



Position

Board/Commission/Committee Applying for*

Cultural Commission

Personal Information

Name*

Siddarth Sundaram

Email*

Address*

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Santa Clara

State / Province / Region

CA

Postal / Zip Code

95051

Country

USA

Primary Phone #*

Secondary Phone #

Additional Information

Are you eligible to vote in Santa Clara?*

Yes

Are you a registered voter of Santa Clara?*

Yes

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

No

Present Employer

Bloom Energy Corporation

Job Title

Senior Commodity Analyst

Work Experience

Previous Government Bodies/ Elective Offices Applicant has served

	Government Bodies/ Elective Offices	Position/ Office Held	From Date	To Date
1				

Civic or Charitable Organizations to which Applicant has belonged

	Civic or Charitable Organization	Position Held	From Date	To Date
1	Team in Training	Participant	1/1/2013	6/12/2015

Special Interests, Hobbies or Talents

Talents: Design Thinking, Future Planning, Photography

Hobbies: Avid vinyl collector, drummer, volunteer at HomeFirst Family Supportive Housing, Hair donor for kids with cancer, Rock Climbing, Intrepid Traveler, Backpacking

Special Interests: Human centered design, Equitable Engagement, Sustainability & Circular Design

College, Professional, Vocational Schools attended

	College, Professional, Vocational School	Major Subject	Degree Dates
1	The Ohio State University	B.S. Electrical & Computer Engineering	12/15/2019
2	University of Southern California	M.S. Integrated Design, Business, and Technology	5/14/2021

Special awards or recognition received

1. The Reading Room, a public library for underprivileged children in India, 2012
2. 3rd Place 16-19 Age group 2013 Oakland Full Marathon
3. Bhutan Solar Project 2015, featured in Borgen Magazine
4. 2020 Employee of the year nomination from Operations, Bloom Energy

Reasons

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:

Growing up in Santa Clara I remember attending cultural events and being very involved in the local community. After going to Ohio for college and now in my mid 20-s I have made the choice to move back to work in the Bay Area and live in Santa Clara. However, I do not see that same level of engagement within the community today that I experienced while growing up here.

While the city is doing a great job to connect with children and older populations, I feel that young professionals are not getting the engagement they need today to stay in Santa Clara. Increasing program offerings that are led by the community and that are for the community will reflect the diverse culture we have in Santa Clara and create a sense of belonging.

Though my experiences of working on projects with organizations like the California African American Museum and The Music Center in Los Angeles in partnership with the USC Iovine and Young Academy, I have learned that programming must be centered around who it is serving and properly communicated. I hope to bring my energy and new perspective to the Cultural Commission with the goal of revitalizing city events to be more appealing & inclusive, increase community engagement across different age groups (with an emphasis on people in their 20s and 30s), create shared value between the city and its residents through programming, and instill a sense of pride and belonging while living in Santa Clara.

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*

Siddarth Sundaram

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.