

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

Dr Michael Cahn
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

[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?

Lecturer, Bookseller

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

none

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List community activities in which you are involved:

As an advocate for healthy and sustainable transportation I have been involved and co-founded the following groups: Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Santa Monica Spoke, Sustainable Streets, UCLA Bicycle Academy. As a lecturer at UCLA I occasionally have opportunity to teach students about the high cost of automobility and the historical processes that have forced us into cars. My advocacy tries to highlight the costs in terms of health and community wellbeing that our pervasive car bias claims.

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 have the ability to work effectively in a group setting and to balance competing needs

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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.

In the past I tried to interact with the SMPD about bicycle enforcement, sidewalk cycling enforcement, bicycle patrols, requested crosswalk "stings", and have interacted with people who lost family members to traffic violence in Santa Monica. I have initiated a public records request for racial bias in bicycle enforcement. I have advocated for slow policing in Santa Monica. I have criticized the manner SMPD has used Office of Traffic Safety funding publicly and by contacting to OTS. I am a League Certified Bicycle Instructor. These attempts to establish a dialogue were all frustrated

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

Racial bias and car bias live in different universes and should not be compared, even if they sometimes meet. Yet both will keep a city from becoming the best it can be. In this commission I would be the voice of slowness, speak for vulnerable road users, remind us of traffic violence, advocate for automated enforcement, for car-less patrols. I would remind the group of the broad health benefits of slow streets when our emergency services worry that a speed bump will slow down an ambulance. Safety and wellness happens in communities that are connected and where residents aware of each other: A uniform or a gun does not provide safety. Pedestrians and bicycles can foster a community that keeps itself safe: Speed kills it. Cars tend to destroy such sense of community. That is why the best safety agency is one that can reduce our addiction to cars and slow them down. Traffic Services want to "positively impact traffic circulation in the city." Such seemingly harmless language should be reviewed in light of overarching community goals.

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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) *

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

Business Information (Public)

Occupation:

Bookseller / Lecturer

Business name:

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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After an application has been submitted, a confirmation page will be displayed. If an email address has been provided, an email confirmation will be sent. IF A CONFIRMATION IS NOT DISPLAYED, PLEASE RESUBMIT OR CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (310) 458-8211.