

# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Agenda

### Call and Notice of Special Meeting of the City Council



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Tuesday, June 30, 2026

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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- Via Zoom:
  - o <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/99706759306>
  - Meeting ID: 997-0675-9306
  - o Phone 1(669) 900-6833

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 (“The Brown Act”) and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Mayor calls for a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, to commence and convene on June 30, 2026, at 5:30 pm to be held virtually and in the City Hall Council Chambers located in the East Wing of City Hall at 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, California, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

**5:30 PM SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Call to Order in the Council Chambers**

**Roll Call**

**PUBLIC HEARING/GENERAL BUSINESS**

1.     **26-669**     [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term ending June 30, 2030](#)

**Recommendation:** 1. Appoint Two Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission, One to serve a Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One to serve a Full Term Ending June 30, 2030  
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur.

2.     **26-671**     [Action to Accept a Resignation and Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Civil Service Commission to Serve One Partial Term ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030](#)

**Recommendation:** Appoint Two Applicants to the Civil Service Commission, to serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030.

3.     **26-672**     [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Cultural Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030](#)

**Recommendation:** 1. Appoint One Applicant to the Cultural Commission, to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030; and  
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur.

4.     **26-670**     [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Board of Library Trustees to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030](#)

**Recommendation:** Appoint One Applicant to the Board of Library Trustees to serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030.

5.     **26-673**     [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve Two Full Terms Ending June 30, 2030](#)

**Recommendation:** Appoint Two Applicants to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve Two Full Terms Each Ending June 30, 2030.

6.     **26-674**     [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030](#)

**Recommendation:** 1. Appoint one Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030; and  
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The next regular scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers.**

## MEETING DISCLOSURES

The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitation period is specified by any other provision. Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred. If a person wishes to challenge the nature of the above section in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Clara, at or prior to the meeting. In addition, judicial challenge may be limited or barred where the interested party has not sought and exhausted all available administrative remedies.

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Note: The public cannot participate in the meeting through these livestreaming methods; livestreaming capabilities may be disrupted at times, viewers may always view and participate in meetings in-person and via Zoom as noted on the agenda.

**AB23 ANNOUNCEMENT:** Members of the Santa Clara Stadium Authority, Sports and Open Space Authority and Housing Authority are entitled to receive \$30 for each attended meeting.

Note: The City Council and its associated Authorities meet as separate agencies but in a concurrent manner. Actions taken should be considered actions of only the identified policy body.

**LEGEND:** City Council (CC); Stadium Authority (SA); Sports and Open Space Authority (SOSA); Housing Authority (HA); Successor Agency to the City of Santa Clara Redevelopment Agency (SARDA); Bayshore North Project Enhancement Authority (BNPEA); Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC)

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In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Santa Clara will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities, and will ensure that all existing facilities will be made accessible to the maximum extent feasible. The City of Santa Clara will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities including those with speech, hearing, or vision impairments so they can participate equally in the City's programs, services, and activities. The City of Santa Clara will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Individuals who require an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or any other disability-related modification of policies or procedures, or other accommodation, in order to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Santa Clara, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 408-615-3000 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.



## Agenda Report

26-669

Agenda Date: 6/30/2026

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term ending June 30, 2030

#### BACKGROUND

At the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, Council declared Two (2) vacancies due to resignations on the Senior Advisory Commission to fill one partial term ending June 30, 2028, and one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Advertising of the vacancies was done via the City's website, social media outlets and the Santa Clara Weekly. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

#### DISCUSSION

The recruitment was open for six weeks, yielding five applications by the deadline of April 17, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Last year a recruitment was held and was later put on hold, however there was one applicant from that recruitment who was still interested and is included in the pool of applicants for a total of six.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy occur.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

1. Rachel Maria Ervin
2. Claire Fedele
3. Adila Saadat
4. Michelle Schmitz
5. Kirankumar Shinde
6. Kumar Viswanathan\*

\*Also applied to Cultural Commission, and Historical and Landmarks Commission

Each candidate meets the requirement of being a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have submitted proof of residency.

Attached are the voting guidelines (Attachment 2) for the appointment of Boards and Commissions members, which outline the process for conducting interviews.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Appoint Two Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission, One to serve a Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One to serve a Full Term Ending June 30, 2030
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Senior Advisory Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

RACHAEL MARIA ERVIN, PhD

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

[Redacted]

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95054

Country

USA

Provide two forms of Proof of Residency in the City of Santa Clara

Attachment 1\*

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Attachment 2\*

Screenshot\_20260417\_143606\_Gallery.pdf

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Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

[Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number

[Redacted]

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

None: I have been searching for new employment due to severe injustice as a minority senior: And sadly, as our Mother was done the same. We are not the only ones.

Job Title\*

NA

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APR 17 2026 3:55 pm  
City Clerk's Office  
City of Santa Clara

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date
1. Yolo County Health Council 2. American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. 3. American Society on Aging & ACL ~ Administration for Community Living... 4. Montana State University-Bozeman Over Admissions 6+yrs..	~ Appointed Member ~ New Business Development, Planning & More... ~ Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer with Ratings to accept. ~ Processor, Retainer, Encourager...	9/20/1986

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
1. Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church&Shrine Lifetime Member Supporting Community in endless ways! 2. Community Development Social Worker Action Volunteer for Seniors in Auburn, California. *Thanked by Lady, Director of Auburn Senior Services! She thanked me for "Getting Involved!" She sounded surprised! I took initiative to find her, the highest in the City area needed, to get an urgent matter resolved! Which, I did with her approval : I developed and started handing out the *Free Bus Passes* to Seniors! NOT KNOWN ABOUT BY ANY I FOUND, SENIORS NOR BUS DRIVERS!! *THIS WAS NEEDED AFTER I WITNESSED, AND REPORTED, SEEING A BUS DRIVER PURPOSELY GOING PAST A WAITING SENIOR AT THE BUS STOP. ~ I chased it down, and inquired about... Driver just thought the Senior did not look as had money to ride! WELL IT WAS FREE, for that Senior, I even found out after reported. STILL THE BUS DRIVER NEVER GAVE this nice Senior Lady a chance... She happened to be the color of then Newly elected President Obama. Sad. I GET THINGS DONE AS BEST AS I CAN, with God's help! :) LIFETIME FOR ALL... WHEREVER & HOWEVER!!:))	1. Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church&Shrine Lifetime Member Supporting Community in endless ways! 2. Community Development Social Worker Action Volunteer for Seniors in Auburn, California. *Thanked by Lady, Director of Auburn Senior Services! She thanked me for "Getting Involved!" She sounded surprised! I took initiative to find her, the highest in the City area needed, to get an urgent matter resolved! Which, I did with her approval : I developed and started handing out the *Free Bus Passes* to Seniors! NOT KNOWN ABOUT BY ANY I FOUND, SENIORS NOR BUS DRIVERS!! *THIS WAS NEEDED AFTER I WITNESSED, AND REPORTED, SEEING A BUS DRIVER PURPOSELY GOING PAST A WAITING SENIOR AT THE BUS STOP. ~ I chased it down, and inquired about... Driver just thought the Senior did not look as had money to ride! WELL IT WAS FREE, for that Senior, I even found out after reported. STILL THE BUS DRIVER NEVER GAVE this nice Senior Lady a chance... She happened to be the color of then Newly elected President Obama. Sad. I GET THINGS DONE AS BEST AS I CAN, with God's help! :) LIFETIME FOR ALL... WHEREVER & HOWEVER!!:))	6/15/1986	4/17/2026

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
HS ~ Santa Clara High School	Pre-Med...	6/30/1978
University of California Davis	PHD Epidemiology, Dementia&Alz. Specialist, Research, Prevention & Care Management!	6/15/1993
University of California Davis	BS, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Behavioral Science (Psychology&Sociology)	6/15/1986
University of California Davis	MS, Community Development ~ Planning in ALL ways for improved lives!! Reason SO MANY AREAS EXCEL IN...	6/15/1993

Special awards or recognition received

Throughout Life Recognition in countless ways, shown in my CV/Resume..  
From early... 100% Secret Sales Award: Macy's Affiliate, The Bon Marche', Bozeman, Montana.

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Honors: The Dean of Letters & Science, U C DAVIS: Made a special call for me to his office,  
BECAUSE HE SAID: " I wanted to shake the hand of the One person in my 20 years to get A's in  
EVERYTHING!:)")

\*Internal MSU-BOZEMAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS OFFICES AUDIT REPORT: "Rachael's Office  
of Admissions, "AS EXAMPLE FOR ALL," ;)

SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL: Highest Math Teacher told all the school I received highest Final  
Exam Score in Algebra than any in his 20 + years!:) )

Highly respected in meeting to go forward with work for NASA AMES RESEARCH ~ MARS  
SURVIVAL PROJECT. Mr. DAN RASKY, being the One over NASA'S Heat Shield... So Awesome  
before, now thinking WOW... Unfortunately, longer road to MARS!!!:(

\*MY TEAM PARTNER FOR PROJECT & I INVITED FOR WEEK LONG CONFERENCE ON  
FORWARD PLANNING FOR \* THE MOON VS. MARS FORWARD!?? TO MARS  
SOONER..MOON, PLANS...:))

I WAS ASKED TO DEMONSTRATE MY TECHNIQUE FOR CALLS TO POTENTIAL  
INVESTORS, AT EUROPRIME , UBS AFFILIATE.. I HAD HIGHEST CLIENT PORTFOLIO &  
ONLY AMERICAN, WOMAN, AND MINORITY ~  
AT OUR OFFICE, TOP OF TALLEST BUILDING IN ATHENS. GREECE..

MOST THOUGH!! HELPED COUNTLESS TO KNOW JESUS&GOD..  
LOVE OF GOD FOR ALL...GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE, IN GOD'S EYES TOO....:))

#### Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

To Truly improve lives of those as our Mother ( especially while 70 - 80+) years who had many  
needs the community could offer, in much improved ways! I thought of opening a business to help  
in certain ways! Some lack in Planning as well, to include more taking into account for the seniors,  
and aging population. Those who helped paved the way for more current developments and  
technology!

And behind opportunities for life enrichment, far more than at the Senior Center!:) )

With my background, degrees & all.. Some did not see enough years in one area for Social  
Worker II, Dept. Of Aging/Adults DAAS.. To have effective changes I feel need and best to have  
so many related areas! :))

Encouragement for Planning, building for such needs of Aging population..

Social & for exercise beyond the Senior Center ~ as some establishment for Seniors most in  
mind!

This way short of Adult Protective Services! Some may fear to call.. Need an  
"in-between!" Could save lives, as I know!..

#### Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

Attended SAC Meetings? Not in-person:) Though,  
I have often reviewed & searched Meeting Agendas, as yesterday as well, for recent and past to  
see important topics, actions needed and decisions!

#### Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

#### Abstaining from Votes

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Yes

#### Signature and Acknowledgement

##### Signature

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Rachael Maria Gruen*

Date

4/17/2026



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Senior Advisory Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Claire fedele

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Santa Clara

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CA

Postal / Zip Code

95050

Country

USA

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Attachment 1\*

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Attachment 2\*

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Email\*

Primary Phone Number\*

4087813517

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

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Job Title\*

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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Service and sales

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
Independence high school		

Special awards or recognition received

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

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Date

6/30/2025



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Senior Advisory Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Adila Saadat

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(Must be a resident of the city of Santa Clara at time of application)

Yes

No

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Attachment 2\*

Utility bill.pdf

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Email\*

Primary Phone Number\*

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Santa Clara County Office of Education

Job Title\*

Para Educator

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APR 17 2026 4:23 pm

City Clerk's Office  
City of Santa Clara

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
School Site Council in SCUSD	President	8/21/2008	6/9/2010

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
SJSU BSc	Business Administration	5/26/1995
Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy	Robotics course	7/13/2015

Special awards or recognition received

Mentor of the year FSEA (Science Club)

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I am a frequent visitor to the senior center and really enjoy the ambiance and welcoming atmosphere  
I would like to reach out to the Seniors and work with them to engage them more actively with each other as well as with the community at large. I think seniors have much to offer our larger community, I would like to tap this valuable resource for the benefit of our city

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I keep informed about all events happening in the City, and am a proactive member of the community

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

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Yes

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Adila Saadat*

Date

4/17/2026



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Senior Advisory Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Michelle Schmitz

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

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Address Line 2

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City

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State / Province / Region

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Postal / Zip Code

95051

Country

USA

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#1 Proof of Residency M. Schmitz.pdf

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Attachment 2\*

#2 Proof of Residency, M. Schmitz.pdf

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Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

4 [Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number

[Redacted]

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

Yes

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Bellarmine College Preparatory

Job Title\*

Executive Assistant to the Principal

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City Clerk's Office  
City of Santa Clara

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date
n/a		

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
Santa Clara Chorale	Member	9/1/2023	4/9/2026
California School Employees Association, Chapter 350	Executive Board Member	4/1/2016	7/15/2024
PTA, Sutter Elementary School	President	9/5/2002	6/5/2018
Wilcox Football Boosters	Secretary	8/1/2013	3/15/2015
St. Lawrence Pastoral Council	Council Member	9/5/2015	9/5/2019
Cub Scouts	Pack Leader	9/5/2012	8/1/2017
Girl Scouts	Troop Leader	9/1/2012	8/1/2016
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish	Parishoner	7/1/1974	4/9/2026

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
St. Lawrence Academy High School		6/4/1988

Special awards or recognition received

Diocese of San Jose, Pope Paul VI Award  
California State PTA Honorary Service Award

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I am interested in serving on the Senior Advisory Commission to help ensure that all older adults in Santa Clara feel welcomed, valued, and connected regardless of how long they have called our city home. Santa Clara's strength is its diversity, and our senior community reflects a rich range of cultures, experiences, and perspectives that deserve to be honored and included.

As a member of the Commission, I would approach each issue with an open mind and a commitment to listening thoughtfully to the needs of our senior residents. I would contribute my experience in collaborative leadership to support initiatives that foster a vibrant, active, and inclusive senior community.

Specifically, I am interested in supporting efforts that increase awareness and accessibility of existing services, while also exploring opportunities to strengthen intergenerational connections. Our seniors hold invaluable wisdom and life experience, and I believe we should both celebrate their contributions and ensure they are supported with meaningful opportunities to stay engaged and connected within the community.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I have been a lifelong member of the Santa Clara community and have enjoyed volunteering for the Fourth of July celebration, Art & Wine Festival and Great America Fun Runs and many other events throughout the years. My connection to the City began at a young age (I remember attending the expansion of the Senior Center in the 1970s with my mother) and continues today as I utilize and appreciate our Parks and Recreation services, from participating in Tiny Timbers as a child to swimming at the Natatorium as an adult. I truly love my hometown.

In addition to my personal connection to Santa Clara, I bring meaningful experience in civic engagement and organizational leadership. I have supported the Santa Clara Unified School District through involvement in school board meetings, served as an Executive Board Member for the California School Employees Association (Chapter 350), and currently serve as the Executive Assistant to the Principal at Bellarmine College Preparatory. These roles have strengthened my ability to collaborate, listen thoughtfully, and contribute to effective decision-making processes.

I also bring the perspective of being part of the "sandwich generation." I care for my elderly father, and my husband and I are caregivers for his mother, who lives in our home. Through these experiences, I understand firsthand the joys, challenges, and complexities that older adults and their families navigate. This has deepened my awareness of the importance of accessible services, meaningful programming, and strong community support systems for seniors.

Service has been a consistent thread throughout my life, and I would be honored to bring that commitment and lived experience to the Senior Advisory Commission in support of our community's older adults.

**Conflict of Interests**

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

**Abstaining from Votes**

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Yes

**Signature and Acknowledgement**

**Signature**

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Nichelle Schnitz*

**Date**

4/9/2026



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Senior Advisory Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Kirankumar Shinde

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95051

Country

USA

Provide two forms of Proof of Residency in the City of Santa Clara

Attachment 1\*

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Attachment 2\*

PayStatementData (5).pdf

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Email\*

Primary Phone Number\*

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

Yes

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

GLOM

Job Title\*

Director Global Strategy Planning

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Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
Maharashtra Mandal Bayarea	Secretary and Treasurer	1/1/2011	12/31/2012

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
Maharaja Sayajirao University	Bachelor of Law	10/16/2000
Maharaja Sayajirao University	Marketing & Advertising Management	6/30/1997
Maharaja Sayajirao University	Electronics Engineering & Fiber Optics	3/31/1994

Special awards or recognition received

Conveyor of Campus Beautification Committee at Faculty of Management Studies  
Faculty Representative (Elected) at Faculty of Management Studies

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I feel that I have all skills and qualifications to work on these positions.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

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No

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

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*Kiran Shinde*

Date

3/9/2026



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Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Senior Advisory Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Kumar Viswanathan

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

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Postal / Zip Code

95051

Country

USA

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Attachment 1\*

Santa Clara Utility Bill Kumar Viswanathan.pdf

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Attachment 2\*

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Email\*

Primary Phone Number\*

4086660150

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Independant Consulting

Job Title\*

IT Consulting Manager

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
MBA - Bharathidasan University	Business Administration & Management	7/20/2000
Bachelor of Technology - Anna University	Electronics Engineering	7/19/1995

Special awards or recognition received

Best Performer Award in Accenture where I served ~9 years as a Managing Director

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I would like to advise the City Council on matters affecting residents aged 50 and older to ensure that we impart the right focus on health, housing, transportation, and recreation, aiming to ensure the city remains an age-friendly community.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I have nearly 28+ years of professional experience across the globe and 20+ years of leadership experience, advising corporate on matters pertaining to technology and people needs. I had been a member of the Silicon Valley Leadership group, advising the group and the State of CA on matters pertaining to the development needs of the state.

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

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Yes

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

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*Kumar Viswanathan*

Date

3/7/2026

**CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
VOTING GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT  
OF APPLICANTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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    - iii. If there is a full Council present, the Members will draw straws, with the person drawing the long straw abstaining from voting at the next round. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate.
    - iv. The Council votes, with the applicant receiving the highest number of votes being the winner. The City Clerk will announce the winner.
  - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Clerk will announce the two applicants who received the highest number of votes. The Council then has an opportunity to deliberate regarding the remaining two applicants.

The Council will then cast one vote each for their desired appointee. The City Clerk will announce the winner.

- i. If there is a tie, there will be 3 re-votes for the Council to reconsider the applicants. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate between each round of re-voting.
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- iv. The Council votes, with the applicant receiving the highest number of votes being the winner. The City Clerk will announce the winner.

5) After determining the applicant who received the highest number of votes, the Council moves to appoint an applicant(s) to the Board, Commission, or Committee. A majority vote of those Councilmembers present is required (at a minimum) for appointment.



## Agenda Report

26-671

Agenda Date: 6/30/2026

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Action to Accept a Resignation and Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Civil Service Commission to Serve One Partial Term ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

#### BACKGROUND

At the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, Council declared one vacancy; and on May 13, 2026, Commissioner Pumarejo submitted a resignation effective June 2026 creating a second vacancy to fill one partial term ending June 20, 2028, and one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Advertising of the vacancies was done via the City's website, social media outlets and Santa Clara weekly. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

#### DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received one (1) application by the April 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m. application deadline, however the recruitment was extended twice with deadlines of May 11, 2026, and May 29, 2026, by 5:00 p.m., receiving one additional application for a total of 2 applications.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

1. Sherl Chambliss
2. Anurag Dixit

Each applicant met the requirement of being a qualified elector of the City verified by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office, and a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have each submitted proof of residency.

Attached are the voting guidelines (Attachment 2) for the appointment of Boards and Commissions members, which outline the process for conducting interviews. The City Attorney's Office has provided a Conflict Review (Attachment 3) for each applicant.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Two Applicants to the Civil Service Commission, to serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines
3. Conflict Review



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\*

Civil Service Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

sherl chambliss

Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

Yes  No

Address\*

Street Address

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

[Redacted]

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95050

Country

USA

Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

[Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number

[Redacted]

Provide two forms of Proof of Residency in the City of Santa Clara

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Attachment 1\*

SC Light bill with Sherl name below CamScanner 5-28-26 10.59.pdf

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Attachment 2\*

Sherl proof of residence 2026 CamScanner 5-28-26 11.39.pdf

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Present Employer\*

IHSS

Job Title\*

Professional Life Coach and Health Care Provider

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes  No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

Position/ Office Held:

Date

NA

NA

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

**Civic or Charitable Organizations**

**Position(s) Held:**

**Date**

Moving Mountains Center

CEO

5/31/2012

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**Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents**

Special Interests: Helping other's, Volunteering, Travel and Social Networking,  
Talents: Life Coach, Executive Leadership and Community Organization  
Author: Breath of God @ Amazon and Barnes and Nobles

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

**High School, College, Professional, Vocational School**

**Major Subject**

**Date**

Tulane University of NOLA, University of Memphis & Liberty University

Human Services: Executive Leadership

5/31/2012

**Special awards or recognition received:**

NAMI Certificate of Achievement  
Certificate of Participation SEIU  
Santa Clara Leadership Program

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:**

Purpose: Support the commission, Serve in Community and Board Horizons and Talents but to good use.  
Objective: Teaching wisdom, learning and networking.

**Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:**

**INFORMATION:**

2008 Volunteer at Adult Education Santa Clara as Independent Consultant in Adult Basic Skills and GED class and with my mentor Christine Berdiansky. Volunteered for AARP during Tax seasons.

**Experiences:**

Years as CEO of Moving Mountain Center (MMC) where I started my nonprofit organization in 2013 after graduating with an M.A. in Human Services etc. also, completed the certification in nonprofit education from Walden University in 2013. Moving Mountains Center is where a team served youths to build stronger leadership, achieved educational tours and helped students build upon a solid career decision for foundation and leadership. Served youths at the Roosevelt Center and supported at risk youths.

**Accomplishments:**

Earned M. A. BBC #0739 certification (2012-2028) as Board Certified Coach and Certified trainer as Health and Wellness Coach. Professionally and presently serve as a season professional with 40 years of life experience and skills as a talented Life Coach and Health Care provider.

**Are you associated with any Organization/ Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?\***

Yes

No

**City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?\***

Yes

No

**Signature**

*sharl chambliss*

**Date**

5/28/2026



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Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\*

Civil Service Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Anurag Dixit

Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

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Country

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Email\*

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Primary Phone Number\*

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Secondary Phone Number

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Attachment 1\*

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Attachment 2\*

AnuragD\_ID2.pdf

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Present Employer\*

Triple Crown

Job Title\*

Wireless Systems Engineer

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes

No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

City of Santa Clara, Bond & Compliance Committee

Position/ Office Held:

Vice-Chair

Date

5/26/2025

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations

Position(s) Held:

Date

None

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Environment, Current Affairs, Policies, Geo-Politics

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

Professional

Engineering

12/10/2004

Special awards or recognition received:

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

Contribute, Optimize the process, and gain experience as part of City team.

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

Attempt is to gain exposure to California, and Local public-activities, functioning. |Already initiated getting insight.

Are you associated with any Organization/ Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?\*

Yes

No

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?\*

Yes

No

Signature



Date

4/28/2026

**CITY OF SANTA CLARA**  
**VOTING GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT**  
**OF APPLICANTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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**Date:** June 24, 2026

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Glen R. Googins, City Attorney and Sujata Reuter, Chief Assistant City Attorney

**Subject:** Conflicts Review – Civil Service Commission Applicants

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

The City Attorney's Office has been asked to review the applications for the Civil Service Commission and to advise on whether any of the applications reflect any legal issues that would affect the Council's appointment process. Generally speaking, applications alone do not provide complete information regarding potential conflicts; however, they do occasionally disclose potential conflicts of interest or incompatible offices. The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight areas of potential conflict, if any, that are disclosed by the applications. This review is limited solely to the information provided on the applications and is not intended to be comprehensive investigation of potential conflicts involving the applicants. A commissioner may be precluded from participating in certain matters of Commission business if the commissioner has a personal financial interest in that matter. While this list is not complete, these types of conflicts generally fall within one or more of the following situations:

- An application shows persons or entities that are "sources of income" to an Applicant within the 12 months preceding the start of the commission term, as defined under the Political Reform Act, which may create a conflict either with a member of the Council acting in the appointing capacity or potentially with the business of the Commission;
- An Applicant is an officer or employee of a person or entity that could be involved in a matter coming before the Commission; or
- An Applicant engages in a profession serving the local market that is likely to realize financial benefits or detriments, distinguishable from the public generally, that would result from the work performed by the Commission.

There may be facts which would not amount to a legal conflict of interest requiring a commissioner to recuse him- or herself from a commission vote or discussion, however the relationship could create an appearance of bias on the part of the commissioner. The City's Code of Ethics and Values requires that Commissioners "make impartial decisions, free of . . . financial and other personal interests that impair [one's] independence of judgment or action." Accordingly, a situation may arise that may require a commissioner to recuse him- or herself if the facts could reasonably lead one to conclude that the applicant would be biased for or against a person or entity.

### **Civil Service Commission Applications**

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) has received two applications for two vacancies, which have been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. In order to analyze potential conflicts, it is necessary to consider the duties of the particular commission for which the applicant is seeking appointment. The CSC is responsible for: appointment of Salary Setting Commissioners; the establishment, acceptance and continued supervision of a well-rounded civil service program; the recruiting, examining and establishing of a list of eligibles for appointment to the City service in accordance with established merit principles; and the hearing of appeals by members of the classified service and acting upon the same.

Sherilynn Chambliss: The application states educational history, civic organizations, and work experience. The entities listed do not appear to have any connection to the City of Santa Clara. Applicant is currently employed by In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), a Santa Clara County program. At least some of the employees of IHSS are represented by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), but it is unclear if applicant is a member. In any event, SEIU does not represent any City of Santa Clara employees or bargaining units. Therefore, the application discloses neither incompatible offices nor apparent conflicts of interest.

Anurag Dixit: The application provides information regarding employment as well as service as vice-chair of the Measure I Bond Compliance Oversight Committee. Substantively, there is very likely to be no overlap between the functions of the Bond Committee and the CSC [neither body exercises a supervisory, auditing, or removal power over the other, there is no significant clash of duties or loyalties between the two bodies, and there do not appear to be other public policy considerations that would make it improper]. The Boards and Commissions Handbook does state that an individual shall not serve on two Commissions at the same time; however, in practice, individuals have been appointed to serve on standing Boards and Commissions concurrently with limited purpose or ad-hoc committees. There does not appear to be any scheduling conflict between the two bodies. The Council may want to take this into consideration in the appointment process. The application itself does not reflect any apparent financial conflict of interest or incompatible office.

**cc:** Nora Pimentel, MMC, Assistant City Clerk



## Agenda Report

26-672

Agenda Date: 6/30/2026

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Cultural Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, Council declared one vacancy on the Cultural Commission for one full term ending June 20, 2030.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, and social media outlets and the Santa Clara Weekly. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received five (5) applications by the April 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. application deadline. There was one applicant who withdrew from the process on June 23, 2026 leaving a total of four applicants to be interviewed.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy arise.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

1. Sandip Bhattacharya
2. Ana Vargas-Smith
3. Kumar Viswanathan\*
4. Shawn Williams

\*Also applied to the Senior Advisory Commission and Historical and Landmarks Commissions

Each candidate meets the requirement of being a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have submitted proof of residency.

Attached are the voting guidelines (Attachment 2) for the appointment of Boards and Commissions members, which outline the process for conducting interviews.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Appoint One Applicant to the Cultural Commission, to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030;  
and
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines



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Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Cultural Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Sandip Bhattacharya

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

[Redacted]

City

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Postal / Zip Code

95051

Country

USA

Provide two forms of Proof of Residency in the City of Santa Clara

Attachment 1\*

lease.pdf

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Attachment 2\*

Doc1.pdf

1.89MB

Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

[Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number

[Redacted]

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

none

Job Title\*

NA

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date
NA		

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
NA			

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation

Special awards or recognition received

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

Abstaining from Votes

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Sandip Bhattacharya*

Date

3/20/2026



Commission

Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Cultural Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Ana Vargas-Smith

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

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City

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AVS billing pDF.pdf

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Attachment 2\*

AVS PDF.pdf

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Email\*

Primary Phone Number\*

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

Yes

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Eggs by the Bay Retail Shop

Job Title\*

Owner/Partner

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**Conflict of Interests**

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

**Abstaining from Votes**

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Yes

**Signature and Acknowledgement**

**Signature**

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Ara Vargas-Delitt*

**Date**

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Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Cultural Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Kumar Viswanathan

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

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City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

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Postal / Zip Code

95051

Country

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Provide two forms of Proof of Residency in the City of Santa Clara

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Santa Clara Utility Bill Kumar Viswanathan.pdf

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Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

[Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number

[Redacted]

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Independant IT Consulting

Job Title\*

Independant IT Consulting Manager

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
MBA - Bharathidasan University	Business Administration & Management	7/20/2000
Bachelor of Technology - Anna University	Electronics Engineering	7/19/1995

Special awards or recognition received

Rewarded several times as top performer in Accenture, wherein I served as a Managing Director for ~9 years

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I would like to be a volunteer in the Santa Clara Cultural Commission, helping the City Council enhance community life by promoting multicultural experiences, public art, and local events.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I have nearly 28+ years of professional experience across the globe and 20+ years of leadership experience, advising corporate on matters pertaining to technology and people needs. I had been a member of the Silicon Valley Leadership group, advising the group and the State of CA on matters pertaining to the development needs of the state.

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

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Yes

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

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*Kumar Viswanathan*

Date

3/7/2026



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Cultural Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Shawn Williams

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

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Country

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Email\*

Primary Phone Number\*

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Self Employed

Job Title\*

Vp- Co Owner Musik Ink Studios

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Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date
Santa Clara Planning Commission 2018ish	Planning Commissioner	9/1/2018

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
Wilcox High School	General Ed	6/12/1992

Special awards or recognition received

Best New Talent : Theatre - Creator and 1st Mascot : Wilcox Chargers Football - Prom King Nominee.

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I am passionate about using the arts to bring people together and strengthen community identity in Santa Clara. As a local business owner, musician, and creative, I've seen firsthand how music, storytelling, art and shared cultural experiences can create connection, opportunity, and pride within our city. I want to serve on the Cultural Commission to help expand access to the arts, support local artists and creators, and develop inclusive events that reflect the diversity of Santa Clara. My objective is to contribute to programs that inspire youth, highlight local talent, and create more spaces where the community can engage with creativity in meaningful ways. I believe my hands-on experience in building creative platforms and fostering community engagement would allow me to bring a practical, energetic, and collaborative perspective to the Advisory Board.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I bring a unique combination of creativity, community involvement, and real-world experience as a local business owner and musician. Through my work with MusiK Ink Studios and my podcast featuring local artists, I've had the opportunity to connect with a diverse range of voices across Santa Clara and the greater South Bay. These experiences have given me insight into how art, culture, and community intersect in meaningful ways. I'm especially passionate about creating opportunities for local artists, fostering inclusive cultural events, and helping amplify voices that may not always be heard. I'm committed to contributing positively, collaborating with others, and helping the City of Santa Clara continue to grow as a vibrant and culturally rich community.

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Yes

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

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*Shawn P. Williams*

Date

3/20/2026

**CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
VOTING GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT  
OF APPLICANTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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5) After determining the applicant who received the highest number of votes, the Council moves to appoint an applicant(s) to the Board, Commission, or Committee. A majority vote of those Councilmembers present is required (at a minimum) for appointment.



## Agenda Report

26-670

Agenda Date: 6/30/2026

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Board of Library Trustees to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, Council declared one vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees to fill one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Advertising of the vacancies was done via the City's website, social media outlets, and Santa Clara Weekly. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received two (2) applications by the April 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. application deadline. One applicant withdrew from the process on June 25, 2026.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy arise.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidate:

1. Marilyn Edelstein

The applicant met the requirement of being a qualified elector of the City verified by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office, and a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have each submitted proof of residency.

Attached are the voting guidelines (Attachment 2) for the appointment of Boards and Commissions members, which outline the process for conducting interviews. The City Attorney's Office has provided a Conflict Review (Attachment 3) for the applicant.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint One Applicant to the Board of Library Trustees to serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines
3. Conflict Review



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\*

Board of Library Trustees

Personal Information

Name\*

Marilyn Edelstein

Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

Yes  No

Address\*

Street Address

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

[Redacted]

City

Santa Clara

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Country

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Email\*

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Primary Phone Number\*

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Secondary Phone Number

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Provide two forms of Proof of Residency in the City of Santa Clara

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Attachment 1\*

My driver's license.pdf 51.46KB

Attachment 2\*

Silicon Valley Power utilities bill, March 2026.pdf 102.25KB

Present Employer\*

Retired from Santa Clara University

Job Title\*

Professor Emerita of English (Santa Clara University)

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes  No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

Position/ Office Held:

Date

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations	Position(s) Held:	Date
Modern Language Association Bergin Legacy Society, SCU Ashawna Hailey Legacy Society, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley ACLU PEN America	Lifetime Member Member Long-Time Member Member Member	

Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

I'm a retired English professor at Santa Clara University and have decades of experience and expertise in teaching, researching, writing, editing. My primary focus has been literature (especially modern and contemporary fiction) and also multicultural literature. I also have been teaching one course on short stories each year for SCU's Osher Lifelong Learning Program since 2007. I've published a number of scholarly articles and book chapters. I'm very well-organized and very committed to academic freedom.

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Date
Ph.D., SUNY at Buffalo	English	6/15/1994
M.A., University of Chicago	General Studies in the Humanities	6/16/1975
B.A., Goddard College, Vermont	Interdisciplinary Humanities	6/14/1974

Special awards or recognition received:

Sisterhood Is Powerful Award, SCU, 2017  
Numerous research and teaching grants and awards at SCU (and two National Endowment for the Humanities research seminar and institute grants).

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I have been a lifelong patron of and believer in public libraries (as well as academic libraries), starting in childhood and have also been a regular donor (of both monetary donations and used books) to the Santa Clara City Library, and I will be leaving a significant legacy to the library. I visit the Central Library branch at least once/week and check out many books (including through Link Plus) regularly and use some of the other library resources (e.g. the Technology Center and the Reference Desk) periodically. I have been a member for many years of the Library's Foundation and Friends.

In these troubling times, maintaining support and growth for public libraries is increasingly crucial. I believe in academic freedom and freedom for writers and readers (hence my long associations with the ACLU and PEN America). I am also a strong advocate for inclusiveness, multiculturalism, equity, and diversity (and participated in many SCU activities over the years, including teaching and research workshops on these issues and practices). I have lived in Santa Clara since 1987 (when I first began to teach in the English Department at Santa Clara University, and from which I retired as Professor Emerita of English in 2023). Now that I am retired, I believe joining the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clara Library Commission would be an excellent use of my skills, background, and interests and that I would have a lot of expertise to share. I would work toward even broader outreach to our community and building up the library's collections, particularly of print books but also of electronic sources and databases.

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

As I've noted, as a retired English professor and a long-time resident of Santa Clara and patron of the Central Library, I feel like I would offer a lot to the Board of Library Trustees. I am quite adept at online research. I read a lot (primarily fiction) (and I'm in three book groups) and am a published writer with highly developed editorial skills. I am also quite comfortable with public speaking, with which I also have a lot of experience, and am used to working in groups and on committees. I have served on and/or been chair of numerous committees and working groups at SCU.

Are you associated with any Organization/ Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?\*

Yes  No

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?\*

Yes  No

Signature

*Marilyn Edelstein*

Date

4/10/2026

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**Date:** June 24, 2026

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Glen R. Googins, City Attorney and Sujata Reuter, Chief Assistant City Attorney

**Subject:** Conflicts Review – Board of Library Trustee Applicant

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

The City Attorney's Office has been asked to review the application for Board of Library Trustee and to advise on whether the application reflects any legal issues that would affect the Council's appointment process. Generally speaking, applications alone do not provide complete information regarding potential conflicts; however, they do occasionally disclose potential conflicts of interest or incompatible offices. The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight areas of potential conflict, if any, that are disclosed by the applications. This review is limited solely to the information provided on the applications, and is not intended to be comprehensive investigation of potential conflicts involving the applicants. A commissioner may be precluded from participating in certain matters of Commission business if the commissioner has a personal financial interest in that matter. While this list is not complete, these types of conflicts generally fall within one or more of the following situations:

- An application shows persons or entities that are "sources of income" to an Applicant within the 12 months preceding the start of the commission term, as defined under the Political Reform Act, which may create a conflict either with a member of the Council acting in the appointing capacity or potentially with the business of the Commission;
- An Applicant is an officer or employee of a person or entity that could be involved in a matter coming before the Commission; or
- An Applicant engages in a profession serving the local market that is likely to realize financial benefits or detriments, distinguishable from the public generally, that would result from the work performed by the Commission.

There may be facts which would not amount to a legal conflict of interest requiring a commissioner to recuse him- or herself from a commission vote or discussion, however the relationship could create an appearance of bias on the part of the commissioner. The City's Code of Ethics and Values requires that Commissioners "make impartial decisions, free of . . . financial and other personal interests that impair [one's] independence of judgment or action." Accordingly, a situation may arise that may require a commissioner to recuse him- or herself if the facts could reasonably lead one to conclude that the applicant would be biased for or against a person or entity.

### **Board of Library Trustees**

The Board of Library Trustees (BOLT) has received one application for one vacancy, which has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. In order to analyze potential conflicts, it is necessary to consider the duties of the particular commission for which the applicant is seeking appointment. BOLT is responsible for oversight of various aspects of the City of Santa Clara Library system.

Marilyn Edelstein: The applicant is a retired (2023, more than 12 months since retirement) English Professor from Santa Clara University. The application lists several charitable or civil organizations, none of which appear to have any conflict with the City. One such organization, Second Harvest of Silicon

Conflicts Review – Board of Library Trustee Applicant

June 24, 2026

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Valley, has had partnership with the City in the past and is listed as a “Community Partner” of the City. However, it is highly unlikely that any item dealing with Second Harvest will come before BOLT. Therefore, it is our opinion that the application itself does not reflect any apparent financial conflict of interest or incompatible office.

**cc:** Nora Pimentel, MMC, Assistant City Clerk



## Agenda Report

26-673

Agenda Date: 6/30/2026

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve Two Full Terms Ending June 30, 2030

#### BACKGROUND

At the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, Council declared two vacancies on the Historical and Landmarks Commission for two full terms each ending June 30, 2030.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, and social media outlets and the Santa Clara Weekly. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

#### DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received two applications by the April 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. application deadline. The recruitment was extended for an additional three weeks for a May 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. deadline yielding an additional two applications for a total of four applications. Since there were two applicants who withdrew from the process on June 22, 2026 and June 25, 2026, leaving two applicants to interview.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy arise.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

1. Ruhina Surendran
2. Kumar Viswanathan\*

\*Also applied to the Cultural Commission and Senior Advisory Commissions

Each candidate meets the requirement of being a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have submitted proof of residency.

Attached are the voting guidelines (Attachment 2) for the appointment of Boards and Commissions members, which outline the process for conducting interviews.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Two Applicants to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve Two Full Terms Each Ending June 30, 2030.

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Historical & Landmark Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Ruhina Surendran

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

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Utility-bill.pdf

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Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

[Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number

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Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

Yes

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

DesignIntent Landscape Architects

Job Title\*

Owner / Founder

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Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date
Historic Preservation Office, City of Columbus OH	Historic Preservation Intern	6/1/1998

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
Asha for Education	Board of Directors	5/1/2006	5/1/2008

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
Central School, Bangalore	Science	6/1/1990

Special awards or recognition received

American National Scholarship Award  
Beckman Coulter 5-Year Service Award  
Houzz 2025 Service Award

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

As a licensed landscape architect with previous experience working in a historic preservation office, I value the role that preservation plays in maintaining the cultural identity and continuity of a city such as Santa Clara. Thoughtful preservation not only protects historic resources, but also strengthens community character, reinforces a sense of place, and helps connect new development to the city's broader architectural and cultural history.

I believe my background allows me to contribute a balanced perspective that integrates preservation goals with contemporary design, sustainability, accessibility, and long-term usability. My experience working in Bay Area jurisdictions has also given me an understanding of coordination between planning, historic review, engineering, and landscape considerations throughout the entitlement and implementation process.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

Having lived in Santa Clara for the past twelve years, I've developed an understanding of the city's neighborhoods, growth patterns, public spaces, and evolving community character. That long-term perspective gives me a practical appreciation for how residents experience the city on a daily basis, from walkability and streetscapes to parks, planting, shade, drainage, and the relationship between new development and established neighborhoods.

As both a resident and design professional, I would value the opportunity to contribute to shaping Santa Clara's public realm and built form in a way that is thoughtful, context-sensitive, and responsive to the community. Living locally also allows me to bring a more grounded understanding of the city's microclimates, infrastructure challenges, and long-term maintenance considerations, while remaining invested in outcomes that enhance the quality of life for residents over time.

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

City policy directs all advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Yes

Signature and Acknowledgement

Signature

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Ruhira Jurendkar*

**Date**

5/11/2026

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Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For\*

Historical & Landmark Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Kumar Viswanathan

Are you a resident of the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a resident of the city of santa clara at time of application)

Yes

No

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Email\*

[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number\*

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Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?\*

No

Work Experience

Present Employer\*

Independant IT Consultant

Job Title\*

IT Consulting Manager

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
MBA - Bharathidasan University	Business Administration & Management	7/20/2000
Bachelor of Technology - Anna University	Electronics Engineering	7/19/1995

Special awards or recognition received

I have been recognized multiple times as an Excellent Performer/Excellent Employee at Accenture, wherein I served for ~9 years as a Managing Director

Reasons

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I would like to serve at the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission (HHC), which is an advisory body to protect, preserve, and promote the county's historic resources. I would like to help in maintaining the Heritage Resource Inventory, evaluating properties for significance, reviewing Mills Act contracts, and advising on planning projects to minimize adverse impacts on cultural resources

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I have nearly 28+ years of professional experience across the globe and 20+ years of leadership experience, advising corporate on matters pertaining to technology and people needs. I had been a member of the Silicon Valley Leadership group, advising the group and the State of CA on matters pertaining to the development needs of the state.

Conflict of Interests

Are you associated with any Organization/Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Abstaining from Votes

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Yes

**Signature and Acknowledgement**

Signature

By clicking submit you are confirming that you are the person listed in this application, and that all information provided is truthful and correct. All information provided will be public information.

*Kumar Viswanathan*

Date

3/7/2026

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## Agenda Report

26-674

Agenda Date: 6/30/2026

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030

#### BACKGROUND

At the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, Council declared one vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission for one full term ending June 30, 2030.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, and social media outlets and the Santa Clara Weekly. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

#### DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received five (5) applications by the April 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. application deadline.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy arise.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

1. Sukrit Ganesh
2. Satish Chandra
3. Tyrrell Nelson
4. Shahid Shaikh
5. Kirankumar Shinde\*

\*Also applied to the Senior Advisory Commission.

Each applicant met the requirement of being a qualified elector of the City verified by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office, and a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have each submitted proof of residency.

Attached are the voting guidelines (Attachment 2) for the appointment of Boards and Commissions members, which outline the process for conducting interviews.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable

indirect physical change in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Appoint one Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2030; and
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk

Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\*

~~Planning Commission~~ Parks and Recreation

Personal Information

Name\*

Sukrit Ganesh

Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\*

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

[Redacted]

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

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95051

Country

USA

Email\*

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Attachment 2\*

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Present Employer\*

Texel Arts

Job Title\*

Software Engineer

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes

No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

Santa Clara BPAC

Position/ Office Held:

Member

Date

6/30/2025

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City of Santa Clara

Station Area Task Force

Vice Chair

6/30/2025

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations	Position(s) Held:	Date

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**Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents**

Biking, Aviation (I'm a private pilot), Piano, Gardening, Urban Planning, Video Games

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Date
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Computer Science	6/30/2023

Special awards or recognition received:

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

As a longtime member of the Santa Clara BPAC (2021-2025), and as someone who has been interested in urban planning for years, I would love to join the planning commission to enact positive changes regarding construction in my hometown. I have interacted with developers, property owners, and housing policy experts about the challenges facing new construction throughout the state, and I would love to help fix some of these issues on the planning commission. Specifically, I will work with both residents and developers to ensure that projects are quickly and seamlessly approved, that barriers to new development are removed, and that all rules are followed.

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I served for a year on the station area task force as the BPAC representative. In this role, I worked with other members and the planning consultants to shape a vision for upzoning and redeveloping the area around the train station. I have also been an urban planning and transit enthusiast for several years. With my experience, I would love to make Santa Clara a great place to build, while taking residents' concerns into account.

Are you associated with any Organization/ Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?\*

Yes  No

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Yes  No

Signature

*Sudhir Chamesh*

Date

4/17/2026



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**Position**

**Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\***

Parks & Recreation Commission

**Personal Information**

**Name\***

Satish Chandra

**Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\***

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

Yes

No

**Address\***

Street Address

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Address Line 2

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Santa Clara

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**Present Employer\***

Monks @Apple

**Job Title\***

Sr Program Manager

**Work Experience**

**Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\***

Yes

No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

**Government Bodies/ Elective Offices**

**Position/ Office Held:**

**Date**

I am elected delegate for CADEM & Central Committee member and also ran for Santa Clara City Council District 1

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations	Position(s) Held:	Date
None		

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

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College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Date

Special awards or recognition received:

Former Santa Clara Police Department Chief Advisory Committee Board Member , Charter Review Committee Board member for Santa Clara City

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

As a member of the Chief Advisory Committee at the Santa Clara Police Department, I actively contribute to building stronger community-police relationships by advocating for inclusive policies that reflect the diverse needs of our residents. This role involves working closely with leaders from various backgrounds to ensure equity and trust within public safety efforts.

Additionally, my volunteer work with nonprofit organizations like DCSCO (Don Callejon School), the Sankara Eye Foundation, and KA-BOOM has given me hands-on experience addressing disparities in education, healthcare, and youth access to recreational spaces. These organizations specifically serve underrepresented and underserved communities, and my involvement has focused on improving access and outcomes for all, regardless of socioeconomic status or background.

As a proud immigrant and elected delegate from Assembly District 26, I also bring a lived experience that informs my approach to DEI work. I understand the importance of representation and work as volunteer for this great vibrant city

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

Glad to serve my city in all aspects..


Are you associated with any Organization/ Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?\*

Yes  No

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Yes  No

Signature



Date

4/5/2026



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Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Tyrrell Nelson

Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\*

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Yes

No

Address\*

Street Address

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Attachment 2\*

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Present Employer\*

Nautilus Bio

Job Title\*

Director, Service & Support

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes

No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

Position/ Office Held:

Date

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations	Position(s) Held:	Date
None		

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**Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents**

I have a strong interest in community well-being, inclusive public spaces, and the role parks and recreation play in strengthening connection and quality of life. I enjoy spending time in Santa Clara parks and appreciate the way they support wellness, activity, and belonging for residents of all ages. Relevant strengths I would bring include communication, collaboration, problem-solving, mentoring, and the ability to bring structure, follow-through, and thoughtful perspective to group efforts.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend**

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Date
SUNY Brockport, Brockport NY	Biopsychology	5/3/1999

**Special awards or recognition received:**

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:**

I am interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission because I value the important role parks, recreation programs, and community spaces play in supporting the well-being of Santa Clara residents. As a resident, I see this as a meaningful opportunity to give back to the city and contribute to resources that have a direct and positive impact on everyday life. My professional background has centered on leadership, collaboration, operations, and service improvement. Throughout my career, I have worked across complex organizations to improve access, strengthen systems, solve problems, and support people effectively. I believe those experiences would translate well to commission service, where thoughtful listening, collaboration, and sound recommendations are essential. If appointed, I would work to support equitable access to parks, recreation programs, and community resources; advocate for welcoming and inclusive spaces for residents of all ages and abilities; and encourage thoughtful stewardship of Santa Clara's parks and recreation assets so they remain safe, vibrant, and accessible for current and future residents.

**Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:**

While I do not have prior civic or commission experience, I am eager to become a more engaged citizen and to contribute meaningfully to the City of Santa Clara through public service. I would welcome the opportunity to apply my professional experience in leadership, communication, collaboration, and service improvement in support of the commission's work and the broader community. If appointed, I would bring a thoughtful, respectful, and service-oriented approach, along with humility and a genuine willingness to learn. My hope is to contribute positively to the work of the commission while also growing into a more active and informed participant in Santa Clara's civic life.

**Are you associated with any Organization/ Employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?\***

Yes  No

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Yes  No

**Signature**

*TYRRELL NELSON*

**Date**

4/4/2026



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Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:\*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name\*

Shahid Shaikh

Are you a registered voter and resident the City of Santa Clara?\*

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Yes  No

Address\*

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Shahid Shaikh Drivers License.pdf

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Shahid Shaikh Santa Clara Municipal Utilities Bill 26-02.pdf

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Present Employer\*

Amazon Web Services

Job Title\*

Sales Operations Lead

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes  No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

Position/ Office Held:

Date

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations	Position(s) Held:	Date
Muslim Family Camp	Operations Director	2/7/2020

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Outdoors, running, exercising, skiing.  
Background in analytics and data science.

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Date
Santa Clara University	MBA	12/14/2018

Special awards or recognition received:

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board/Commission/Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory board:

I have lived in Santa Clara since 2007 and have been connected to the city since the 1990s. I care deeply about this community and want to help it grow and evolve to meet residents' needs. My focus is on optimizing budgeting so resources are directed where they matter most—maintaining infrastructure, expanding specialized sports facilities, and ensuring all recreational spaces are safe and accessible.

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:

I'm an operations-focused professional with a strong analytics background. I can use data and budget analyses to improve efficiency and ensure the commission allocates funds for the appropriate areas to maximize the benefit for its residents.

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Signature

*Mahid Maith*

Date

3/22/2026



Position

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Name\*

Kirankumar Shinde

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Present Employer\*

GLOM GLOBAL (WWW.GLOMGLOBAL.COM)

Job Title\*

DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL STRATEGY

Work Experience

Have you attended a meeting of this Board/Commission?\*

Yes

No

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government Bodies/ Elective Offices

Position/ Office Held:

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