



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

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*
Drivers-license.pdf 647.21KB

Attachment 2*
Utility-bill.pdf 1.1MB

Email*
[Redacted]

Primary Phone Number*
[Redacted]

Secondary Phone Number
[Redacted]

Additional Information

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

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.

Ruhina Jurendkar

Date

5/11/2026



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Name*

Kumar Viswanathan

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

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Yes

No

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Country

USA

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Attachment 1*

KumarViswanathan_UTILITYBILL.pdf

4.57MB

Attachment 2*

US_Latest_DL.pdf

313.51KB

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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 Consultant

Job Title*

IT Consulting Manager

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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

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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.

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Kumar Viswanathan

Date

3/7/2026