

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

_____ Kymerli _____ Miles Lawson _____
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

Question applies to multiple boards
If yes, number of years residence in Santa Monica:

I am a student at Santa Monica College.

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?

Student

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

This would be my first time serving on a city commission but I have served on the following committees in my personal capacity, the Santa Monica Dem Club on the Diversity and Inclusivity committee, focusing on youth outreach. I also work with California Community Colleges as the Student Ambassador for their Calfresh campaign. As the California Community College's Calfresh Amabassdor I work to encourage students to use Calfresh benefits to help fight food insecurity and fight to end stigmas surrounding the program.

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List community activities in which you are involved:

I began my education at Santa Monica College at the beginning of 2020 and, the community of Santa Monica has been extremely welcoming to my family and me. I have always wanted to leave a lasting impact on my campus and serving on the executive board for the Black Collegians Club has been my first opportunity to give back to the community. While serving on the executive board as the Director of Student Engagement I have been able to create a club dynamic where students feel free to express themselves without limitations. While attending Santa Monica College I have received Title IX training which has added to my development as a well-rounded student leader.

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 possess the qualities identified in this application, leadership, creativity, innovation, effectively working in a group setting, and balancing competing needs. As a student mother of a toddler, these qualities have allowed me to achieve tremendous academic success. Structuring my schedule of daily tasks and obligations requires innovation and, creativity because I am not only balancing my needs as a student but most importantly the needs of my son which can take priority at a moment's notice. As a person with previous leadership experience, I value the importance of group dynamics and I have learned through my experience that people want to be heard and feel validated in their thoughts and belief. In addition to being a great listener, it's important to be an effective communicator, honest, straightforward, and in a manner where people feel comfortable enough to digest what you are expressing.

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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.

The only experience with law enforcement that truly shows the need for a Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission, would be my first encounter with law enforcement. I was a sophomore in high school and was attending a charter school in South Los Angeles with my older brother. Since we attended a charter school on Fridays we had a late start day where the school would begin at 10:00 am. My brother and I would leave our house around 9:00 am and catch the city bus to arrive at school on time. On this particular Friday, my brother and I made it about two blocks away from our house when the police pull up alongside us in their car and begun to ask us questions about what we were doing and where we were going. The interrogation wasn't the traumatizing event that occurred, it was when the officer asked my brother and me to turn around so that he could pat us down, to search for whatever it is police search teenagers for. As a minor I was ignorant and was unaware that the male officer shouldn't have performed a pat-down, it should have been a female officer. I didn't know the law at sixteen years old but I do know how I was made to feel by that officer. If I am granted this position it would be my goal to remind law enforcement officers that their actions can have negative or positive impacts on the members of their community. I would also like to remind them that negative actions and poor decisions often have a greater impact.

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

I am interested in serving on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission because this commission is absolutely necessary for Santa Monica to continue to be a healthy and thriving community and city. My perspective, past experiences, and my knowledge as a student at Santa Monica College is what I have to offer the commission and the city of Santa Monica in this position. These factors would be most valuable to a commission of this nature.

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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:

Full-time Student

Business name:

Santa Monica College

Business Address

1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, Ca, 90405

Business Phone

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Notes

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