



# City of Santa Clara

The Center of What's Possible

## APPLICATION BOARD, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEE

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
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Santa Clara, California 95050

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Board/ Commission/ Committee Applying For:

Planning Commission

Name:

yashraj bhatnagar

Address:

City:

santa clara

State:

CA

Zip Code:

E-mail Address:

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

Are you eligible to register to vote in Santa Clara?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Are you a registered voter of Santa Clara?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Unsure

Present Employer:

Comet Technologies USA

Job Title:

Director of Quality

Previous Governmental Bodies/ Elective Offices  
Applicant has served:

Position/ Office Held:

Dates:

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Civic or Charitable Organizations to which  
Applicant has belonged:

Position(s) Held:

Dates:

Indian Institute of Science Alumni Association of  
North America (IISc AANA)

Board Member, Chairman of  
the Board, Advisory Board  
Member

Since 2006

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents:

Special interests: Teaching, Being of service to others  
Hobbies: Gardening  
Talents: Quality of communication

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College, Professional, Vocational Schools  
attended:

Major Subject:

Degree/Dates:

Santa Clara University

MBA program courses offered  
at Applied Materials

N/A

University of Cambridge, England

Ph D

1991

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Special awards or recognition received:

Full-ride Nehru Scholarship for Cambridge University  
Awards for organizational roles in Alumni conferences in the Bay Area (2007, 2019)

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:

The City of Santa Clara is changing relatively rapidly in keeping up with the changes in our geographical area and environment -- this is significant for the relatively older and stable population. I would like to play a role in balancing the needs and desires of these forces so that a brighter future can be achieved for our city-community.

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

Graduate of the Leadership Santa Clara course in 2018

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

☐ Unsure

If yes, please name the Organization or Employment.

Comet Technologies USA

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

☐ Unsure

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Do not list any misdemeanor settled in juvenile court. (If yes, explain convictions)

Planning Commission

Signature of Applicant:

yashraj bhatnagar

Date Signed:

07/29/2020

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Board/ Commission/ Committee Applying For:

Planning Commission

Name:

Ali Zargari

Address:

City:

Santa Clara

State:

CA

Zip Code:

E-mail Address:

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

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☐ Unsure

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Dates:

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Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 13+ years of experience in functional engineering management of a sizable team at a fast-growing startup company</li><li>- Working on construction projects for 20+ years</li><li>- Teaching calculus and physics to high school students</li><li>- Working on service-based startup ideas</li></ul> |
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College, Professional, Vocational Schools  
attended:

Major Subject:

Degree/Dates:

UCLA
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Electrical Engineering
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B.S. 2005
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UCLA
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Electrical Engineering Systems
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PhD Candidate 2007 M.S courses completed
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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 passionate about city planning and working closely with engineers. I truly believe in serving the community to create a culturally inclusive environment for the people to raise their families.

I am a Senior Principal Automation engineer graduated from UCLA. I have lived in Santa Clara for the last 9 years. I believe my background in automation can be useful in taking initiatives towards technologically modernizing Santa Clara to a smart city. I have also worked closely with companies that use smart sensors in the construction projects. I have also invested in +

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

I am a Software engineer who knows about construction more than any construction GC. I have been the handyman and advisor for all the friends and family in regards to construction. I have also visited the city of Santa Clara planning and building department many times and met many of your professional employees in that department.

I have also launched a homeless program in the city of Santa Clara which later was taken over by a consultant group in Los Angeles. The idea was to connect the retired neighbors to each homeless person and plan a regular meet up between them +

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Planning Commission

Signature of Applicant:

Ali Zargari

Date Signed:

07/26/2020

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At my current job, my responsibilities include coordinating project activities, directing engineers, evaluating project results, planning and monitoring project timelines, deliverables, and specifications.

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