

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

Prefix: Michael First Name: C Middle Initial: Shotton Last Name: Suffix:

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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:

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?

Financial Services

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

Member, Santa Monica Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee (PSRAC)

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List community activities in which you are involved:

Member, Santa Monica PSRAC; Member, Ocean Park Association; Member, Friends of Sunset Park;
Board Member, Financial Planning Association of Los Angeles

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 an alumna of Stanford University, I have volunteered for several leadership positions including board member for the San Diego Alumni Association and President of the Boston Young Alumni. I am also a reunion chair, tasked with planning the class of 2006's 15-year reunion. Within these roles, I have developed creative ways to engage fellow alumni to stay connected with the university. I am a board member of the Financial Planning Association of Los Angeles, where we provide thought leadership for financial planners in the county. While a member of the Santa Monica PSRAC, I took the lead on both the budget and police culture & training subcommittees, producing the recommendations that were presented to the City Manager and City Council.

Michael C Shotton

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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 served as a member of the Santa Monica Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee, where I was part of the following subcommittees: Budget, Alternative Responses to Incidents, and Police Culture & Training. I have spent a lot of time looking through the Police Budget from the past 5 years and have a strong understanding not only of the current budget but of how the budget has changed over time. My PSRAC experience gave me access to active SMPD officers to work through the important issues relating to SMPD and learn their perspectives on these issues which have helped inform my opinion on police matters.

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

My wife and I have a 2-month-old son that we plan to raise in Santa Monica and want to make sure he grows up in a city that is both safe, equitable, and promotes well-being. As an African-American member of the Santa Monica community, it is important that the SMPD work for all Santa Monicans. When serving on the PSRAC, during our public listening session, a caller made a comment that Santa Monicans use the police as their concierge service. This comment struck a chord with me and focused my efforts on how we can continue to improve SMPD into a more efficient and accountable part of the community. In addition, through my work on the PSRAC, I saw that very few people were interested in digging into the details of the budget. This is an area that I enjoy and with my financial background, I can be a resource for others who want to better understand the budget.

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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) *

On the City's website (smgov.net or santamonica.gov)

Business Information (Public)

Occupation:

Financial Services

Business name:

Business Address

Business Phone



Notes

ALL INFORMATION, EXCEPT PERSONAL DATA ENTERED IN THE PROFILE SECTION, IS PUBLIC AND AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND ON THE CITY'S WEB PAGE.

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After an application has been submitted, a confirmation page will be displayed. If an email address has been provided, an email confirmation will be sent. IF A CONFIRMATION IS NOT DISPLAYED, PLEASE RESUBMIT OR CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (310) 458-8211.