and-pop shops so they can continue to care for our residents as they have for generations.

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# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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**21-0692**

**Agenda Date:** 11/16/2021

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7 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Study Session)  
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