

Application

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission : Submitted

Please read the following before completing an application:

The Oaks Initiative, also known as the "Taxpayer Protection Act," was adopted by Santa Monica voters in November 2000 and amended in November 2016. Its requirements affect all City-elected and appointed officials, including Council-appointed board and commission members. Additional information is available on the City's website in City Charter Article XXII – Taxpayer Protection.

All persons are invited to apply for membership on City Boards and Commissions regardless of race, age, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual preference, or disability. Applicants shall not, however, be under 18 years of age or serve on more than one Board, Commission or Corporation. Some Boards and Commissions do require special qualifications and requirements. Appointment of members will be made by Councilmembers at an open City Council meeting. Upon appointment, designated members will be required to file a Conflict of Interest disclosure statement. Please answer all questions on this application. This application will become a public record and will be available for public inspection or duplication.

[Additional Conflict of Interest Information for applicants](#)

Profile

Ms. Margaret E. Black
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Email Address

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Street Address

[Redacted]
Suite or Apt

[Redacted]
City

[Redacted]
State

[Redacted]
Postal Code

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Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Question applies to multiple boards

Reside in Santa Monica?

Yes No

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If yes, number of years residence in Santa Monica:

Question applies to Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

Are you applying for the seats reserved for those ages 18-22 years old?

Yes No

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What is your occupation?

Field Interviewer/Data Collection

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

Question applies to multiple boards

Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

This is my first foray into civic service; I have no previous city board or commission experience.

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List community activities in which you are involved:

I have been a volunteer surf instructor for Boarding House Mentors since 2004; BHM is a non-profit that partners with organizations serving at-risk youth in the greater Los Angeles area. We not only teach young people - many of whom have never seen the ocean they live so near - water safety but also model personal respect and responsibility for ourselves, each other and our environment. Our motto is "Pass the Stoke" and we truly do! At the outset of the COVID crisis, from March-June of 2020, I was a volunteer driver for Masks for Docs, a non-profit that, in the earliest days of the pandemic, collected donated PPE and distributed it to area caregivers at nursing homes & hospitals that had shortages. I worked as a contact tracer for the state of Maryland - maybe not MY community but a community in need - during the most crushing days of their COVID outbreak from Thanksgiving 2020 through January 2021.

Personal qualities identified in the criteria include leadership, creativity, and innovation as well as the ability to work effectively in a group setting and an ability to balance competing needs. Provide examples of how you have demonstrated those qualities:

I believe leadership is a mantle one may wear regardless of the number, if any, they may lead or claim as followers. It's an ethos that embraces and evokes competence, capability, creativity, curiosity and critical thinking, to name just a few attributes. For the past 5 years, prior to the pandemic, I worked on a nationwide, federally funded research study - conducted in person - on substance abuse and mental health. A more personal or provocative subject is hard to imagine, yet I consistently gained cooperation and participation in what was a wholly voluntary study from people of every age, (including parents of minors 12+), race, religion, social & economic background. I do not credit myself with what I nevertheless seem to possess, which is an authenticity and honesty that engenders trust. I also proved myself to be a reliable, discreet and understanding professional, as reflected in the random quality control follow-up calls made to my respondents.

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Please share any knowledge of or experience with law enforcement, public safety policies and issues, or social services policies and issues.

I've gained both knowledge and experience in social policy & issues through my work in behavioral research. In addition to my work on the NSDUH (National Survey on Drug Use and Health) mentioned above, I also worked on the 2019 NSECE (National Survey on Early Care and Education) and its COVID-19 related 2020 follow-up. All these studies were designed to generate data that would inform policy on the local, state and national level. Prior to my Field Interviewer work, I worked as a transactional paralegal in the entertainment and tech industries, acquiring vast and varied experiences with a broad range of legal issues.

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Why you are interested in serving on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission?

One of the most engaging and satisfying job experiences I've had was working at JAMS managing judicial mediations and arbitrations. It was tremendously fulfilling to be part of a means of dispute resolution that was transparent, rigorous and equitable. And the personal and professional excellence of the jurists - mostly retired judges from the highest ranks of the judiciary - the demand for excellence they fostered - created an environment I thrived and excelled in. Being part of something impactful and consequential energizes and inspires me; I want the best I can possibly muster to be expected of me; I want to be held to rigorous moral, ethical, intellectual and professional standards of excellence as I expect those in positions of power and/or influence be held to such standards. I am also highly motivated by the opportunity to serve my community.

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Participation on the board requires a significant commitment over the length of the term including attendance at approximately two scheduled meetings per month, and possibly other tasks and meetings outside of board meetings. Will you be able to commit the necessary time to perform your duties if appointed to the board?

Yes No

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

Seascap or SaMoNews (newsletters)

Business Information (Public)**Occupation:**

Field Interviewer

Business name:

NORC at the University of Chicago

Business Address

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Business Phone

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Notes

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