



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Call and Notice of Special Meeting of the City Council

Monday, June 16, 2025

5:30 PM

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

The City of Santa Clara is conducting City Council meetings in a hybrid manner (in-person and continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely).

- 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 16, 2025, 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 COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order in the Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Roll Call

INTERVIEWS

1. **25-686** [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029](#)

Recommendation:

1. Appoint one Applicant to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

2. **25-726** [Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029](#)

Recommendation:

1. Appoint one Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and
2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

ADJOURNMENT

The next special meeting is on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 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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If a member of the public submits a speaker card for any agenda items, their name will appear in the Minutes. If no speaker card is submitted, the Minutes will reflect "Public Speaker."

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.

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Agenda Report

25-686

Agenda Date: 6/16/2025

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint One Applicant to the Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029

BACKGROUND

At the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting, Council declared one vacancy on the Historical Commission for one full term ending June 30, 2029.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, and social media outlets. 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 four (4) applications by the March 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. application deadline. There was one applicant who has withdrawn from the process leaving a total of three applicants.

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. Vamsi Gunda*
2. Janet Martin
3. Kaushal Varshney**

*Has also applied to Parks & Recreation Commission

**Has also applied Parks & Recreation Commission

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

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 Historical and Landmarks Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; 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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CITY OF SANTA CLARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For*

Historical & Landmark Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Vamsi Gunda

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

95050

Country

USA

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

Attachment 1*

Vamsi_Gunda_santa_clara_utility_bill.pdf

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Attachment 2*

DriversLicense2024.pdf

80.3KB

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*

Apple

Job Title*

Software Engineer

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

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?

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.

Vamsi Gunda

Date

3/24/2025

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Application for Cultural Commission, Historical &

Landmark Commission and Senior Advisory Commission

Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For*

Historical Landmark Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Janet Martin

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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Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95050

Country

USA

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Attachment 1***Attachment 2*****Email*****Primary Phone Number*****Secondary Phone Number****Additional Information****Have you attended a meeting of this Board/ Commission/ Committee?*****Work Experience****Present Employer*****Job Title*****Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served****Government****Position/ Office Held:****Date**

Add

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable
Organization

Position Held

From Date

To Date

Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-Day
Saints
CERT

Add

1979

2019

present

present

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional,
Vocational School

Major Subject

Degree Dates /
Anticipated
Graduation

Western Michigan U. Special Education
for Emotionally
Impaired

Add

B.S.
1976

Special awards or recognition received

Deans List

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:

The reason why I want to become a Historical Preservation Commissioner is that I enjoy history, and I feel serving the community builds character. My objectives are to find, preserve and appreciate our past.

Additional Information

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

Conflict of Interests

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No

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Yes

Signature and Acknowledgement**Signature**

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Janet Hunter



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For*

Historical & Landmark Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Kaushal Varshney

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

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Attachment 1*

Utility_Bill_Santa_Clara_Mar-2025.pdf

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Attachment 2*

Property_Tax_SCCounty_2024-2025.pdf

1.02MB

Email*

Primary Phone Number*

Secondary Phone Number

Additional Information

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

Yes

Work Experience

Present Employer*

Palo Alto Networks

Job Title*

Principal Technical Marketing Engineer

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City of Santa Clara

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

Government	Position/ Office Held:	Date
Chief Advisory Committee, SCPD	Member	9/15/2023

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
HSS USA, Inc.	Director of Finance and Logistics, West Coast	3/1/2006	10/1/2024
Sewa International	Member	6/1/2027	10/1/2023
Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition (BAHDC)	Founder, Executive Board Member, Treasure	1/9/2025	

High School, College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates / Anticipated Graduation
Santa Clara University	MBA	6/1/2006

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:

I am passionate about History, Culture and Civilizations. In my capacity of executive member of HSS USA, in 2022-2023, I launched and hosted series of exhibitions about Hindu Civilization, in City of Santa Clara, with help of City Council and Library department. I also have attended many exhibitions in Triton Museum during my 20+ years residency in the City of Santa Clara. If I am part of HLC, I can bring many new ideas to meet HLC goals.

Additional Information

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

I have been working with cultural commission host an authentic Diwali or Holi event in collaboration with City of Santa Clara. This event will be planned and executed by common Santa Clara residents for Santa Clara residents, small business (music & dance schools), and non-profits. Apart from this, I have been active in other civic activities - attending commission meetings, council meetings, my own CAC committee, and varieties of city events.

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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Kaushal Varshney

Date

4/12/2025

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

- 1) Council is given a copy of the applications in their weekly packet to review and consider applicant qualifications.
- 2) Council interviews applicant. Interviews are held at a City Council Meeting for the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission. Interviews are held in a less formal area of City Hall for all other Boards and Commissions.
 - A) Each applicant is given three (3) minutes for an opening statement. The applicant may respond to questions from the Council. The applicant has one (1) minute for a closing statement.
- 3) Council votes for applicants:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Council will cast one vote each for their desired appointee.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Council will cast one vote each for their two desired appointees. Only one vote per applicant is allowed. A Councilmember may choose to vote for only one applicant but will relinquish the other vote.
- 4) The votes are tallied:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the 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.
 - ii. If there is still a tie and there is not a full Council present, the Council will defer the decision until a full Council is present, and re-interview the top two applicants.
 - 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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 - 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.
- 5) A Council Member makes a motion to appoint the applicant that received the highest number of votes. The Council has the opportunity to vote unanimously to appoint the applicant using the Council Chambers electronic voting equipment.



Agenda Report

25-726

Agenda Date: 6/16/2025

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, 2029

BACKGROUND

At the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting, Council declared one vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission for one full term ending June 30, 2029.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, and social media outlets. 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 eleven (11) applications by the March 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. application deadline. There was one (1) applicant who has withdrawn from the process. There were two (2) that did not satisfy the requirement of being a qualified elector of the City of Santa Clara pursuant to City Charter Section 1008, leaving a total of eight (8) applicants.

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. Anarug Dixit
2. Vamsi Gunda*
3. Monique Hovey-Coate
4. David M. Kertes**
5. Daniel L. Little
6. Edward A. Souza
7. Aseem Vaid
8. Kaushal Varshney***

*Has also applied to Historical and Landmarks Commission

**David Kertes currently serves on the Salary Setting Commission for a term ending 12/28

***Has also applied Historical and Landmarks 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. The City Attorney's Office has provided a Conflict Review for each applicant (To be distributed as Supplemental Material).

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

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Appoint one Applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; 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:*

Parks & Recreation 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

[REDACTED]

Address Line 2

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95050

Country

USA

Email*

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone Number*

[REDACTED]

Secondary Phone Number

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*

AnuragD_DL_2025.pdf

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Attachment 2*

20250108-statements-4733_ChaseMorth_2203Rosita.pdf

209.31KB

Present Employer*

Triple Crown Consulting (Apple)

Job Title*

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

Position/ Office Held:

Date

now

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City of Santa Clara

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations

Position(s) Held:

Date

now

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

- > Nature, Wildlife Conservation, Environment Protection.
- > Visited 60+ US National/ State Parks; And, more across continents.
- Avid learner, attention to detail approach would assist in enhancing CoSC Parks & Recprocess.
- > Current Affairs.

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

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:

- > Why?:
 - Supporter of Nature, Wildlife Conservation, Environment Protection.
- > Objectives:
 1. Renewable resources.
 2. Kid-friendly approach.
 3. Cost optimization.
 4. Security.

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

Those passionate about nature would do better justice to position requirement.

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

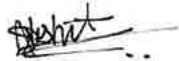
☒ No

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

4/25/2025



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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Vamsi Gunda

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

B1U202

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95050

Country

USA

Email*

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone Number*

[REDACTED]

Secondary Phone Number

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Attachment 2*

DriversLicense2024.pdf

80.3KB

Present Employer*

Apple

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

Position/ Office Held:

Date

now

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

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

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:

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

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

Vamsi Gunda

Date

3/24/2025



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Monique Hovey-Coate

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

Address Line 2

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

Country

USA

Email*

moniquehovey@gmail.com

Primary Phone Number*

Secondary Phone Number

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

Attachment 1*

document.pdf

96.72KB

Attachment 2*

Photo.pdf

9.92MB

Present Employer*

Student at Purdue University

Job Title*

Student

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

1

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations

Position(s) Held:

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Equine sports
All things animals
Gardening
Photography

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

Boise Evening School

HS Diploma

5/6/2007

Murray State University

Bachelor's of Science in Equine Science

5/6/2016

Murray State University

Master's of Science in Agriculture

5/4/2018

Purdue University

Agricultural Science Education and
Communication

5/7/2026

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 want to become a member of this advisory committee to bring an agricultural education aspect to the team. I believe my background in Extension and agriculture could further improve the benefits of Santa Clara's parks as well as provide guidance to the community as needed.

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

I am inexperienced in the context of serving a City Council, but I am a US Army Veteran with government experience and I am confident that I know how to meet leadership needs while speaking to the public in positive and thoughtful ways.

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

Monique Henry-Ceace

Date

4/24/2025



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

David M Kertes

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

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

☒ Yes

☐ No

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Attachment 1*

David Kertes Santa Clara Utility bill.pdf

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Attachment 2*

David Kertes PGE bill.pdf

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Present Employer*

Novanta

Job Title*

Senior Director, Sales - North America

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 - Salary Setting
Committee

Position/ Office Held:

Commissioner

Date

1/13/2025

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations

Position(s) Held:

Date

GPPCC, Inc (San Jose Gay Pride Board or Directors)

President and CFO - 5 years

2/8/2000

Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Basketball, Coaching SCYSL, Coaching Majors and T-ball (Westside Little League), Travel

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

San Jose State University

BS- Marketing

5/29/2004

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:

I have lived in Santa Clara since 1998. My family and I use about four to six parks every year. Some we attend weekly. I coach and play on fields under Parks and Recs. I want to be sure the city continues to invest in sports and playground for all children, teens, young adults, and seniors in Santa Clara. I want to provide my business background and skills to help continue the great work of the Park and Recs commission for all to enjoy in the future. I want to give back to this great city that has been so good to me and my family.

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

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☐ Yes

☒ No

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☐ Yes

☒ No

Signature

David M Kortas

Date

4/7/2025



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Daniel L Little

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

(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

☒ Yes

☐ No

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Attachment 2*

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Present Employer*

BlackRock

Job Title*

Vice President

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 County Fish Game Commissioner
(since 2020) - county commission is in
process of sunseting

Position/ Office Held:

5 years / 1 year a vice-chairman

Date

2/1/2020

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations	Position(s) Held:	Date
Wilcox High School Boys Varsity Volleyball Coach	Head Coach - Varsity (1) year Head Coach - JV (1)	2/10/2003
Dad's Club Laurelwood School (SCUSD)	Volunteer	9/12/2005
2		
Full circle farm - Sunnyvale	Volunteer - numerous occasions via work, USC alumni and kids school	3/21/2015
3		
Santa Clara Sporting Club	Fundraising - Volunteering (multiple years / shifts)	1/3/2011
4		
Santa Clara High School Girls Varsity Volleyball	Head Coach - Varsity - 2 years - qualified CCS playoff Head Coach - JV (1)	8/18/2003
Saratoga Creek Cleanup - Creek Connections Action Group	Site 32 - Santa Clara - Volunteer - multiple occasions	5/21/2016
Bay Area Coral Reef enthusiasts	supporting member (many years) - volunteer for multiple fundraisers and membership activities	1/1/2013
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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Certified Organic Farmer - Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association, Salinas, CA - program graduate - 2012
Astrophotography - San Jose Astronomical Association - member (5 years) -
Coral Farming (restoration) - Bay Area Aquatic Reefers club

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Date
University Of Southern California	B.S. Business Administration / Finance	5/25/2012
Harvard University	M. L.A- Software Engineering	5/17/2019

Special awards or recognition received:

Elected Vice-Chairperson of Santa Clara County Fish and Game commission

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:

Joining the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Commission presents several meaningful opportunities

- 1) Influence Park Development and Rehabilitation – I look forward to working with the commission to review residential developer proposals for new neighborhood parks and provide input on park rehabilitation projects. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the city's green spaces and ensure they meet the community's evolving needs.
- 2) Participate in Major City Events – I would like to be actively involved in organizing and contributing to citywide celebrations like the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival and the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. I also would love to revisit bringing back the 4th of July community celebration that once brought residents out to Central Park for a fun day of social activities.
- 3) Contribute to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan – I'm eager to participate in the city's long-term planning for park spaces, recreation facilities, and accessibility improvements. This goal is particularly important given the recent passage of Measure I and the unique opportunities that additional funding would create for our city's park spaces.

In addition to my stated goals above, I pledge to diligently fulfill my obligations as a commissioner, which includes regularly attending commission meetings, visiting the city's 40+ parks and facilities, and reporting back to the commission my findings.

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

Currently, I serve as a Santa Clara County Fish and Game Commissioner. However, with that commission being sunsetted, I'm exploring new opportunities to continue making a positive impact in my community.

I've been a proud resident of Santa Clara and a neighbor to Machado Park and the Briarwood Little League fields for over two decades. I actively participated in community hearings for the Machado Park modernization and am now eager to expand my involvement in local initiatives across the city.

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

Daniel L Little

Date

4/22/2025



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Edward A Souza

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(Must be a registered voter at time of application)

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☐ No

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Attachment 2*

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Present Employer*

Retired

Job Title*

Retired

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

County of Santa Clara Historical Heritage
Commission

Position/ Office Held:

Commissioner/Chair

Date

4/4/2001

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City of Santa Clara

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations

Position(s) Held:

Date

SC Sister Cities Association.

Parliamentarian

4/3/1996

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

I worked for the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department from 1978 to 2010 as a park ranger, senior park ranger, program coordinator, management analyst and Customer and Business Services Manager. During that time, I worked on several master plans and development of park facilities including the Coyote Creek trail and Martial Cottle Park.

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

Santa Clara High School

Diploma

6/1/1973

San Jose State University

B.S. Criminal Justice

5/27/1978

San Jose State University

M.S. Recreation

5/24/2008

National Recreation and Park Association

Certified Parks and Recreation Professional

3/1/2010

Special awards or recognition received:

Professional Merit Award, California Park and Recreation Society
Award of Excellence, California Park and Recreation Society
Graduate, NRPA Pacific Marketing and Revenue Sources Management School,

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 involved in parks and recreation management and policy for over thirty years. I believe parks and recreation plays a crucial role in community development and the health of the community through physical, social, cultural and developmental programs. During my career with the County of Santa Clara, I developed a program to better understand the recreation needs of a diverse racial and cultural community.

Most recently, since my retirement in 2010, I have been actively involved at the Santa Clara Senior Center as a participant in several programs as well as volunteering in the fitness center and as an escort in the Adventures to Go program.

I look forward in continuing to serve the Santa Clara community.

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

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

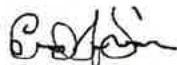
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☐ Yes

☒ No

Signature



Date

4/25/2025



Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Aseem Vaid

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

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☒ Yes

☐ No

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Attachment 2*

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Present Employer*

Self (retired)

Job Title*

Retiree

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

N/A

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

1. Save Luther Field
2. UC4SD
(Community Orgs that ran from 2017-2020)
3. POST

Co founder and Core team member
Donor

4/3/2017

Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Open Spaces
Dogs
Birds and Wildlife
Hiking, Climbing, Swimming

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

Univ of Southern California

Electrical and Computer Engg

4/5/1988

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 lifelong steward, student and participant in open spaces, eco systems and outdoor recreation, I would like to use my retirement years to serve my local community in these aspects. I have prior experience in representing my community in local open space and development issues. Most notably, I co-started and drove the campaign to save the multi-use field at Luther School from development by organizing the local community and petitioning CUSD and the City. Later on, I advised and championed for the group that was trying to create a cricket field on these grounds. Similarly, I was also part of community efforts to provide Santa Clara input to adjacent developments in Cupertino (Vallco) and San Jose (Stevens Creek Urban Village). Also, as a long time swimmer, I have followed closely the plans and issues around the ISC, which is one of the City's Rec Jewels that I would love to be involved with! As a member of this Commission, I look forward to bringing new ideas in the use and preservation of parks as well as recreation ideas, coupled with a pragmatic approach to operating with fiscal prudence.

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

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☐ Yes

☒ No

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☐ Yes

☒ No

Signature

Aseem Vaid

Date

4/25/2025



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Position

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for:*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Kaushal Varshney

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☒ Yes

☐ No

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Attachment 1*

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Attachment 2*

Property_Tax_SCCounty_2024-2025.pdf

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Present Employer*

Palo Alto Networks Inc.

Job Title*

Principal Technical Marketing 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

Chief Advisory Committee, SCPD

Position/ Office Held:

Member

Date

9/15/2023

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged:

Civic or Charitable Organizations

Position(s) Held:

Date

HSS USA, Inc.

Director of Finance and Logistics, West Coast

3/1/2006

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Sewa International

Member

6/1/2017

2

Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition

Founder, Executive Board Member, Treasure

1/9/2025

3

Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

1. Fundraising activities for education and healthcare working with organizations such as Ekal Vidyalaya, and Sankara eye foundation.
2. Adopted two schools in a very poor community in my birthplace.
3. Annapoorna project: Providing food for the homeless through community kitchen.
4. Social Service through Sewa International
a. During Covid-19, I lead project to build & distribute homemade cloth face masks
b. My family participated in food donation and distribution during Covid-19
5. Director of finance and logistics for the west coast division of a national youth development program during 2016-2024.
6. Founded Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition (BAHDC) within SCCDP to educate Hindu citizens to actively participate in democratic process, civic services, and exercise their voting rights as informed voters. Currently serving the board as Treasurer.

College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attend

High School, College, Professional, Vocational School

Major Subject

Date

Santa Clara University

MBA

6/1/2006

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:

HOW CAN I MAKE AN IMPACT?

My interests are in community activities which encourage people from all nations, regions, faith, culture, sexual orientation, etc; not only to be able to share their values, but also respectfully accept that of others. I will ensure that no individual or group be treated differently based on their color, faith, ethnicity, and sexual-orientation, etc. My mantra is - "Someone's beliefs, origin, or faith do not make them a better or worse individual, but their behavior does."

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

I have been working with cultural commission and Park & Rec department to host an authentic Diwali or Holi event in collaboration with City of Santa Clara. This event will be different than the other Diwali or Holi events, which have commercial agenda. This event will be planned and executed by common Santa Clara residents for Santa Clara residents, small business (music & dance schools), and non-profits. I have failed two times (Diwali-2024, and Holi-2025), and I am currently making effort for Diwali-2025 with help and guidance from Park & Rec department. Being on the Park & Rec commission will help make this happen.
Apart from this, I have been active in other civic activities - attending commission meetings, council meetings, my own CAC committee, and varieties of city events.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

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☒ Yes

☐ No

Signature

Kaushal Varshney

Date

4/12/2025

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

- 1) Council is given a copy of the applications in their weekly packet to review and consider applicant qualifications.
- 2) Council interviews applicant. Interviews are held at a City Council Meeting for the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission. Interviews are held in a less formal area of City Hall for all other Boards and Commissions.
 - A) Each applicant is given three (3) minutes for an opening statement. The applicant may respond to questions from the Council. The applicant has one (1) minute for a closing statement.
- 3) Council votes for applicants:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Council will cast one vote each for their desired appointee.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Council will cast one vote each for their two desired appointees. Only one vote per applicant is allowed. A Councilmember may choose to vote for only one applicant but will relinquish the other vote.
- 4) The votes are tallied:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the 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.
 - ii. If there is still a tie and there is not a full Council present, the Council will defer the decision until a full Council is present, and re-interview the top two applicants.
 - 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.
 - ii. If there is still a tie and there is not a full Council present, the Council will defer the decision until a full Council is present, and re-interview the top two applicants.
 - 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.
- 5) A Council Member makes a motion to appoint the applicant that received the highest number of votes. The Council has the opportunity to vote unanimously to appoint the applicant using the Council Chambers electronic voting equipment.