



Citizen's Advisory Committee Recruitment Announcement and Application

The Sunnyvale City Council is soliciting applications for appointment to a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) on District Elections and the California Voting Rights Act.

Application deadline is Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:00pm

(Interviews tentatively scheduled for January 26 and 29)

Email application to jguzman@sunnyvale.ca.gov or

drop off/mail to Office of the City Manager: 456 W. Olive Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Background

Today, Sunnyvale City Councilmembers are each elected to one of seven specific numbered seats on a citywide basis, known as an at-large with numbered seats election system. Recently, many cities in California have been challenged in court with allegations that their at-large election system violates the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) by preventing members of a protected class from electing candidates of their choice or influencing election outcomes. For this reason, Sunnyvale is seeking to inform and engage our community on transitioning to an electoral system that meets the requirements of the CVRA, with the goal of sponsoring a ballot measure in 2020.

Role of the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)

Consisting of up to nine Sunnyvale residents, the CAC will play an advisory role for the City Council electoral system outreach process. Members will be responsible for providing feedback on outreach plans to engage diverse communities, understanding and communicating potential changes to the electoral system, serving as ambassadors to encourage resident engagement, and attending public outreach meetings and 3-4 CAC meetings between February and December 2019. Members should be open-minded, impartial, and community-minded. The Council's goal is that the CAC will represent the geographic, ethnic, and social diversity of the City.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that all information provided on this form becomes a public record after it is officially filed.

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Will you be eligible to vote in a Sunnyvale election by January 1, 2020? Yes No

Demographic Questions (optional)

Gender: Female Male Other Age: <30 30-44 45-64 65+

Household Income: <\$118,000 (median household income) \$118,000+

Are you a: Renter Homeowner Other

Do you live in a: Apartment/Condo Single Family Home Mobile Home Other

Application Questions (required)

Why are you interested in applying to and what are your goals for the Citizen’s Advisory Committee?

What would make you a good ambassador in the community for this process?

Describe your involvement in Sunnyvale (i.e. participation in civic organizations, volunteer efforts, community activities and events, and faith, cultural, sports, or affinity groups/clubs) and connection to diverse communities.

Thank you for applying! Those not selected to serve on the CAC are encouraged to participate in the District Elections and California Voting Rights Act community outreach meetings.

Stay informed by visiting the City’s website on [District Elections](#).

City of Sunnyvale
Citizen's Advisory Committee
SUPPLEMENTAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

COMPLETION OF THIS PAGE IS OPTIONAL. This page will be removed from your application prior to review.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 1233 of the California Government Code gives each applicant the opportunity to voluntarily indicate his/her identification on an application. The following information will be used by the City of Sunnyvale in conducting research and compiling statistical reports regarding the composition of applicants. It is illegal to use this information to discriminate against, or give preference to, a person for appointment. This page will be removed from your application and will not be a part of the application review process.

How did you hear about the opportunity to apply? (Place an "X" next to all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sunnyvale Sun</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcement at City Council meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>San Jose Mercury News</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> City's Web site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-in | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>City's Quarterly Report</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City employee | <input type="checkbox"/> City's Volunteer Resources division |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City event | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood association correspondence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library reader board | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KSUN | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
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What is your racial/ethnic background? (Place an "X" next to your answer)

- Asian or Pacific Islander:** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.
Country of origin: _____
- Black (not of Hispanic Origins):** All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
- Hispanic:** All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central/South American, or other Spanish cultures, regardless of race.
- Native American Or Alaskan Native:** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North American, or who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation.
- White (not of Hispanic Origin):** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Thank you for completing this page.

Please return it with your application to the Office of the City Manager, 456 West Olive Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707.
(408) 730-7480, TDD (408) 730-7501, Fax (408) 730-0707.