



# City of Santa Clara

Community Development Department  
Planning Division  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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Submit this application by **November 12, 2020** to Lesley Xavier at [lxavier@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:lxavier@santaclaraca.gov).

### Applicant Information

Full Name: Amarante Taylor J.  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: [Redacted]  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

[Redacted] CA [Redacted]  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: [Redacted] Email [Redacted]

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force? YES NO X

Have you ever served on another government body? YES NO X

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

Statement: I'm interested in becoming a member of the Downtown Community Task Force because I am a Santa Clara native who cares about his community and wants to be a part of bringing an important piece back to this city. I appreciate & enjoy working with a like-minded group of people who are equally as passionate and equally as willing to share ideas, promote the ideas of

others, and find the best possible plan for such an important project. I know Santa Clara well but I have also done a ton of traveling both domestically and internationally (25+ countries & 20 states) so I have seen my fair share of cities and down towns. I feel like I have a lot to contribute to a team and project like this. Thanks!

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**Signature**

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Signature: **Taylor Amarante**

Date: **10/22/20**

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| Applicant Information |                |                          |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Full Name:            | Ishak Andrew W |                          |
|                       | <i>Last</i>    | <i>First</i> <i>M.I.</i> |

Address:

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*Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

CA

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*City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Phone:  Email:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force? NO

Have you ever served on another government body? NO

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

**I'm an employee of Santa Clara University, I have no plan to ever leave the school, and I see so much potential in the surrounding area. As someone who has spend most of my adult life on college campuses, I know how important it is for employees, students, and citizens of the city to have a downtown that meets everyone's needs and desires. It's a complicated equation that takes input from various constituents who can work together in good faith. I hope to contribute in that way.**

Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

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Signature: **Andrew W. Ishak** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **11/11/2020** \_\_\_\_\_



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### Applicant Information

Full Name: Grizzle Mary D.  
Last First M.I.

Address: [Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted] Ca [Redacted]  
City State ZIP Code

Phone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force? YES  NO

Have you ever served on another government body? YES  NO

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

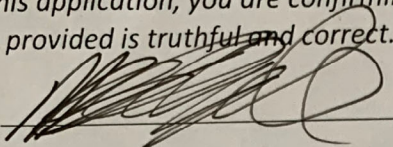
Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

Statement: To make a difference in the outcome of the downtown

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 10-28-2020



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### Applicant Information

Full Name: Lemmon Frank P  
Last First M.I.

Address: [REDACTED]  
Street Address

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] CA [REDACTED]  
City State Apartment/Unit #

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force? YES  NO

Have you ever served on another government body? YES  NO

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

Statement: My wife and I are 27 year residents of the City, and I hope to see the historic downtown district revitalized and be a special destination of our city!

Signature

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Signature: Frank P. Jermann Date: Oct. 26, 2020

Note: I have existing meeting commitments the second and third Thursday evenings of each month. If DCTF meetings routinely fall on the third Thursday, I will be unable to attend, and must pass in that case.





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### Applicant Information

Full Name: **Haro** **Lucy**  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: [Redacted] *Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

[Redacted] *City* *CA* *State* [Redacted] *ZIP Code*

Phone: [Redacted] Email [Redacted]

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force? YES  NO

Have you ever served on another government body? YES  NO

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

As a lifelong resident of Santa Clara and more specifically a lifelong resident of the Old Quad, I would love the opportunity to lend my voice to the Downtown Community Task Force.

As an advocate of the revitalization of our downtown, along with living and working in our current business district, this level of direct interaction gives me a rare advantage of being an integral part of this community and I hope I can bring this deep insight to the taskforce.

I understand the challenges that the DCTF faces and I am committed in helping to bring a viable, successful, and sustainable downtown to our area, one to be enjoyed for many generations to come!

I would be grateful for the opportunity in joining the taskforce and thank you for your consideration.

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### Signature

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Signature: L. Haro

Date: 11/12/2020



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### Applicant Information

Full Name: Sacks Larry M  
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Address: [Redacted]  
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[Redacted] CA [Redacted]  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: [Redacted] Email [Redacted]

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Have you ever served on another government body? YES NO

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

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give back to the community to help the downtown become the jewel of Santa Clara similar to the downtowns of other cities – Campbell, Mt. View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and San Bruno among others. We would love to be able to support the shops and restaurants that could be located there.

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Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **10/26/2020**

**From:** [Larry Sacks](#)  
**To:** [Lesley Xavier](#)  
**Subject:** Downtown Community Task Force Application  
**Date:** Monday, October 26, 2020 11:17:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [DCTF Application.pdf](#)

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Lesley,

Please find attached my application for the Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF). I feel my commitment to helping give back to the community and my ability to work with a diverse group of people make me an excellent candidate for a position on the DCTF.

Giving back to the community has always been a passion and love.

I've done that through a variety of ways:

- o I'm currently a member of Santa Clara Rotary
- o I served on the Board of Directors for the Family Giving Tree ([www.FamilyGivingTree.org](http://www.FamilyGivingTree.org)) from 1995 until this past February.
- o I currently serve on the advisory board for the Family Giving Tree.
- o I volunteered as a Food Sort Team Leader for 2nd Harvest Food Bank of San Jose from 1995 through 2003 leading a diverse group ranging from 20 to over 100 volunteers.
- o I am a graduate of the Leadership Sunnyvale program
- o From 1990 through 1996, I led a group of volunteers who made regular visits to Hyland Convalescent home in Sunnyvale.

I've also been a freelance photographer/reporter for the Santa Clara Weekly since 2005. For the past nine (9) years, my focus (pun intended) has been community interest stories. I've primarily:

- o Photographed and reported on Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) Elementary School plays
- o Photographing the City of Santa Clara's 4th of July fireworks in Santa Clara including the festivities during the day
- o Photographing the City of Santa Clara's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony
- o Photographing a variety of High school sports including CCS championship games at bay area high schools including both Wilcox and Santa Clara High School
- o Photographing and reporting on a variety of Santa Clara Unified School District STEM and STEAM events
- o Photographing and reporting on GAINS (Girls Achieving In Nontraditional Subjects) events. GAINS is a program of the Santa Clara Unified School District
- o Photographing and reporting on a variety of Chabad of Santa Clara's Events
- o Photographing the first Earthquakes Soccer game when it was held at Santa Clara University's Buckshaw Stadium
- o Photographing the Santa Clara Vanguard at various competitions in the Bay Area

I'm also a graduate of Santa Clara University and was a commuter student for two (2) years.

If references are needed, please let me know as I will be happy to provide them. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,

Larry Sacks





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### Applicant Information

Full Name: Thai Chan L  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: [Redacted] [Redacted]  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

[Redacted] CA [Redacted]  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force? YES  NO

Have you ever served on another government body? YES  NO

If yes, state: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

Statement: I am currently a tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Communication at Santa Clara University. I started my job at SCU in Fall 2016 and lived in a university-owned home at 798 Main Street my first two years. I now live on-campus in Finn Residence Hall. I love working at SCU and am

on track to earning tenure. It is my intention to spend the rest of my career here and to be a part of the Santa Clara community at large.

With regard to Downtown Santa Clara, I have been following the developments of the Downtown revitalization project both through the University as well as through the Facebook page. I am committed to the revitalization of Downtown Santa Clara not only because I see a future for myself, living and working in Santa Clara, but because I grew up in the area and want to see Downtown Santa Clara return to the vibrant and bustling place it once used to be. I attended high school at Abraham Lincoln just down the street near the Rose Garden in San Jose. I spent quite a bit of time in Franklin Square Mall as a kid, getting delicious focaccia from Wilson's Jewel Bakery on the corner after school. I remember going to The Hungry Hound after school with friends (which I am thankful is still there). My two older sisters worked as photo assistants at Wayne Salvatore Photo (whenever I walk by and see the studio, I smile). I have many fond memories of the downtown here and was disappointed to see that it had become quite depressed when I returned in 2016 to start my position here at SCU. Knowing what the area used to look and feel like, I want newer students and residents to be able to experience the Santa Clara I knew and loved.

I bring expertise in program/campaign development as well as a background in public health and data analysis. I believe knowledge and skills in these areas would help me make a great contribution to the Task Force. I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to being a part of the Task Force and to working with others to bring Downtown Santa Clara back to its full vibrancy.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: **October 26, 2020**



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### Applicant Information

Full

Name:

|                             |                            |             |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| <i>Last</i> <i>Varshney</i> | <i>First</i> <i>Atisha</i> | <i>M.I.</i> |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--|

Address

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|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Street Address</i> [REDACTED] | <i>Apartment/Unit #</i> |
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|                        |                        |                            |
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| <i>City</i> [REDACTED] | <i>State</i> <i>CA</i> | <i>ZIP Code</i> [REDACTED] |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Email

|

[REDACTED]

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Downtown Community Task Force?

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| YES                                 | N                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Have you ever served on another government body?

|                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| YES                      | N                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If yes, state: I have attended all DCTF meetings till date

Please state reasons why you want to become a member of the Downtown Community Task Force.

**I have been actively involved in the downtown planning process and now I want to represent the community. I wish to take the shared vision to the next stage and continue to refine it.**

Statement: **This is a special project and my skill set as an urban design and place maker can contribute to the process. I have good relationship with the members involved.**

**Signature**

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Signature : **Atisha Varshney** *Atisha Varshney*

Date : **Nov 12, 2020**

**From:** [Teresa Sulcer](#)  
**To:** [Lesley Xavier](#)  
**Subject:** Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) Application  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:00:25 PM

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Dear Lesley -

Please accept my application to be part of the DCTF. This is a project that I feel strongly about and I am excited at the prospect of being on the team that helps to guide and support a revitalized downtown for the City of Santa Clara.

Sulcer, Teresa, M

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I have attended many meetings of the task force in the last year.

I presently serve on the Cultural Commission for the City of Santa Clara

I would like to be considered for a position on the DCTF as this is a project that I am passionate about. I live close to the downtown area in a historic home and I spend a lot of time there with family and friends. I enjoy the local restaurants, the farmers market and I am a frequent visitor to the SCU arts and theater programs. I feel that we could offer so much more to our community if the downtown area was to be redeveloped adding more spaces for restaurants, shops, community rooms and shared spaces for artists and musicians etc. A downtown area that would attract families and young single people would be a huge benefit to our community creating space for people to gather, to be entertained and to connect with each other. Over the years I have travelled to quite a few other cities and towns and the one thing that stands out in my memory is that the communities with vibrant downtowns are more interesting and are easier to make connections with local people. I would love to make all this a reality in Santa Clara!

Thank you for considering my application.

- Teresa Sulcer  
November, 10th, 2020

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