

Applicant Name Carter Hu

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Yes No

When was the last time you voted?

Month November Year 2022

2. Are you currently serving or have you served on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission?
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If yes, which one?

Term currently serving

Term previously served

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 No

If yes, how many meetings have you attended?

I have attended several meetings virtually and have also been making progress listening to past meetings.

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 am deeply interested in local government and serving my community. I think joining a city commission is a good way for me to do both. Raised in Sunnyvale, I have a deep connection to the city. I am currently working on a graduate degree in public administration. I also think that being younger than other commissioners, I can bring an underrepresented perspective to meetings. I am committed to being well-informed on city issues and using my knowledge, experience, and perspective to serve on a commission and I am excited to contribute to the positive changes happening all around Sunnyvale.

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

I believe that my background and experience would make me a valuable addition to this commission. As I am currently pursuing a graduate degree in public administration, I have been exposed to important concepts and practices relevant to city government. Furthermore, being raised in Sunnyvale, I have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges facing the city. I am also familiar with services available, which would enable me to provide informed input on related matters. Additionally, I bring a fresh perspective to the commission as a younger member, representing the needs and interests of under 30 demographics. I am confident that I can use my education, knowledge, and experience to contribute positively to this commission, and ultimately serve the public interest of Sunnyvale.

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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?

As a board or commission member, I understand that my primary role is to provide advice to the City Council on policy issues within the scope of that board or commission. To effectively execute this role, I would take the following steps. First, I would seek out information on my own, researching relevant topics, gathering data, and staying up-to-date on current events related to my commission. Second, I would actively listen to city staff and leaders in the space, leveraging their expertise and knowledge to inform my input to the commission. Third, being on a commission would be a top priority for me, and I would commit the necessary time and effort to prepare for and attend meetings, review materials, and engage with stakeholders. Finally, I am respectful, thoughtful, open to new ideas, and hardworking, and I believe these qualities would enable me to collaborate effectively with other commission members, City Council members, and community members, and ultimately provide valuable advice to the City Council.

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.

I graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Canada in 2021 with a degree in International Development Studies and East Asian Studies. During that time I was a representative for the committee of university dorms. I am now working on completing a Master's in Public Administration which I think will be relevant to serve on the community.

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

I currently work for the City of Santa Clara as a Human Resources Technician in the Benefits & Records division. I have only been in this role for about 6 months. Prior to this, I worked as a public safety dispatcher for over a year at UC Berkeley police department.

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.

By attending commission meetings, I learned about ongoing projects and initiatives, as well as the concerns and perspectives of community members. I think it would be an improvement if community members were given an additional minute to prevent them from feeling rushed and to allow them to provide council with more context or details. I think it would also be worthwhile to update the city's official website with meetings to be compatible with modern browsers without plugins but recognize this may require a significant investment to do.

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

I participate in adult education programs and frequently use city parks and the library. Whether or not I am selected to be a commissioner I intend to participate in more volunteer activities in Sunnyvale.

11. 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 in these two areas?

Yes No

If so, please describe.

12. If an unplanned vacancy arises on the board(s) or commission(s) you are interested in, would you be willing to accept a temporary appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term or until a recruitment is held and Council officially fills the vacancy?

Yes No

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Signature of Applicant Carter Hu

Date 4/27/2023

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Board of Library Trustees

We are looking for someone who has interest in Library-related issues

4. 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?

The Sunnyvale public library is facing several key issues that require attention. First, libraries will need to adapt to changing technological trends and user expectations. Digital media and online resources are more available now than at any point in history. Libraries need to balance their traditional role as book repositories with new services and resources that cater to the digital age. Additionally, libraries must address issues related to access and equity, and ensure that all members of the community can take advantage of its resources. I also believe it would be worth exploring how library spaces can be utilized for more community activities and if it would be possible to create study rooms such as those found at university libraries.

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Planning Commission

16. I understand that if I am appointed to Planning Commission, I will be required to electronically file the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) that reports my economic interests and my spouse/domestic partner's economic interests (if applicable) , which is a public record?

Yes No

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17. 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?

With limited vacant land for new development in Sunnyvale, the planning commission must respond thoughtfully and appropriately. In my view, planning should focus on enlarging Sunnyvale's housing stock, especially affordable housing to meet the needs of the growing population. This can be achieved by incentivizing developers to build affordable housing and working with non-profit organizations and community groups to identify suitable sites for development. Planning should also prioritize balancing new development against the need to retain Sunnyvale's historic elements that enhance the character of the city. This can be done by implementing regulations and guidelines to preserve historic structures and promote rehabilitation of existing buildings. Additionally, planning should prioritize new walkable and bikeable development that enhances the community and aligns with the values in Sunnyvale's sustainability policy and with the Vision Zero Plan. By taking a balanced and comprehensive approach, planning can respond to the limited vacant land for new development in Sunnyvale and create a sustainable, livable, and affordable community for all residents.

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

When reviewing proposals, planning commissioners are tasked with evaluating social, economic, and environmental factors to achieve a balanced community. Though it is desirable, proposals do not necessarily need to make progress towards all factors at once. Instead, commissioners should evaluate projects holistically and in combination with other proposals on the docket while maintaining a long-term perspective, taking special care not to let perfect be the enemy of good. By taking this approach, planning can help create a balanced community that meets the needs of all residents current and future while taking into account Sunnyvale's unique characteristics and challenges. Planning commissioners can help create a sustainable and equitable community for years to come by considering relevant factors like affordability, access to services like transportation, and environmental factors,



City of Sunnyvale Incumbent Board and Commission Member Request for Reappointment Consideration

Only incumbents seeking reappointment to the same board/commission may use this form

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

Office Use Only	
Date Received:	<u>04/27/23</u>
Voter registration verified:	
On:	_____
By:	_____

Please accept my request to be reappointed to: Sustainability Commission

Applicant Name: Besser Kathryn H
Last First M.I.

Current Residence [Redacted] Sunnyvale CA 94087
Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Preferred Contact Phone Number(s): [Redacted]

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Yes No
Month November Year 2022

2. Length served on current board/commission? 2 months

3. Have you served previously on other City boards or commissions?
Yes No

If yes, which one? _____ Term currently serving _____
_____ Term previously served _____

4. New information about my qualifications that I would like Council to know:
I haven't served long enough to add any significant commission-related experiences (was appointed in March 2023 to fulfill the remainder of Councilmember Srinivasan's term) but I did volunteer to participate in the Sustainability Speaker Series sub-committee at my first meeting. I hope to bring more of my perspective as a long-time Sunnyvale resident to the commission and serve the city to the best of my ability.

5. Reasons I wish to be reappointed:

- 1. I bring strong communication skills to this role; helping residents easily digest complex topics and stay engaged is a goal I hope to accomplish on the commission.
- 2. I see my creative skills (graphic design, marketing) as providing counter balance to the deep technical expertise of fellow commission members. Making data meaningful to a lay audience is highly important, particularly as it relates to sustainability issues affecting Sunnyvale residents.
- 3. I'm just getting started!

6. Additional Information:

I'm excited to have been appointed to this position the first time and hope I'm able to continue to grow into the role and contribute meaningfully to Sunnyvale's sustainability initiatives. Thank you for considering my request for re-appointment.

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Signature of Applicant Kathryn H Besser Digitally signed by Kathryn H Besser
 Date: 2023.04.27 11:05:03 -07'00' Date _____

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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.

Office Use Only	4/21/23
Date Received:	
Voter registration verified:	
On:	N/A
By:	ymt

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

General eligibility requirements: Sunnyvale residency. Other requirements may apply to specific boards and commissions. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk via cityclerk@sunnyvale.ca.gov or at 408-730-7483 or visit the City website at Sunnyvale.ca.gov and search "Boards and Commission"

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 Library Trustees*
- Heritage Preservation Commission*
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission*
- Personnel Board*
- Planning Commission*
- Sustainability Commission

*Registered Sunnyvale voter

If you are applying for the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**, please identify the category for which you are applying.

- Category One: Applicants must be bicyclists or pedestrians residing in Sunnyvale.
- Category Two: Applicants must have an interest in bicycle and/or pedestrian issues in the City, reside outside Sunnyvale and belong to one of the groups listed below. Please check as many that apply:
 - Parent Teacher Associations (PTA)/parent group member
 - Administrations of schools in Sunnyvale
 - Commute coordinators for major employers within Sunnyvale
 - Principals or teachers from Sunnyvale schools

If you are applying for the **Human Relations Commission**, please identify the category for which you are applying:

- Category One: Applicants shall be Sunnyvale residents.
- Category Two: Applicants shall include representatives of a nonprofit service agency that serves Sunnyvale residents. Such members need not be Sunnyvale residents.

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

- Category One: Applicants shall be Sunnyvale residents.
- 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: Ibarra Rafael
Last First M.I.

Current Residence: [Redacted] Sunnyvale C.A. 94087
Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Preferred Contact Phone Number(s): [Redacted]

Applicant Name _____

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

Lo que me motivó fue que me gustan las Relaciones Humanas, y pido una mejora para los latinos, sobre todo que tengan un trabajo digno y un hogar digno, se incluye el derecho a la salud.

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

Mis habilidades:

- Supervisión, Inspección, Auditorías presentar informes.
- Habilidades de comunicación.

Lo que puedo contribuir es comunicar las oportunidades de mejora para conseguir trabajos, Ayudas de Salud y dar a conocer la oportunidad de vivienda.

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Desde mi experiencia propia he notado que para encontrar trabajo piden documentos de E.U.A y no nos dan la oportunidad de igualdad en sueldos y trabajo como humanos, no me dan extensión larga para vivienda en el Shelter de Sunnyvale, debe existir un lugar donde se apoye con una cita de oficio y darles bolsa de trabajo. Se requiere capacitación de Inglés de Lunes a Viernes

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.

LICENCIATURA EN CONTADURIA PÚBLICA.
EXPERIENCIA EN AUDITORIA, CONTABILIDAD Y ADMINISTRACION, CURSO-TALLER PLAN DE NEGOCIOS, USO DE LA COMPUTADORA - INFORMES ANALÍTICOS.

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

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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.

El 25 vamos a atender un evento de la Ciudad.

No saben las personas como acercarse al consejo. La página está en inglés no hay visibilidad.

Applicant Name _____

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

Somos líderes de la comunidad.
Informamos a las personas
de los beneficios.

11. 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 in these two areas?

Yes No

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Applicant Name _____

Human Relations Commission

We are looking for someone with community-level experience on issues related to equity, access, inclusion, and social justice

11. What do you think are major equity challenges facing the Sunnyvale community?

- No hay equidad en la oportunidad de trabajo.
- No dan más tiempo de ayuda en la instancia en el Shelter Sunnyvale.
- Las rentas son muy caras.
- Apoyo dónde bañarse, tener dónde tener un poco de privacidad para estudiar y arreglar cosas personales.
- Asesoría para discapacitados, (Mé dicos, Estudios de laboratorio.
- Dónde tener un lugar para preparar su comida.

12. Please describe your experience working with historically marginalized communities. How have your actions benefited these communities?

Ser promotores
- pasar información a la comunidad latina.

Applicant: Rafael Ibarra

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

What motivated me was that I like Human Relations, and I ask for improvements for Latinos, mostly for them to have a decent job and home, including the right to health.

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

My abilities:

- Supervision, inspections, audits, present reports.
- Communication skills.

What I can contribute is to communicate improvement opportunities to get jobs, health support and learn about housing opportunities.

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From my own experience, I have noticed that to find a job they ask for documents from the USA and we aren't given the opportunity of equal wages and we work as humans, they don't give me extended housing at the Sunnyvale Shelter. There should be a place that offers trade training and an employment agency. Training in English is needed Monday to Friday.

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.

Degree in Public Accounting. Experience in auditing, accounting and administration, business plan course - workshop, computer use, analytical reports.

8. Briefly describe your current or last occupation.

Right now I am a cook but I have a public accounting degree. Experience in internal auditing.

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.

On the 25th we are going to attend an event in the city.
The people don't know how to approach the council.
The page is in English. There is no visibility.

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

We are community leaders. We inform people about benefits.

11. What do you think are major equity challenges facing the Sunnyvale community?

- There is no equity in work opportunities.
- They don't give more time to help with the application at the Sunnyvale Shelter.
- The rents are very expensive.
- Help with where to bathe, have a place for a little bit of privacy to study and tend to personal things.

- Counseling for the handicapped (doctors, lab tests).
- Have a place to prepare food.

12. Please describe your experience working with historically marginalized communities. How have your actions benefited these communities?

Be promoters.

Pass on information to the Latin community.