

**Application**

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*By City Clerk's Office at 7:54 pm, Jul 13, 2021*

**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**

Prefix      Nicole      First Name      S      Middle Initial      Phillis      Last Name      Suffix

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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 Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

**Are you applying for the seats reserved for those ages 18-22 years old?**

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Yes  No

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**What is your occupation?**

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Attorney

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**Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s**

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**Interests & Experience**

**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:**

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I am currently a two-term commissioner and former chair of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. I have also served on and previously chaired the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. In my civic life, I also serve as the Vice President of Elections for the Heart of Los Angeles Democratic Club, LA's first expressly feminist, county-wide Democratic club. I also served twice as the convener for Assembly District 50's ADEM meeting for the California Democratic Party, during which time I chaired highly contentious caucuses that determined delegate selection within the California Democratic Party. In each of these roles, I've been able to work with a wide range of people with different values, but focused on common goals. I find that creating space for others to speak and build trust and collaboration is just as important as the work each individual member contributes to the organization, and those principles of active listening and mutual respect are the values I would bring 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.**

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I previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable Milan D. Smith, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In that role, I had the opportunity to support my judge in deciding a wide range of appeals, including both criminal and habeas corpus matters. Further, much of my professional law practice focuses on speech related issues, including the protection of speech and other civil liberties under the First Amendment. Given the incidents surrounding the murder of George Floyd and the peaceful protests in support of Black Lives Matter, I would draw upon my knowledge of First Amendment jurisprudence, particularly as it relates to speech and assembly rights, in envisioning a more equitable and just vision of law enforcement.

Nicole S Phillis

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

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I was deeply impacted by the murder of George Floyd and the disparate treatment of protesters, particularly those organizing around racial justice issues. The freedoms of expression and assembly are the lifeblood of our democracy. I would invoke my legal background in First Amendment jurisprudence and as an intersectional feminist to ensure that the reforms we are envisioning uphold and affirm these civil liberties while also promoting truly restorative justice.

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**Business Information (Public)**

**Occupation:**

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Attorney

**Business name:**

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Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

**Business Address**

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**Business Phone**

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**Notes**

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