

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 Albin R Gielicz
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City

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State

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Postal Code

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Primary Phone

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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:

13 years

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?

International Marketing/Sales

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

Currently I am serving on the SMTT Board as the Treasurer and the Recreation and Parks Commission. Prior to these boards, I served on the Social Services Commission for 6 years, with 2 years as the chair. My foray into community involvement in Santa Monica was on the Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board, where I served for 7 years, with 2 years as the chair. Interestingly, this board provided the education I needed to move on to other boards and commissions. I value the VAPAB and its contribution immensely.

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List community activities in which you are involved:

In addition to the boards and commission, I am on the Montana Avenue Merchants Association, Sustainable Works Advisory Board, Vice Chair, Buy Local Executive Committee and Climate Action Santa Monica Advisory Board. Also, I am an annual participant in the Homeless Count, Montana Artwalk, Buy Local Health and Fitness Festival, 4th of July Parade and COAST. Most recently, I have been an active participant in the Economic Recovery Communications Working Group which was formed to guide Santa Monica businesses and residents through the pandemic lockdowns and reopening. This has been challenging and all-consuming for the past year.

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 been a community leader in Santa Monica for over 12 years now (as stated above). All the groups I've led and/or have been a member of have required diplomacy in order to keep things moving and on point. I get along with most personalities and am very approachable and accessible. Further, I am not shy to share my opinion or ideas from other organizations and communities. And due to the breadth and diversity of my civic engagement, I have facilitated a lot of cross-pollination and exchange of information. More specifically, here are some examples of leadership and my approach to affecting positive change:

- Working towards post-Covid 19 economic recovery with a small group of other community leaders and city staff.
- Actively informed Ocean Avenue and Montana Avenue businesses before protests that led to riots and looting. This gave them the opportunity to better prepare for potential problems.
- Revived and chaired the North of Montana Association for 3 years.
- Created and sustained a civil forum for constructive dialogues and exchange of differing opinions and ideas.
- Spearheaded (with fellow board members and staff) the college-going culture at Virginia Avenue Park which resulted in annual trips to local 4-year colleges and universities for Santa Monica residents.
- Actively champion and advocate for the City's priorities and values: wellbeing, sustainability, pedestrian-friendly streets, multi-modal transportation infrastructure. I am an active participant in these initiatives whenever possible.
- I'm a doer, who takes a methodical and thorough approach to making things happen within set parameters and the City's rules and ordinances.
- Flexibility and openness to new ideas is imperative for governments but doesn't always happen. I believe in trying new solutions to old problems by using trial periods and pilot programs in order to ensure the best result is achieved without unintended consequences. I favor using proven best practices from other communities and organizations so that we can avoid reinventing the wheel whenever possible.

On working with others... I consider myself to be rather well-rounded and can relate to most people on some level. I speak 3 languages, have lived in different regions in the US, as well as internationally. Additionally, I have traveled extensively which has given me a solid understanding of the world beyond Santa Monica, Los Angeles and California. This affords me the ability to keep things in perspective as well as never take for granted how good we have it here. There are challenging personalities in all parts of life – family, friends, work, community, etc., so I make sure to never lose sight of maintaining a human connection by focusing on what we have in common and/or agree on. Everyone is capable of adding value. Here in Santa Monica, I have a constructive, civil and mutually respectful relationship with city staff across all departments. We appreciate each other's commitment to this City in our respective capacities. On competing needs... I have a strong understanding of our three main stakeholder groups – residents, business owners and employees, and tourists. And quite often there are competing needs between these three. Because I work closely on one revenue source (tourism), as well as with amenities and assets which require considerable maintenance and expense (Parks and Beaches), I appreciate the symbiotic relationship between a healthy economy and public facilities which make Santa Monica a top tourist destination and desirable place to call home. This is not always apparent to the people who live and work here, so I often communicate how we need one to have the other. In addition to tourism, another competing interest which concerns many residents is the pressure of development. While I value the right projects for the right locations (all within our zoning code and regulations), I make great effort to understand the projects and their impacts on the immediate area, as well as the entire city. I have learned a lot about this process and understand the nuances involved in the decision making. I also believe that a special place like Santa Monica should only move forward with world class projects that are architecturally significant and boost our image and appeal locally, as well as around the world.

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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 graduated from the SMPD Citizen's Academy in 2012. Also, I have gotten to know the police chief and other officers (sworn and unsworn) over the years, so I have had insight into how policing works in Santa Monica. I was on the Social Services Commission for 6 years which familiarized me with Santa Monica's approach to social services and the members of the population they are meant to assist. While I may lack direct experience working in the field of public safety. However I am well versed on how commissions in Santa Monica work and possess the ability to run an orderly and civil meeting in accordance with Parliamentary procedure and the Brown Act.

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

The short answer is: May 31, 2020. The longer explanation is: I was/am very disturbed by what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis, as well as every other incident like this that has and continues to occur across the country. And when the fallout from this came to Santa Monica on May 31, 2020 on the heels of a peaceful protest, I was heavily disturbed by how overwhelmed our community was by the outsiders who came to riot and loot. I commend the police for how they handled that day, if for no other reason than for not having any deaths or serious injuries. Further, I am proud of how inclusive and community-oriented our police department is, and this is a testament to how we have not had a racial incident in Santa Monica, like what has happened in Minneapolis and other 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) *

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

Business Information (Public)

Occupation:

Marketing and Sales

Business name:

Athena Cosmetics

Business Address

1838 Eastman Ave. Ventura, CA 93003

Mr Albin R Gielicz

Business Phone



Notes

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