

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?

Consultant

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

Question applies to multiple boards

Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

Member, Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee; Chair, Santa Monica Library Board,

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List community activities in which you are involved:

President, Ocean Park Association; Board Member, Beautify Earth; Committee Member, Zero Emissions Delivery Zone pilot; Founding Teacher, Write Place creative writing workshop for the homeless at the Santa Monica Public Library; Teacher, Word Commandoes creative writing workshop for veterans with PTSD at the Westwood VA; Selection Committee Member, Santa Monica Reads; Vice President, Neilson Townhomes HOA; Steering Committee Member, Save Chain Reaction;

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 OPA President, I worked closely with Ocean Park residents, Main St. merchants and multiple city departments (mobility, economic development, police, fire, etc.) to launch the city's first al fresco outdoor dining program on Main St. Seizing on the city's need to keep local businesses alive and residents healthy during the pandemic, we united multiple constituencies to overcome resistance and find innovative ways to launch quickly and effectively. Several months later, I led a team composed of merchants, residents, an NGO (Beautify Earth) and City Cultural Affairs to further enhance the vibrancy and recovery of Main St. by producing a series of murals on the Main St. K-Rail barriers. This creative approach to support jobs (for artists and other workers) and promote economic recovery through art has sparked similar efforts around the city. As a member of the Zero Emissions Delivery Zone committee, I am marshaling community resources to engage with a pilot of all-electric vehicle deliveries in Ocean Park. As Chair of the SM Public Library Board, I led efforts to improve equity and serve families by eliminating late-book fines for children and their families. I also created and taught a creative writing program to engage the homeless already present in the Library and help improve the library experience for all. I hope to bring similar leadership and creative solutions to the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission.

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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 am deeply knowledgeable about public safety issues and recommendations: As co-drafter of the original PSRAC, I am conversant in the complex and timely matters that the Commission must address. From day one, I can work effectively to meet the mandate of the City Council and the needs of the public at large. --I know our community: I am currently president of the Ocean Park Association and have worked closely with the city, residents, and local merchants on neighborhood policing and Main Street business recovery. — I know our police personnel: I maintain on-going constructive dialogues with many officers at SMPD and a regular conversations with NRO's and crime prevention officers in Beats 1 and 2. I completed the city CERT course and People's University. --I care about the community: As Santa Monica Library Board Chair, I helped lead efforts to expand equity, including eliminating late fees for young people, creating family support programs and teaching writing classes for the homeless. Through my homelessness activities at the Library, I have come to know social workers and mental health professionals who assist the unhoused. --I communicate with our community: Through composing daily news email blasts and moderating weekly Zoom calls, I communicate regularly with more than 1,400 diverse community members (and they in turn share their views frequently) about current issues and events in the city. My background includes working as a professional journalist (KNXT/CBS, Washington Post Co.) and as Executive Director of Declare Yourself, Norman Lear's non-partisan and fully inclusive youth voter initiative. My communications skills can be applied to the critical task of sharing PSROC's actions with all constituencies and soliciting the information, data and points of view necessary to do our job well. --I am solution-oriented consensus builder, experienced at working with multiple, diverse constituencies. After a tumultuous and anxiety-ridden year for our community, people are looking for actionable solutions that promote our public safety, equity and overall wellbeing.

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

As a member of the original Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee and co-drafter of its recommendations document to Council, I seek to make our recommendations a full reality and establish Santa Monica as a true innovator and leader in public safety. The task of turning concepts into workable solutions will take all the knowledge and citywide relationships that I have gained through working on the committee (and my other community positions). Our efforts must be a full collaboration between the Commission, residents, and public safety personnel, including the Santa Monica Police, but also providers of mental health, youth and family, and homeless services. I would approach these complex matters by listening, asking the right, hard questions, creating civil dialogue, and balancing public interests/needs to make difficult choices. Our times have created an opportunity to look afresh at how we address public safety, increase resident wellbeing, and build a fully equitable community together.

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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:

Consultant

Business name:

Business Address

125 Pacific St. #7

Business Phone

Notes

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