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Applicant Information

Name Prakash Giri

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Demographic Questions (optional)

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Application Questions (required)

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

As a long time resident of Sunnyvale, I love the city and with 2 kids who were born and brought up here, I care about the city's future. Sunnyvale is a diverse city with a growing asian american population and it is important to have voices of all communities heard equally. CAC should study the issue carefully, take inputs from all participants, look at statistics from different agencies and other california cities, understand implications before coming up with opinions or suggestions.

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

Being a passionate volunteer with multiple sports groups and a growing asian indian community in the city, I get to talk and hear from several people in the sunnyvale community on a regular basis. I would like to use this opportunity to reach out to the broader community to take their inputs and educate on pros/cons of different approaches.

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.

Active Volunteer with Multiple Youth Sports Organizations
Coach, Ex-Board Member, Sunnyvale AYSO Soccer
Coach, Sunnyvale Youth Cricket
Volunteer, Hindu Community Temple
Commissioner, Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation Commission

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Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

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Switching from an at-large to a district-based electoral system does not guarantee that Sunnyvale's elections will become more fair. The result depends on the details of how the switch is implemented. Poorly drawn or gerrymandered district maps could make elections unfair. Also, Sunnyvale residents need to feel that the process for making the switch is open and transparent.

Sunnyvale politics have been surprisingly contentious recently for a City that is so safe and offers so many resources to its residents. Some residents are resentful of growth, while others resent being rent-poor or house-poor. Some residents have even sought to limit the City's ability to sell or lease property, despite the City's manifest commitment to its parks. Switching electoral systems could either reduce or inflame these tensions. I would like to help the City get the switch right, so that tensions are reduced.

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

I am an attorney. My job involves listening to the concerns of my clients and considering all sides of an argument. Also, I am trained to keep my personal opinions from interfering with my work. This training and experience will translate directly into being a good ambassador in the community. I am able to elicit and listen to concerns from people with differing viewpoints and to be even-handed in my analysis of those concerns.

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.

I bought my first home in Sunnyvale ten years ago. When I outgrew that house after getting married and having twins, my wife and I decided to stay in Sunnyvale, so we bought our current house here. We spend lots of time with the kids at Sunnyvale's wonderful parks, which were a big part of our decision to stay. Our kids have taken Gym Kids and gymnastics (both through the City) as well as soccer and t-ball. We have joined the Fairbrae swim club and have befriended numerous neighbors simply by hanging out in our front yard.

I am also a Sunnyvale small business owner. I have my own patent-law practice, Huse IP Law. For this practice, I work from home and use a virtual-office provider located in Sunnyvale. In addition, I maintain an active pro-bono practice focused on immigration law. I attend naturalization workshops at least once a month at which I help people apply for citizenship. I also help Dreamers renew their DACA status.

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I support efforts to bring more diverse representation on the Sunnyvale City Council because I truly believe that bringing people together with diverse backgrounds creates the possibility of more creative problem solving. District based elections have the potential to lead to more diverse representation on the Council but it will depend on how the district map is drawn and what processes are put in place to ensure the community's demographics are appropriately represented. The Advisory Committee, City staff, and Council members have a tough job before them. It will require a deep dive and data based decision-making. My goal is to help the Council and City staff create a map and election process that supports diversity and equity, and to make sure that the community has the opportunity to be heard and that their input is reflected in the final product. I recognize that not everyone will be 100% happy with the outcome, but my goal is that residents feel the process was open and fair.

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

I have a unique skill set to bring to the Advisory Committee. I am an attorney by training which provides me with the ability to read and understand complex information. As a public entity Risk Manager I have also learned how to explain complex and often technical topics to diverse constituent groups with varying backgrounds--from administrators to faculty, staff, and students. This is a very different skill set than talking to another lawyer or judge, but It does not require talking down to the group or "dumbing it down". I find it helpful to make meaningful connections with the information and the group I am talking to. What connection is there between their life experiences and the topic being discussed? Why is the information important or helpful to them? My communication skills will be useful to both engage the community, and provide the Commission with the feedback it needs to make sound decisions regarding the electoral changes needed.

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I am a relatively new resident of Sunnyvale and am just starting to engage in the community. I am a member of the Sunnyvale-Cupertino League of Women Voters where I hope to learn more about local issues and work to increase voter engagement both before, during and after election cycles. I am also a member of Sunnyvale's Charles Street Community Garden. I also serve the greater South Bay community as a volunteer instructor of Citizenship Classes at the Center for Employment Training in San Jose. My day job as a Risk Manager for a local community college connects me on a daily basis with one of the most diverse workforces and student body in the Bay Area.

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We want our elected officials to be representative of our community. Although I am confident in our current system of at-large seats, I am interested in working with the team to ensure that any new process we adopt is fair and thorough and accomplishes the goal of representing all members of our community. For me, this is an opportunity to learn more about what our community needs and wants from our elected officials and a way to work towards ensuring all groups feel represented within our highly diverse community. My goal in being a member of this team would be to use my connections and community leadership experience to reach out to people across Sunnyvale to ensure all are represented with the outcome of ballot language and a process that fulfills the requirements of the CRVA while fairly representing our community. As a School Board member in Sunnyvale, our board may also soon be subject to this requirement and my involvement would help with alignment.

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

Community outreach is something I love and do in all aspects of my life! As the leader of my neighborhood association (Cumberland South) and facilitator of meetings of all our neighborhoods across Sunnyvale, I am in touch with our community and I try hard to work for the community- to ask for and respond with topics of interest to all. I am a collaborator, and I work best in a group- always trying to remember that people have very different perspectives and I work to ensure all voices are heard and considered. I have been invited to participate in many city projects/programs including interviewing our chief of police, participating on the Energize Sunnyvale committee, serving on the master plan for public art task force and participating in the re-branding of our city with a modernized look and feel. I would be honored to contribute to this committee and I believe I have connections and experience that would benefit the team.

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In addition to my experience mentioned above, I am on the board of the Sunnyvale Education Foundation (representing all 10 diverse schools across Sunnyvale), the Sunnyvale School Board (8th year), I am the Volunteer Coordinator for Homestead HS (and was for Sunnyvale Middle and Cumberland), I am on the board of the Sunnyvale Tennis Club and I am always captaining extremely diverse teams of tennis players from across the community. I am also connected to our community through the Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations and I moderate multiple email groups. I coordinate an annual 4th of July parade in my neighborhood which has over 250 participants annually, I ran the booth on getting to know Sunnyvale neighborhoods at the State of the City (2017), and I was nominated by my peers for Volunteer of the Year. I also spent some time volunteering for Sunnyvale Community Services, and many years attending Challenge Team meetings run by DPS and community-wide Safe Routes to School meetings.

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I'm concerned about the practical effects of districting in Sunnyvale, a city with no voter discrimination that I can detect.

- While districting would allow for each area of the city to be represented, the danger of fragmenting the city may be too high.
- Currently, we have Council members whose districts may overlap. This would preclude potential candidates who become disqualified artificially.
- Would each district be able to produce enough qualified candidates?

These and other issues need to be addressed and communicated accurately to the voting public.

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

I have a background in communications and realize the importance of presenting information accurately, concisely, and in a way easily understood by the intended audience. I worked in marketing and have a degree in English.

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I served 5+ years on the Arts Commission, most of which were as the Chair person. I volunteered for city events such as the citizens group which helped choose the previous City Manager and Hands on the Arts. I occasionally attend City Council meetings and speak during Public Comments when I have concerns about the issues under discussion. I volunteered for some city council candidates during the last two elections.

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Name Judy Pavlick

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I am interest in applying for the committee to give a voice to the residents of North Sunnyvale and to educate them on the difference between "district voting" and "at large voting"

Since Sunnyvale will be submitting a charter amendment to Sunnyvale voters to change to district-based voting, I think it is important that each potential district gets a fair representation. I live in an area that is primarily Mobile Home Parks and high density living and would like to represent this area.

I am most interested in determining how the district lines will be set. What criteria will be used to divide up the city.

I am also interest in helping determine how many seats there will be and also with the be a member elected at large to represent the whole city.

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

Founded an organization smHpa (Sunnyvale Mobile Home Park Alliance to get mobile home residence engaged in what is happening in their parks.. Over the last 2 years I have developed many communication streams that have been set in place to disseminate information to parks & surrounding neighborhoods. i

My group has aan dvertising professionals who writes our outreach documents & a team to edit the communication to make it understandable & simple. This is in place and ready to go.

I belong to several organizations and can contact their leaders to communicate information and make presentations at their meetings. I have created a slide presentation to present to other organizations about "what mobile homes are and what they are not". It has been well received and is very educational. I could do that for the CAC to present to groups.

I worked as a business systems analyst/project lead for 30 years and have extensive experience sorting information to find the preferred solution.

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I founded smHpa (Sunnyvale Mobile Home Park Alliance); Started the Plaza del Rey Neighborhood to become one of 28 Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations; Member of sv@Home; Legislative Action Team member of GSMOL (Golden State Mobile Home Owners League); Member Organization working with South Bay IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation), Bay Area Forward, Sunnyvale Democratic Club.

Lead a team that sponsored a non partisan forum for the city council candidates in October. All 6 candidates participated and 140 people attended. One of the highest forum turn out rates.

Formed a "super chapter" of GSMOL, bringing Sunnyvale parks together.

Sponsoring meetings and training for IAF for North Sunnyvale working in conjunction with churches and other non partisan organizations.

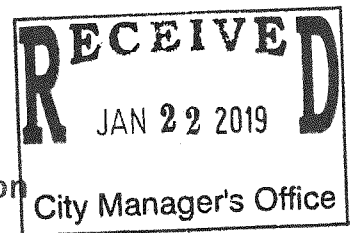
Lead a team that mitigated a situation with Adobe Wells Mobile Home owners vs UPS. The decibel level of work after 10pm exceeded the city ordnance by 36db. After a few months processes were changed at UPS all is well.

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I have long been interested in apportionment, districting, and electoral systems. I've been playing around with drawing pretend Congressional districts since 2011, and in both theory and real life have seen what kind of districts tend to work and which tend to be strange hybrids with no real constituency. I am also a member of the World Science Fiction Society, which recently altered the system in which we nominate for the Hugo Awards so as to provide better representation on the final ballot for works supported by the full variety of WSFS members, so I'm familiar with the process of getting buy-in for a big voting system change.

My goals for the CAC involve ensuring that all Sunnyvale communities are consulted as to the electoral changes that we make and that we develop a system for Sunnyvale that properly and fully reflects the diversity—along multiple axes—of our city.

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

For the November 2018 meeting of the Sunnyvale Democratic Club, I drew and help present a variety of sample district map outlines for Sunnyvale. While obviously imprecise due to tool limitations, playing with said maps has given me a good sense of the population and demographic distribution of Sunnyvale and what constraints we'd have when drawing districts. I can do a good job of explaining what options we'd have in a district-based election system.

As a member of WSFS, I'm also used to explaining electoral systems that people might not be used to. This applies to both the proportional "E Pluribus Hugo" system used to determine Hugo finalists and the final ballot, which uses a preferential vote. I am well-versed in various ranked-choice systems, range voting, and approval voting should there be a desire to explore alternatives to first-past-the-vote in single-member districts.

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.

I am a member of the Sunnyvale Democratic Club and, as noted above, have helped present district election possibilities to the same.

I am also involved in a local quidditch team, which has quite a few other Sunnyvale residents who care about politics but are not actively involved in local issues. Outreach to voters who don't pay close attention to local politics will be important in passing any charter amendment that arises out of this process, and hopefully said process will encourage more people to get involved.

Lastly, I've been renting in Sunnyvale for nearly six years, in an area that's put up a bunch of new housing since I moved in. Renters make up about half the population of Sunnyvale and I want to make sure that we are represented in any discussion about electoral system changes.

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Name Janette Brambila Ramirez

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Demographic Questions (optional)

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Are you a: ☒ Renter ☐ Homeowner ☐ Other

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Application Questions (required)

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

I'm interested in applying for the CAC because this past voting election the candidates who ran did not represent my community. We need a candidate that represents people of color, a regular person who works hard. I've lived in Sunnyvale 20 years & there has been new and improved renovations that have better our city but effect the working class. Even though more jobs & housing have been created people are suffering to survive. People are losing their homes & utilizing shelters while others are relocating. Gentrification has hit Sunnyvale drastically & it will continue with the new renovations like the Theater, Whole Foods and Civic Center. This is the reason why it is important to have representation of a minorities in the CAC because we need to be heard we need smart decisions for EVERYONE. One of my goals is to outreach & motivate working class, seniors, immigrants and homeless to SPEAK OUT because these are the people who deserve to stay in Sunnyvale.

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

I would be a good ambassador because I am one of the thousands of Sunnyvale residents who lives paycheck by check. I am involved with the Hispanic and Immigrant Community. I work closely with people who are seeking low income housing, financial assistance and pro-bono immigration services.

In the past I have taking leadership roles and I am currently overseeing a program of 15 community leaders in Sunnyvale to be more socially aware of the resources in Santa Clara County. I am determined and passionate in helping underrepresented communities because people should be put first.

I am an immigrants' rights, first generation Latina who is invested in advocating for communities of color via organizing local community members.

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.

I am currently a parishioner at St. Cyprian Church, a member of PACT (People Acting in Community) HEFAS (Higher Education with AB540 Students) and lastly, I volunteered at the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley Ball 2018.

During college (2012-2016) I was involved with MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) was President of LEAD (Lead Empower Achieve with Determination for Undocumented Students) and a member of Kappa Alpha Pi Pre-Law Fraternity.

Currently in my job I'm a liaison and I worked closely with other services providers. In addition, I oversee about 15 community leaders in Sunnyvale were they receive ongoing training to acquire knowledge in order to educate individuals on local services and programs such as social services, healthcare, education, immigration and affordable housing in Santa Clara County.

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Applicant Information

Name Michael Serrone

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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

Changing the way our City Council is elected may be the most critical issue for Sunnyvale governance going forward. Sunnyvale has a reputation as a well-managed city, which is partly a result of the current at-large election system. All members of the Council currently represent all of the voters and are accountable to all of the voters.

My goals for the CAC:

1. Effective outreach to all the citizens of Sunnyvale, especially under-represented groups.
2. Supporting a new electoral process that is consistent with the CVRA, increases diversity on the Council while maintaining good governance.
3. Maintain a civil and productive dialogue throughout the process.

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

As an activist/community organizer in Sunnyvale for many years, I have worked with organizations and individuals to promote equal opportunity and income equality for Sunnyvale. I try to maintain respectful and civil relationships in all of my interactions. Personal attacks and unfounded accusations are not helpful.

I have been a Sunnyvale resident for 35 years and have helped to create a number of coalitions of interested citizens addressing critical issues such as affordable housing, transportation solutions, wage theft and gun safety.

My occupation, for many years, has been program management at high tech companies, so I have experience working with teams, defining objectives and staying focused on the end goals.

It is essential that this process is informed and fact-based.

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.

I am currently President of the Sunnyvale Democratic Club and on the Steering Committee of Livable Sunnyvale, a non-partisan advocacy organization. I am also active in Indivisible Southbay and other activist groups. All of these organizations actively promote diversity in their general membership and leadership and their meetings are effectively outreach meetings focused on various issues.

Specifically, Livable Sunnyvale works with partners such as SV@Home and Greenbelt Alliance to promote affordable housing in the region. We also have relationships with PACT and IAF - alliances of faith-based groups.

I have attended all of the City Council meetings on this issue and the Sunnyvale Democratic Club held a public meeting in November dedicated to this topic. We have also had several meetings in recent years focused on alternative electoral systems.

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B. Alternate Nominee



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Applicant Information

Name Valerie Suares

Address 256 East Eaglewood Avenue, Sunnyvale 94085

Phone 408-390-3335

Email vsuares@gmail.com

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Application Questions (required)

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

I am interested in applying for the CAC because I was fortunate enough to have seen first hand, how as an active participant of a vibrant neighborhood, civic-minded citizens can contribute and influence a democratic society, in our case the Sunnyvale City Council. As a veteran educator, I believe that knowledge is power. I believe that in order for citizens to execute their civic duties and responsibilities, it is our important role to demystify governmental process so that citizens can become active participants in the affairs of their local government.

My goals for the CAC, are to collaborate with educators, administrators, community leaders, and elected officials to find the most effective ways to communicate 1. the meaning of district elections, 2. how the electoral process will be affected, 3. what it means to individual voters, and 4. how to encourage and support citizens of diverse ethnic background interested in becoming elected officials.

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

As an educator, when communicating new concepts, I demystify, simplify, and transliterate when necessary so that concepts can be understood by those who are not familiar with the content I am trying to convey. Since I was raised in a couple of European countries where the electoral systems are far different than those of the present electoral system in the US, I believe that I am an excellent person to "test" content comprehension, insure it is well presented, clearly articulated, and understood by all. Evidence of this: I designed the training manual for the 2016 primaries elections for the Registrar of Voters used in 800+ precincts. Furthermore, for my leadership role, my active contributions to various initiatives, my willingness, abilities and ease to speak in public, I believe I am known and respected by my Sunnyvale peers. Finally, I have a well established network of people, and this is why I believe I would be an excellent 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.

Resident for 23yrs, actively involved in my neighborhood, presently serving as Chair of the SNAIL Neighborhood (recognized as the 2nd most active communities in the City) after having been the Vice Chair for 3 years, I have written, submitted, applied, and received, grant funding from the City, County, and State, and reported on grant progress. I have organized annual 2-day community yard sales, NNO events, and contributed monthly articles in our newsletters. I am a SNAP graduate, and have volunteered at the homeless shelter for the past 20 years. Awarded the Outstanding Community Volunteer (in July '17) and received a Special Mayor's Award of Excellence (in Sept. '18). I am presently working as Partner/Relations Manager with Bay Area Furniture Bank. We provide gently used furniture to low-income families, individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness.

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C. Other Qualified Applicants



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Name John Howe

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Application Questions (required)

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

I have been involved in Sunnyvale City elections both directly and indirectly. In 2018 I was involved in the Charter Review Committee - which I enjoyed and the Committee did fine work. I have some thoughts concerning District elections.

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

My background in the Sunnyvale community has been and is a passion of mine. I like to be involved and try to make positive actions to make Sunnyvale a place where I truly like to live.

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.

Planning Commissioner, City Council Member - Mayor, Planning Commissioner.
Sunnyvale Community Services, Rotary.

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Applicant Information

Name Tarzine Jackson

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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I look at the long term solutions and not just to the short term gains. I look at what is better for the community and not for the individual.

My goal is to be a voice of the people and not to be swayed by political gain. I have no desire to be in the limelight and I have not hidden agenda.

I am a big support of transparency (in business and politics) and equality for all no matter of race, class or gender; these are my core values.

<http://linkedin.com/in/tarzine>

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

I am a professional with natural leadership skills, with a passion for building relationships and solving problems.

I understand the everyone voices are important - I gather feedback and provide innovative solutions and insight.

I started a company that has an intense focus within the diversity and inclusion space.

<http://www.koalescedesigns.com>

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.

I am volunteer advocate for the Sunnyvale Client Collaborative, a volunteer, lead and mentor for Women Who Code, and I volunteer and mentor Designed.

Last, I am an active participant in advocacy for the underrepresented population, which includes women, LGBTQ, and minorities.

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Name Ralph Kenton

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Personal Interest: As a 47-year Sunnyvale resident, I have attended numerous City Council and many other City-sponsored meetings. The Sunnyvale election process and results have produced a productive and effective City Council over the past several years. However, its decisions have not always favored all Sunnyvale demographic groups proportionally. Hopefully, the CAC members can provide guidance to improve this situation.

CAC Goals:

- + Ensure an election process that increases the prospect of more complete representation of the interests and needs of ALL Sunnyvale residents, considering residents' location, age, ethnic background, and financial status.
- + Significantly improve the City's public outreach methodology, process and coverage.

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

- + General and long-time Interest in meeting people, sharing ideas, creating change where indicated.
- + Understand and often explain to fellow residents how the City operates, its challenges, goals and rationale for many decisions
- + Personally acquainted with most of the City's Managers, many of its Staff, all Council Members, and all residents of our block
- + Have explained various candidates' qualifications in many City elections
- + Professional experience in organization of teams, consulting and training
- + Life-long focus on process improvement and effective communications

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.

- + Current Chair, Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission
- + Current President, Sunnyvale Tennis Club - past 5 years
- + President, TRAKS Ski Club
- + Active on Sunnyvale's Council / Commission / Board Subcommittee for Bylaws Amendments
- + Focus Group for Sunnyvale as an Age-Friendly City

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Name Marc Ketzel

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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As Sunnyvale transitions to a new process to elect the City Council, it's critical to ensure we determine the best long-term solution for the City.

My goals for the Citizen's Advisory Committee would be to: explore different options that will serve the diverse nature of Sunnyvale, get maximum community input, and recommend one or two alternatives that will continue to ensure Sunnyvale remains a very well-managed City.

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

I have a strong background in both business and public service, so I understand both sectors.

I have been very involved in community service, including as both an individual volunteer, and prior to my retirement holding corporate citizenship leadership roles.

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My experience in Sunnyvale includes being a prior member of the Personnel Board, a current member of the Buildings Code Appeals Board, and last year serving on the Charter Review Committee.

External to Sunnyvale, I am a Board Member of a public Charter School in San Jose that has a mission to prepare first generation students for college success (90% of the students are from low income families).

I also volunteer with both the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Village Harvest (community fruit harvesting), with each addressing the needs of Santa Clara County (including Sunnyvale).

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Applicant Information

Name Julia Miller

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Demographic Questions (optional)

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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?

Long time Sunnyvale resident (1958) and former Commissioner and Council Member.
Have witnessed the changes over the years and this change will reflect the population growth.

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

Know the community well and have been a good "ambassador" over many years with my community service.

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.

Resident - 1958 to present (with few absences).
Council Member and Mayor (1997 to 2005)
SF Bay Trail Board Member (1998 to present)
Current home (1974 to present)
Housing and Human Services Commission
Personnel Board
Sunnyvale Historical Society- long time member, capital campaign 2 years and raised \$'s for grand opening.
Lockheed Martin employee
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Director, El Camino Hospital and Healthcare Boards
Silicon Valley Sustainability Advisory Council

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Applicant Information

Name David Papay

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Demographic Questions (optional)

Gender: ☐ Female ☒ Male ☐ Other

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

I am interested in applying to the CAC because I would like the opportunity to give back to my community, and be part of the solution that meets the CVRA requirements. My goals are to help inform and engage community residents, and ensure all voices are heard and represented. I feel that this work is very important, as the changes a new electoral system will bring about will have long-term impacts.

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

I have close and long-standing ties to the community, having been a Sunnyvale resident for over thirty-one years. I raised a child who attended Sunnyvale public schools and went to a local college. I also work in Sunnyvale, and thus spend much of my time in the community.

I have been involved in several community organizations whose memberships represented a broad cross-section of Sunnyvale's population. This involvement has given me the opportunity to work with diverse groups of people with a range of different personalities, and bring people together to work toward common goals. I am open-minded and pragmatic; I am an active listener and receptive to new ideas and different opinions while sharing my own perspective.

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- Board Member of condominium homeowners' association (2004 – 2017, including two terms as board president)
- President, Homestead High School Music Boosters (2008 – 2014)
- Volunteer instructor with Homestead High School marching band (2007 – 2015)
- Cubmaster, Sunnyvale Cub Scout Pack 462 (1999 – 2004)
- Assistant Scoutmaster, Sunnyvale Boy Scout Troop 463 (2004 – 2013)
- Member of South Bay Philharmonic Orchestra and Foothill Symphonic Wind Ensemble (2014 -present)
- Sierra Club Hike Leader (2017 – present).

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Applicant Information

Name Christine Pepin

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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

I have been following the California Voting Rights Act and election methods in the Bay Area, and the state in general, very closely. It is a topic of personal interest to me as a resident of Sunnyvale but also as a social justice activist. Elections lie at the heart of our democratic and representative system and citizens expect to be heard. I appreciate the fact that the City of Sunnyvale is forming a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) on that issue and making distinct outreach efforts to engage diverse members of the community, in particular minorities and under-represented groups.

I envision the CAC as a place where its members will share their vision for a fairer electoral system, provide feedback on and refine outreach plans, explain the need for change as well as different forms of voting systems to Sunnyvale's residents, and encourage them to participate in both this democratic process and the upcoming elections.

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

My family and I have been living and growing in Sunnyvale since 2007 and I am already involved in, and collaborating with, different community groups: Fremont High School, Sunnyvale Community Services, SNAIL Neighborhood Association, Green Party of Santa Clara County, South Bay Progressive Alliance, Protect Coyote Valley (San Jose). I am passionate about bringing people together, raising awareness about citizens' rights, sharing my understanding of the democratic process, and not afraid to ask questions. I have a background in research & technology (PhD, Electrical Engineering) and am used to speaking in public. I would love to be an ambassador in the community for the City Council electoral system outreach process.

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I have been an election officer in Sunnyvale since the June 2016 primaries and was a precinct inspector last November. I consider civic participation a duty and actually enjoy it a lot! I helped register voters in the past four elections during voter registration drives at the Sunnyvale Farmers Market, college campuses and local events. I am a volunteer with Sunnyvale Community Services to pack grocery bags and pantry items for low-income families. I volunteer at the Sunnyvale homeless shelter with SNAIL and Valerie Suarez to serve meals to the shelter guests since October 2018. I am a School Site Council member of Fremont High School since 2016 (my son is a senior, my daughter a freshman) and am serving on the School Council of the French-American School of Silicon Valley in Sunnyvale (my youngest is in 2nd grade). I have been attending and speaking at City Council meetings for the past two years about fossil fuels divestment, climate change, and elections.

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Applicant Information

Name Linda

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Demographic Questions (optional)

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I have seen over the years with my involvement in the community on how important it is for the community to feel trust in our elected officials. When the community members feel that the process is good and fair then they typically want to participate in the process and feel more trust the people elected in this process. In addition, the more people that can be informed about the process, the more input obtained, then the more successful the outcome can be. I would like to be a sounding board for ideas relating to reaching out to the community, listening to the thoughts of the community members to understand their suggestions, ideas, and concerns and look at the technical details and studies relating to this subject to help give input to the advisory committee discussions on recommendations for future elections. The end goal is that the city council can be informed by this CAC about some community feedback on future elections that meet the goals and requirements of the CVRA.

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

I have been a volunteer in the community on various issues relating to the schools, the environment, political clubs, campaigns, and a volunteer in the city of Sunnyvale. This experience has put me in direct with many people in the Sunnyvale and surrounding community so I have some sense of what are important issues, given me an opportunity to relay information about community meetings announcements to various groups so that people can choose to attend and at those community gatherings an opportunity to listen to the community's ideas and concerns and applying those great ideas to plan.

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Leadership and Community Service*:

1. Co-founder and Board Member of a Local Environmental Non-profit Organization
 2. Membership Director and Executive Board Member, Sunnyvale Democratic Club*
 3. Co-chair Environmental Committee, Silicon Valley Democratic Club*
 4. Budget Advisory Committee Member, Cupertino Union School District which serves a part of Sunnyvale*
 5. Served on the Santa Clara County Central Endorsement Committee*
 6. Former Board Member, West Valley Educational Endowment Fund*
 7. For the past two years, an appointed Democratic State Central Committee Delegate
 8. Served on the Their Future is Now Campaign Steering Committee which raised about \$2.5M in about 8 weeks to preserve the educational excellence for a local school district
 9. Previously, in various leadership roles and organized hundreds of volunteers over about 10 campaigns
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Name Howard Stateman

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED]

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Sunnyvale is not very diverse as a whole, so an entire slate of at-large positions is bound to reflect that. However there are distinct neighborhoods which would benefit from a dedicated representative who comes from that district. I still think one or two at-large positions would be useful. Also, the trend to move to rank-choice voting seems to have skewed the results to the other side of the pendulum, and I would like to explore ways to vote which do not shut out minority groups.

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

With an even-handedness, patience and "plays well with others" attitude, I work well on committees. A former Peace Corps volunteer, being an ambassador comes naturally. My community includes mobile home parks and condos which have community centers and functions where it would be relatively easy to schedule talks and presentations.

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.

My volunteer time is limited since I work full time. I've been active in Sunnyvale Community Players, and attend events at the Willow Ranch Mobile Home Park community center. I recently was a panelist at the World Science Fiction Convention in San Jose, which draws from the whole Bay Area, including Sunnyvale.

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Name Stephanie Tsao

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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

Ensure that the new electoral process is fair and adequately provides a chance for all subsections of the community to be represented.

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

Political Science major (graduated top 5% at UCSD) with experience working in the California Assembly and Massachusetts Senate. Performed work researching and analyzing differences in domestic and international electoral systems.

10 years of experience as an attorney at a prestigious law firm so I am familiar with reading and interpreting statutes and court case law to design a system that mitigates the likelihood of litigation.

30+ years living in Santa Clara County, including last 5 years in Sunnyvale. Active in the community and familiar with Sunnyvale demographic changes and issues residents are concerned with.

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.

Volunteer neighborhood appointed manager of local neighborhood issues in charge of communicating and assisting with neighborhood issues; participated as an artist in Sunnyvale's State of the City event; actively keep on top of local politics and neighborhood issues as well as attending public outreach meetings.

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D. Unqualified Applicants



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Applicant Information

Name

Mila Irene Romero

Address

[Redacted Address]

Phone

[Redacted Phone]

Email

[Redacted Email]

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

Demographic Questions (optional)

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

I am interested in applying as I am passionate in advocating & having all persons best interest at heart my goals is to advocate and maintain for the People by the People philosophy in which I have always adhered by.

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

I am familiar with the processes of persons going into hardships & identifying needs that are essential in helping their specific needs, making decisions in. To date I am being encouraged by my Peer at the Sunnyvale Community Services to Apply. It would be an great honor to serve on Sunnyvale's advisory Committee

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.

I was a former resident of the Sunnyvale winter shelter whom advocated with and on behalf of residents in extending the shelter to year around. I am a Representative & Current President of the Sunnyvale Client Collaboratives whom advocate on behalf of the Residents & Facility effective with the Association from 2/2017 to Current. I am currently a Community Leader with the Sunnyvale Community Services. I currently connect Residents & Families to SCS for case management & Emergency Services. Speaker at the Women's March San Jose CA 2019

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E. Late Applications



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Name Craig Pasqua

Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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?

I am interested in joining the Citizen's Advisory Committee for 3 reasons:

- 1) Implementing a district-based electoral system is a step toward admitting the institutional injustices and biases that were perpetuated by the continuation of an at-large electoral system
- 2) According to the city's own demographics, approximately 2/3 of the city's population is non-white, yet the makeup of the council and citizen boards/commissions does not reflect this reality
- 3) As a person of color, I believe I would lend credibility and another voice to the outreach and policy efforts to implement an alternative to at-large electoral systems

My goals of my seat, would likewise, be threefold:

- 1) Listen, respect and work with the community
- 2) Better understand the mechanisms that prevent marginalized communities from participating in the democratic process
- 3) Draft a policy that will continue to ensure Sunnyvale is one of the best communities in the nation!

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

There are a few actions that would make me a good ambassador, including:

- full city and staff support of this committee
- election collateral translated into our city's major languages
- multi-media efforts to announce public meetings, info sessions, etc instead of just using a website to make these announcements
- providing our citizens with the opportunity to provide input throughout the duration of 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.

I have been fortunate to work with the community in a variety of ways. I've focused my involvement around these issues: environmental (economic) justice, social justice, racial equality and raising Native awareness. I'm currently engaged with the community through these positions:

Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation Commissioner (2nd term)
Co-host Native Voice TV
Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative Commissioner (Seat 23)
NorCal USTA Diversity & Inclusion Committee Chair
La Raza Roundtable de California Foundation President
American Indian Community Action Board Member

Specifically, I've worked in the Community Services booth at the Columbia Neighborhood Center's Activity Day Hands On The Arts Festival. I've also volunteered with community planting and mulch spreading at Raynor Park, participated in the civic center planning meetings and attended numerous community information meetings.

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](#).