

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

Mr.
Jason
K
Feldman
Esq.

Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

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?

Attorney

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

None. Candidate for SMMUSD School Board 2020.

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List community activities in which you are involved:

Franklin Elementary PTA; John Muir Elementary PTA; member of SM Democratic Club; member Stonewall Democratic Club; member Wilmont Neighborhood Association; member Santa Monica Bar Association; member Los Angeles County Bar Association; member Los Angeles County Indigent Criminal Defense Association.

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 began my career as a Deputy District Attorney in the State of Oregon. One of my assignments was on a federal grant as a Neighborhood D.A. in the area of domestic violence. I was the leader of a task force comprised of law enforcement, social workers, treatment providers and victims advocates. We worked in the community, educating, identifying trouble houses, diffusing dangerous situations, providing resources and proactively mitigating domestic violence. I have served on two prior Boards. First, as the two-time elected law student representative to the college board of trustees I learned about collaboration and how to make an impact as one lone member representing a small fraction of the student body. This was a large board with over two dozen members and, as a student representative, I had to be realistic about my ability to effect change. I decided to pick one issue to promote - expansion and modernization of our law library - and be supportive and collaborative on all other issues. I met with many college officials including the college President and, by the end of my first term, I had a firm commitment to break ground on library expansion. Second, I served on the Orange County Planned Parenthood Board of Trustees where I learned the importance of process. With so much scrutiny and criticism of Planned Parenthood, I learned the importance of following process and procedures in the event any given action was challenged.

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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.

Worked closely with law enforcement as a Deputy District Attorney. As a Deputy District Attorney in Portland, Oregon for over five years, I worked closely with law enforcement. Officers were witnesses in nearly every case. I worked with detectives regarding felony investigations. One week each year I would serve as the on-call deputy where law enforcement would call me at all hours of the day and night for advice in real time and with questions on how to proceed with arrests, search warrants and charges. I defended police tactics – search and seizure, use of force, arrest decisions – in pre-trial motions as well as court and jury trials. I also participated in training sessions for law enforcement. Reviewed cases involving disgraced officers. Upon returning to Los Angeles, I worked at the Post Conviction Assistance Center focusing on old cases involving officers later found to be corrupt or untrustworthy to ensure that the convictions were legitimate. Expert in police tactics. As a criminal defense and civil rights attorney for the past twenty years, I have been involved in many cases which turned on whether police tactics were lawful. I have developed an expertise in 4th Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure, 5th & 6th Amendment rights to counsel (Miranda), 8th Amendment rights against cruel and unusual punishment, and police use of force. I have substantial experience with cases centered around police use of excessive force, resisting arrest, police shootings and wrongful death. Public defender. Since 2007, I have been a member of the Los Angeles County Indigent Criminal Defense Association accepting court appointments (public defender) for criminal defendants who cannot afford counsel. [I have no pending or past civil actions against the Santa Monica Police Department.]

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

I see a problem in our community. I am uniquely qualified to help.

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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

Mr. Jason K Feldman Esq.

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

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Business Information (Public)

Occupation:

Attorney

Business name:

Law Office of Jason K Feldman, PC

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270 N. Canon Drive, 3rd Floor Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Business Phone

Notes

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