

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

	Elizabeth	L	Brown	
Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix

[Redacted] Email Address

[Redacted] Street Address

[Redacted] Suite or Apt

[Redacted] City

[Redacted] State

[Redacted] Postal Code

[Redacted] Primary Phone

[Redacted] Alternate Phone

Question applies to multiple boards
Reside in Santa Monica?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards
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?

Lawyer

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

n/a. Having moved to Los Angeles a few months before the Covid-19 pandemic, I have not served on any local boards, but am eager to become a member of this Commission and serve the public interest.

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List community activities in which you are involved:

I am a member of Ktown for All, and conduct outreach to the unhoused community in Santa Monica. Prior to residing in Santa Monica, I lived in Brooklyn, NY and was a volunteer with NYC Cares and participated in a range of projects from providing support to the unhoused to helping refurbish school facilities.

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:

As a public defender, I have advocated for clients and legislative and policy changes. I was promoted to a supervisory role early in my career and supported and mentored less experienced lawyers. My job requires interpersonal skills for communicating with clients as well as judicial system personnel. Also, I have served on various committees through my jobs and affiliations with professional organizations, and in those capacities, I listened to different views and built consensus and creative solutions to solve our tasks.

Elizabeth L Brown

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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.

Before law school, I was a paralegal for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and worked closely with U.S. Attorneys and FBI officers to enforce civil rights laws, including prosecuting hate crimes and cases of excessive force by government officials. During law school, I coordinated with corrections officials to create and direct a volunteer program where law students would assist incarcerated individuals with legal research in prison libraries. I interned with various public defender and legal services agencies that advocated for clients in criminal, immigration, housing, and public benefits courts and learned about those systems. After clerking in the NY Supreme Court, I worked for the NYC Administration for Children's Services, and learned about government interest in and processes for protecting vulnerable persons. I then transitioned to defending parents accused of neglecting and/or abusing their children. This is a nuanced field of law where clients are often targeted and discriminated against not because of their direct actions towards their children, but because of poverty, lack of housing, lack of health care, and being the victim of intimate partner violence. I continue to do this work in Los Angeles, and have observed and scrutinized the ways in which our systems explicitly and implicitly oppress marginalized persons and groups. These experiences have made me familiar with the government's balance of public and individual interests, and I look forward to bringing my critical perspective to the Commission to promote policies for a better Santa Monica.

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

I want to advocate for a more understanding and equitable Santa Monica, especially for its most vulnerable residents. I hope that by listening to residents and experts, and applying my knowledge and experience to this Commission, we can demonstrate how supportive, respectful, humanizing governance can build a closer, safer community and make Santa Monica a leader among small cities.

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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) *

- On the City's website (smgov.net or santamonica.gov)
- Word of Mouth- Council or Board/Commission member, City Staff, neighborhood groups, etc.

Business Information (Public)

Occupation:

Lawyer

Business name:

Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Inc.

Elizabeth L Brown

Business Address

Business Phone



Notes

ALL INFORMATION, EXCEPT PERSONAL DATA ENTERED IN THE PROFILE SECTION, IS PUBLIC AND AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND ON THE CITY'S WEB PAGE.

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