

REVIEWED

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Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission Applicant

Daniel Jansenson

Application Date: 05/08/21

Elected position: no

If yes, please specify:

State of California registered architect: yes

State of California registered civil or structural engineer: no

State of California licensed building contractor: no

State of California certified access specialist: no

State of California Registered Fire Protection Engineer: no

INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Current or prior service on city boards/commissions:

Currently serving on the Building and Fire Life Safety Commission.

Community activities:

I've been involved in the activities of a number of community groups and organizations, in a consultive capacity or simply as a participant. These include WILMONT and Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City and have written numerous planning-related articles for the Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow, which have appeared in the Santa Monica Daily Press and the Santa Monica Mirror.

Qualifications, experience, education, and technical or professional requirements:

I am a licensed, registered architect and have been active in the profession for the past 36 years. I obtained a Masters in Architecture degree from the University of Colorado/Denver, and have been practicing in California for the past 31 years. I have a small architectural office in Downtown Santa Monica, on Fourth Street, where I've been located for the past 22 years. I also have been living in Santa Monica for over 29 years, and have witnessed the impact of building/safety issues on construction projects all these years. Through my current service on the Building and Fire Life Safety Commission I have also had the chance to participate in reviewing specific issues related to projects in the community.

Areas of demonstrated expertise:

I have practiced architecture in this community for 31 years, and have a great deal of hands-on experience bringing architectural projects to fruition, from design through construction. I have done many projects in Santa Monica proper, and am very familiar with the Planning and Building/Safety process in this community. Through my current service on the Building and Fire Life Safety Commission I have also had the chance to participate in reviewing specific issues related to projects in the community.

Goals:

1. To make the building & safety process clearer, safer and easier to understand and navigate for both practitioners and members of the public.
2. To help the city prepare for significant changes coming down the pike related to climate change and earthquake preparedness.

Vision:

The Building & Safety commission, while relatively unheralded in public, has a crucial responsibility to enhance life-safety in this community by reviewing, and if necessary modifying existing regulations. And while responsibility for diffusion of the information developed in the process is really in the hands of City Hall, the Commission should reach out a bit more and connect with members of the building community on a more regular basis both as a learning opportunity, and also to distribute information that often gets lost in the process.

Personal Qualities:

Prior to opening my own office I was an Associate at Gensler and Associates, a large firm where the need to work effectively as part of a team is a base-level requirement to get anything done. More recently, as a sole practitioner, my responsibility as an architect in bringing projects to fruition has expanded into areas that are not commonly associated with the profession, including coordinating the individual and professional needs of numerous participants (including owners). I have also been involved in various community endeavors, mentioned above, in which cooperation with group members while keeping the focus on an objects have been crucial determinants in the success of the project. Through my current service on the Building and Fire Life Safety Commission I have also had the chance to participate in Commission activities that have required consultation and cooperation with staff, and with fellow members of the Commission. Lastly, for part of this year I have functioned as Vice Chair of the Commission (admittedly of short duration due to COVID-related meeting cancellations).

Will you be able to commit the necessary time to perform your duties if appointed to the board?

yes

How did you learn about the vacancy in this board or commission? (select all that apply)

Word of Mouth- Council or Board/Commission member, City Staff, neighborhood groups, etc.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Occupation: Architect

Business name: DJA/Studio

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