



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Lee Price, MMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** PLANNING COMMISSION  
INTERVIEWS

**DATE:** 01-08-09

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## RECOMMENDATION

Interview the following applicants for the Planning Commission and consider the appointment of one applicant to fill one unexpired term ending June 30, 2010:

Hope Cahan	District 9
Kerri Hamilton	District 5
Melisa McCoy-Evans	District 9
Julie Moloney	District 7
Roy Nordblom III	District 6
Brian O'Halloran	District 6

## BACKGROUND

There is one vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Office of the City Clerk conducted an open recruitment and fourteen applications were received. Applicants receiving four or more indications of interest were invited to interview.

## ANALYSIS

After the interviews, the Council may appoint one (1) applicant to serve. A successful applicant must receive six or more votes, or the highest number of votes over six at minimum of the Council to be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission. Interviews with the six candidates are scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon as a special Council meeting.

The applications, Code Violation review, and the Notice of Vacancy are attached. The City Attorney's Conflict of Interest review will be distributed under separate cover.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**Subject: Planning Commission Interviews and Appointment**

1-8-09

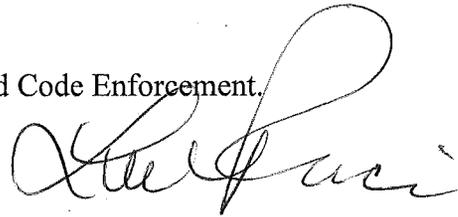
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**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The Notice of Vacancy was posted on November 14, 2008 and sent to over 400 community groups, agencies, chambers of commerce, associations and organizations. Additionally, the Notice was posted on the website and Council Offices assisted with getting the word out to the citizens.

**COORDINATION**

This item was coordinated with the City Attorney and Code Enforcement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Price", written in a cursive style.

LEE PRICE, MMC  
CITY CLERK

LP:np

## CITY OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA APPLICATION FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



**MEMBERS OF SAN JOSE'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE. PLEASE USE BLACK TYPE OR PRINT.** Submit application to the Office of the City Clerk, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, California, 95113. Telephone number: (408) 535-1260. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt and are public record.

Board or Commission  
for Which You are Applying:

Planning Commission

Are you a San José  
Resident?

Yes

Length of  
Residency:

7 years

Council District  
in Which You Reside:

District 9

Name: (last, first, middle)

Cahan, Hope Allen

Home Phone No.:

Work Phone No.:

E-Mail Address:

Address:

San José, Ca

Present Employer: (Name Address)  
Self

Job Title/Description of Duties:  
Homemaker

Current Employer of Spouse (Name/Address)  
Deputy District Attorney  
Santa Clara County Office of the District Attorney  
70 West Hedding St, San Jose CA

Spouse's Job Title/Description of Duties:

College, Professional, Vocational  
Or Other Schools Attended:  
-De Anza Community College

Major:

-Paralegal  
-Instructor of English  
as a Second  
Language  
-English Education

Dates Attended:

1998-2000  
1994-1995  
1989-1994

Degree & Date:

-Certification, 2000  
-Certification, 1995  
-Bachelor of Science,  
1994

List any position or office held in any government agency, civic or charitable organization and dates of service:

Please see attached

Languages Spoken:

Special Awards or Recognitions Received:

Please state why you want to become a member of this commission, including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. Please keep your answer to a maximum of 250 words, and you may use a separate piece of paper for additional space if needed.

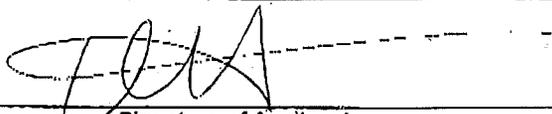
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No

Please state any other information that you feel may be useful during review of your application

SAN JOSE REFERENCES:

Name: Jennifer Shaw, VP Park Wilshire Neighborhood Association Telephone Number:  
Address:  
Name: Steve Preminger, Chair Santa Clara County Democratic Party Telephone Number:  
Address:

  
Signature of Applicant

12.19.08  
Date

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (OPTIONAL)

Male  Female  18-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+   
Disability: Yes  No  Any special needs during interview process? Yes  No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_

Election of Ash Kalra to San Jose City Council

How did you learn of this vacancy? \_\_\_\_\_

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Hope Cahan  
Application for City of San Jose  
Planning Commission

List any position or office held in any government agency, civic or charitable organization and dates of service:

**University of South Florida, English as a Second Language Instructor, 1993- 1994**

**Coleman Middle School, Instructor, Tampa, Florida 1994**

**Burlington High School, Instructor, Burlington, Vermont 1997-1998**

**Office of the District Attorney, Consumer Investigator/ Small Claims Advisor & Insurance Fraud Paralegal, 1999-2001**

**Office of Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn, Senior Field Representative, 2000-2002**

**United Democratic Campaign, Campaign Coordinator, 2002-2004**

**Peninsula Democratic Coalition, Board Member, 1999-2006**

**Peninsula Young Democrats, Founding Member and Chair Emeritus, 1999-2007**

**Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee, Secretary, 2002-Present**

**Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council, Commissioner Emeritus, 2002-2005**

**California Democratic Party Executive Board, Delegate, 2004-Present**

**Democratic Women's Forum of Silicon Valley, Founding Member and Boardmember, 2006-Present**

**San Jose District 9 Solar Project, Coordinator, 2008**

**Park Wilshire Improvement Association, President, 2007-Present**

**Hope Cahan**  
**Application for City of San Jose**  
**Planning Commission**

As a resident of San Jose, I am deeply concerned about maintaining and improving the superior condition of the city. Land is one of our most important resources in the city and I believe that as a member of the Planning Commission I would bring a neighborhood perspective to the committee that would help insure that the needs and desires of our city's residents are met.

I am currently the President of Park Wilshire Improvement Association. I worked with our board over the past year to refurbish our neighborhood pool, to host a neighborhood meeting with the San Jose Police Department after a neighborhood burglary spree, to improve local derelict easements, and to improve our park.

In 2008, I also worked with the Downtown San Jose Solar Project and REC Solar to secure a neighborhood discount for residents of District 9 to purchase home solar systems at an affordable rate.

I have a background rich with work, volunteer, and commission experiences that would assist my efforts in the betterment of our wonderful city. I worked as the campaign coordinator for Santa Clara County's United Democratic Campaign, as political director for the South Bay Labor Council, as Senior Field Representative for Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn, as an investigator for the Consumer Protection unit of the Office of the District Attorney, as a high school and middle school English teacher, as an English as a Second Language teacher to adults, and as a Commissioner on the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council.

I believe that my background in community work qualifies me to work effectively with the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency. As a member of the Planning Commission, I will work to assure that our important city land is used in the most beneficial manner and that the neighborhood voices are well represented in order to enhance our great city.



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Board or Commission applying for: Planning Commission

Are you a resident of San José? Yes Length of Residency 24 years Council District No. 5 (near 4 & 3 border)

Name (last, first, middle) Hamilton, Kerri Lynn

Home Phone No.  
Work Phone No.  
E-Mail Address

Address

San José, CA Zip

Present Employer (Name/Address)

Full-time community leader will return to full-time employment soon

Job Title/Description of Duties:

former Cost/Project Accountant/Analyst and Horticultural Consultant/Designer

Current Employer of Spouse (Name/Address)

Hamilton Horticultural Services  
c/o Robert Hamilton  
San Jose, CA

Spouse's Job Title/Description of Duties:

Horticulturist/Consultant

College, Professional, Vocational or Other Schools Attended	Major Subject	Dates Attended	Degree & Date
California State Univ., Chico	Accounting	8/79-5/84	Bachelor of Science (under maiden name) 12/90
San Jose State University	Corporate Taxation	09-12/90	

additional education:

various seminars on design, horticulture, planning and land use, policy, green bldg., etc.

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic or charitable organization including the dates:

Co-Chair, Healthy Silicon Valley Community Sector, Spring 06-present

Member, Joint Parks and Planning Commission Maint. Funding Subcommittee, Fall 06-present (ad-hoc)

Member, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce Health Care Committee, Spring 07-present

Co-Founder, CEEJ, Spring 07-present

Co-Founder & Former Chair, CalSJ, Spring 06-Spring 07

Board Member, Campbell Assy. #235, IORG, late 1980's-1994 intermittent

North San Jose Planning Task Force, Summer 07-present

Languages spoken: some German, minimal Spanish



Special Awards or Recognitions Received:

Commendation from Mayor and Council for dedication and service to the City of San Jose

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member.

Since I've been very involved in planning, land use and related policy in the City of San Jose for many years, I have been encouraged to apply by Planning Dept. Directors and management staff, planners, commissioners, community members, and even some development representatives. I believe that becoming a member of this commission will be the best way for me to utilize and further develop my knowledge of the related subject matter to best serve our community. I would be honored to serve in this role and would work toward the objective of clearly communicating the rationale for my recommendations based upon the City's goals and policies.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interests in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain of your financial interests beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Based on your best judgement, does this Board or Commission make decisions that may affect sources of income, interests in real property or investments of you or your spouse? If yes, please explain. Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations or entities by which you are employed or associated that might be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission, and the positions you hold.

I do not have any financial conflicts of interest.

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application.

My background in accounting and policy has given me experience in analyzing large volumes of information quickly. Additionally, my horticultural design experience has provided me with a unique perspective on sustainability and the inter-relationship of the public and private realms, scale and landscape aspects. I have been told by development representatives that my suggestions and constructive criticisms have made their projects better, and I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission and utilize my experience to contribute to our city.

**SAN JOSÉ REFERENCES:**

Name Ada Marquez Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jim Zito Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kenn Hault  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

12/18/08  
DATE SIGNED

**SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (OPTIONAL)**

Male  Female  18-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

Disability: Yes  No  Any special needs during interview process? Yes  No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this vacancy? weekly meeting sheet

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Board or Commission applying for:

Planning Commission

Are you a resident of San José?

Yes

Length of Residency

approx. 40 yrs.

Council District No.

9

Name (last, first, middle)

McCoy-Evans, Melissa, Aldean

Home Phone No.

Work Phone No.

E-Mail Address

Address

San José, CA Zip

Present Employer (Name/Address) (self)

Law Offices of Melissa McCoy-Evans  
(same as above)

Job Title/Description of Duties:

Sole proprietor, law practice:  
- general corporate + real estate

Current Employer of Spouse (Name/Address)

Campbell Union High School District  
Westmont High School  
4805 Westmont Ave., Campbell, CA 95008

Spouse's Job Title/Description of Duties:

High School English & Journalism  
Teacher

College, Professional, Vocational or Other Schools Attended

Major Subject

Dates Attended

Degree & Date

<u>UCSB</u>	<u>Political Science,</u>	<u>1986-1988</u>	<u>—</u>
<u>UCLA</u>	<u>International Relations</u>	<u>1988-1990</u>	<u>B.A. 1990</u>
<u>McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>1991-1994</u>	<u>J.D. 1994</u>
<u>Brhanan High School</u>		<u>1983-1986</u>	<u>H.S. Diploma, 1986</u>

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic or charitable organization including the dates:

- Pinehurst Residents Association, Board Member 2008
- S.J. Neighborhood Commissioner-Elect, District 9 (2009)
- Junior League of San José, Board Member - Strategic Planning Chair 2004-2005
- " " " " Board Member, State Public Affairs Committee 2002-2004
- Los Madres, Cambrian 2001 Branch, Treasurer 2004-2005
- City Attorney, City of Santa Cruz (Atchison, Anderson, Hurley & Sariswal) 1995-1998
- Congressional Intern, Honorable Don Edwards 1988

Languages spoken:

English



*Diversity*

Special Awards or Recognitions Received:

One achievement pertinent to this position is my prevailing on an EDC case at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Specifically, we prevailed against a town for granting a Conditional Use permit to a church to enlarge its school. The deciding factor in the decision was that the traffic impact was not properly considered.

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member.

Land Use has always been my favorite area of law. As a San Jose native, I have experienced first hand how land use planning affects the quality of life of city residents. I remember area orchards turning into housing tracts & strip malls. I also remember how downtown was once a mini skid-row, and then after much redevelopment, how it has transformed into a walking friendly cultural center. I would like to contribute to the General Plan update to help ensure San Jose continues to entice growth producing industry to locate here. At the same time I would like to help ensure San Jose maintains its balance between growth and open space / green zone areas.

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- As a home owner in San Jose, the Planning Commission could potentially deal with an issue affecting the value of my home. I would obviously abstain from any decision posing such a direct conflict.
- Similarly, as a real estate attorney, the Planning Commission could potentially be presented with an issue affecting one of my clients. Again, I would abstain. However as a solo practitioner, with a part-time practice the potential for such conflict is very slight.

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application.

I'm 14 years of real estate practice, I have had many cases dealing with CEQA, EDC & General Plan issues. My environmental law background, along with my legal skills would enable me to make a valuable contribution to the Planning Commission. It would be an honor and a privilege to be able to serve the city as a Planning Commissioner that has been my home for so many years.

SAN JOSE REFERENCES:

Name Stacy Geise Phone No. ....

Address .....

Name Nancy Hetrick Phone No. ....

Address .....

Melvin McKay Evans

12/19/08

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE SIGNED

**SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (OPTIONAL)**

Male  Female  18-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

Disability: Yes  No  Any special needs during interview process? Yes  No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: Caucasian

Sexual Orientation \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this vacancy? Pete Furman - Mayor Reed

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Board or Commission applying for: **Planning Commission**

Are you a resident of San José? **Yes**      Length of Residency **3 years**      Council District No. **7**

Name (last, first, middle) **Moloney, Julie Hawkins**

Home Phone No.  
Work Phone No.  
E-Mail Address

Address

San José, CA    Zip

Present Employer (Name/Address)  
**Metropolitan Planning Group**  
**579 Clyde Avenue, Suite 340**  
**Mountain View, CA 94043**

Job Title/Description of Duties:  
**Associate Planner/ Consulting**  
**Planner for multiple jurisdictions**  
**in Bay Areas. Long range and**  
**current planning. Project managment.**

Current Employer of Spouse (Name/Address)  
**City of Palo Alto**  
**250 Hamilton Avenue**  
**Palo Alto, CA 94301**

Spouse's Job Title/Description of Duties:  
**Building Inspector/ Conducts inspections**  
**for residential, commercial, industrial**  
**and public buildings. New Construction,**  
**remodels, retrofitting. Assists public.**

College, Professional, Vocational or Other Schools Attended	Major Subject	Dates Attended	Degree & Date
UC Santa Barbara	Environmental Studies	September 1998- June 2002	BS, June 2002
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	City and Regional Planning	September 2002- June 2004	Masters, June 2002

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic or charitable organization including the dates:  
 Planner I/II, City of Grover Beach, March 2004-August 2005  
 Associate Planner, City of Mountain View, August 2005-January 2008  
 Director of Chapter Facilities, Alpha Phi Sorority, UCSB 2000  
 Chapter Operations Advisor, Alpha Phi Sorority, SJSU, 2006-Present  
 Silicon Valley Alpha Phi Alumni Association, Programming Chair & SJSU Chapter Liaison, 2007 and 2008, respectively  
 Member of Discovery Community Garden, San Jose

Languages spoken: English, learning Spanish



Special Awards or Recognitions Received:

Freshman of the Year, Del Mar High School, San Jose, 1995  
Kiwanis Club of West San Jose, Scholarship Recipient, 1998  
Employee of the Month, Metropolitan Planning Group, November 2008

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member.

I consider myself a San Jose native. I grew up in Willow Glen and attended San Jose Schools. I have benefited from the City, and am now looking to return the favor and help the City continue to be a nice place to live. With my background in planning, I feel that I can be a valuable contributor to decisions on new uses and development, and have a vested interest in my community and the planning profession. I would like to see smart growth development, better facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders, and the overall improvement of our quality of life.

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I own property at 507 Marble Arch Avenue. My brother owns property in San Jose and my parents own property in Campbell, which may be within 500 feet of the San Jose border. I also work for a consulting firm that occasionally deals with development in San Jose. I am affiliated with the Beta Psi chapter of Alpha Phi at San Jose State which owns property at 210 S. 10th Street, and am a gardener at the Discovery Community Garden at E. Branham Lane and Discover Avenue.

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application.

As a professional planner, I firmly believe in the value of community vision and collaborative planning. As a member of the Planning Commission I would strive to have more community involvement in the City's long range planning efforts to have neighborhood buy-in to proposed developments that help implement those plans. New development can either help or hurt a neighborhood. With good design and forethought, the City can make smart decisions regarding our future.

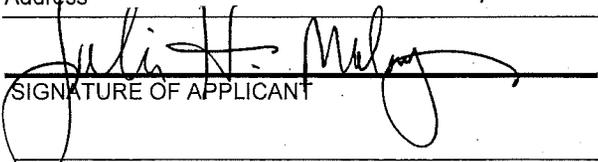
**SAN JOSÉ REFERENCES:**

Name Martin Alkire Phone No.

Address

Name Nancy Minicucci Phone No.

Address

  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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**SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (OPTIONAL)**

Male  Female       18-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

Disability: Yes  No       Any special needs during interview process? Yes  No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: White

Sexual Orientation Heterosexual

How did you learn of this vacancy? SJSU Urban Planning Listserve



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Are you a resident of San José? Yes Length of Residency 7 yrs Council District No. 6

Name (last, first, middle) Nordblom, Roy H III

Home Phone No.  
Work Phone No.  
E-Mail Address

Address

San José, CA Zip

Present Employer (Name/Address) self  
SpinDragon Contracting  
CA General Contractor B #756438  
809 Bird Ave, SJ, CA 95125

Job Title/Description of Duties:  
Greenbuilder /  
Sustainable Construction  
Consultant

Current Employer of Spouse (Name/Address)  
San Jose Unified School District  
855 Lenzen Avenue, SJ, CA 95126

Spouse's Job Title/Description of Duties:  
Bilingual Dual Immersion  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Willow Glen Elementary

College, Professional, Vocational or Other Schools Attended	Major Subject	Dates Attended	Degree & Date
M.I.T.	Computer Science	1983-84	----
Stanford Univ.	Symbolic Systems	1989-91	B.S.
Humboldt State U.	Computer Science	1988-89	----
East Carolina U.	General Ed.	1984-87	----
Stanford Univ.	Cognitive Science	1977-79	----

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic or charitable organization including the dates:

Founding Member, Willow Glen Coop Initiative	2007
Precinct Inspector, Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters	2005-08
Board Vice President, Children's Center of the Stanford Community	1998-01
Board Member, Cross Cultural Family Center, SF	1993-95
Crew Leader Trainer, U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census	1990
Sergeant, United States Marine Corps	1984-88
Crew Leader, U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census	

Languages spoken: English, some Spanish



Special Awards or Recognitions Received:

Menlo Park Environmental Quality Award 2006 - Streambank restoration  
Marine of the Year, 1987 - 7th Communication Battallion, 3rd Marines

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member.

My passion is sustainability. My avocation is Sustainable Construction. I am thrilled that San Jose is a leader in this, and I will advocate for sustainable development and reasoned, responsible policies that will look to long-term solutions that benefit the entire community.

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Member, U.S. Greenbuilding Council Emerging Green Builders  
Member, Build It Green Green Remodelers Guild, Southbay Chapter

- no possible conflicts foreseen -

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application.

LOCAL

~~SAN JOSE~~ REFERENCES:

Name Walter Rossman Phone No.  
Deputy Director of Finance, City of San Jose  
Address

Name Peter Drekmeier Phone No.  
V e Mavor, City of Palo Alto  
Address

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE SIGNED

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (OPTIONAL)

Male  Female  18-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

Disability: Yes  No  Any special needs during interview process? Yes  No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: 1/2 Hispanic, 1/2 Nordic

Sexual Orientation Hetero, 3 daughters: 13, 10, 5 yrs

How did you learn of this vacancy? City website

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Length of Residency **40 Yrs**

Council District No. **6**

Name (last, first, middle) **O'Halloran, Brian**

Home Phone No.

Work Phone No.

E-Mail Address

Address

San José, CA Zip

Present Employer (Name/Address)

**CH2M HILL  
1737 N. First St.  
San Jose, CA 95112**

Job Title/Description of Duties:

**Senior Vice President  
Director of Land Development**

Current Employer of Spouse (Name/Address)

**None**

Spouse's Job Title/Description of Duties:

College, Professional, Vocational or Other Schools Attended

Major Subject

Dates Attended

Degree & Date

**UC Berkeley**

**Economics**

**1972-1975**

**B.A. 1975**

**UC Berkeley**

**City Planning**

**1975-1977**

**Masters 1977**

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic or charitable organization including the dates:

**City of San Jose Urban Infrastructure Task Force 1984-1986**

**City of San Jose Childcare Task Force 1986-1987**

**City of San Jose Library Commission 1987-1988**

**San Jose Beautiful Board of Directors 1993-1996**

**Gardner Childrens Center Board of Directors 1988-1996**

Languages spoken: **English, Some Spanish**



Special Awards or Recognitions Received:

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member.

See attached

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interests in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain of your financial interests beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Based on your best judgement, does this Board or Commission make decisions that may affect sources of income, interests in real property or investments of you or your spouse? If yes, please explain. Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations or entities by which you are employed or associated that might be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission, and the positions you hold.

There should be no Conflicts of Interest. Although I lead my company's land development consulting and project management practice we have no projects or clients in San Jose.

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application.

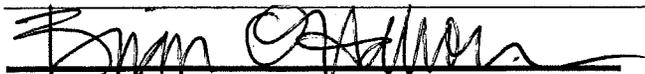
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**SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (OPTIONAL)**

Male  Female  18-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

Disability: Yes  No  Any special needs during interview process? Yes  No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this vacancy? Newspaper

**Please state why you want to become a member of the Planning Commission:**

I've had a long personal and professional interest in cities and urban issues. I have a professional planning background, having graduated from UC Berkeley with a Masters in City and Regional Planning. My first professional planning job was with Santa Clara County. Later I was a planner with Ruth and Going, Inc. in San Jose and for the last 22 years I have worked at CH2M HILL, a global engineering, consulting and construction firm. I've held a variety of executive positions with the firm including leading the Transportation Business group in the Southwestern United States and the world-wide Airports and Aviation business. I currently head the firm's Land Development business which is focused in Colorado, Florida and the Middle East.

I've lived in San Jose for over 40 years. I know the city well. My grandparents were original residents of Tropicana Village in East San Jose, my school years were spend in the Cambrian area, I went to Archbishop Mitty High School in West San Jose and as an adult I have lived in Evergreen, the Gardner district and the Rose Garden area. Despite many opportunities to leave San Jose for career advancement, I've always chosen to make San Jose my home.

For the past 12 years as a senior executive with CH2M HILL my job has required extensive travel and time away from San Jose. I'm now in a position to be able to spend more time serving my community and I believe I have much to offer as a Planning Commissioner.

To the Planning Commission I would bring the following attributes and interests:

**Broad and Balanced Perspective:** The unique combination of my work experience offers a broad and balanced perspective on planning issues. As a leader and manager in a corporate environment I well understand business priorities and concerns. As an urban planner I have worked on critical issues such as the jobs/housing imbalance in Santa Clara County. As an environmental planner and project manager for a variety of transportation and infrastructure projects throughout the West I have been exposed to many of the same critical environmental issues that we face in San Jose. Most recently, my oversight of our development work in the United Arab Emirates, (including the world's first zero carbon, zero emissions city) has exposed me to some of the most cutting edge urban development in the world today.

**Sustainability:** I value the San Jose that I grew up in and the City that it has become. I am most interested in helping to create a sustainable future for the City. Although this is being addressed in the Envision 2040 process, every planning commission decision has an incremental effect on the sustainability of the city. I strongly believe that land use decisions must balance economic development with environmental protection and social equity. Too often economic growth and environmental quality are thought of as trade-offs and social justice is given scant attention. My experience is that economic, environmental and social goals need not be mutually exclusive and that as a commissioner I hope to significantly influence sustainable land use solutions.

**Emphasis on the Long Term:** The Planning Commission is charged with making land use decisions in accordance with the General Plan. The incremental land use decisions that the commission makes have a substantial effect on whether the goals and objectives of the General Plan are ultimately achieved. Often land use proposals are made in response to

short term considerations or for opportunistic reasons. In making planning decisions my bias is to be pragmatic but stay true to long term objectives and goals.

**Alternative Transportation and Land Use:** One of the major challenges for the City in the next few years is to create a more comprehensive transportation network that includes more and better provision for cycling and walking. As an avid recreational cyclist and sometime bike commuter I am particularly sensitive to this issue. I've observed how other cities that are less advantaged than us in terms of weather and topography have been able to successfully promote these alternative methods of transportation. I am very interested in using my influence as a commissioner to implement these aspects of the General Plan.

**Urban Form and Vitality:** In my work life I have spent considerable time in a variety of cities such as Portland, Denver, Seattle, Chicago, Vancouver, Toronto, Madrid, Dubai and many others. I have had the opportunity to observe first hand in these places what makes a vital urban environment. I've also seen evidence of the mistakes that come with a lack of planning and sometimes with a lack of meaningful community involvement. As a Planning Commissioner, I will have a great interest in urban design and look forward to helping facilitate solutions that are pragmatic but contribute to a more attractive and desirable urban environment throughout the city.