

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kristi** \_\_\_\_\_ **Springer** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Email Address

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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

Question applies to multiple boards

**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?**

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Yes  No

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**What is your occupation?**

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attorney (retired), grant writer for non-profit (current)

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## Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

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## Interests & Experience

Question applies to multiple boards

**Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:**

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No prior city boards/commissions.

Question applies to multiple boards

**List community activities in which you are involved:**

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As a proud parent of 3 daughters who were born and raised in Santa Monica, I have been deeply involved in holding various volunteer and leadership roles over the 20 years, to date, as my children attended schools in Santa Monica. These include at Franklin Elementary School Room Parent, Room Parent Coordinator, PTA executive committee, as well as being elected as a parent representative in Franklin's Site Governance Board, working alongside Faculty, staff, and District personnel; additionally, I served on the executive board as Vice President and President of the middle school at Crossroads School in Santa Monica. With over 20 years of involvement, on the education side, I have had the pleasure to work with many diverse members of the community, including families, faculty, staff, schools, community leaders and corporate leaders— coordinating, and managing different stakeholder perspectives and engaging in problem-solving in team and group settings. I have also been active in community efforts to assist in beach clean-ups, book drives, food drives, electronic drives, library book collections and beautification of campuses, and support for homeless solutions. I have been a Girl Scout troop leader and have also assisted in Green Team efforts in the middle and elementary schools.

**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 received my law degree from UCLA Law School and my Masters in International and Public Affairs from Columbia University. My past professional experience and training as an attorney, included trials before the state and federal courts, negotiating settlements, mediation and performing advisory work with a multitude of clients. This experience, combined with my work with public policy and international affairs has allowed me the opportunity to work with complex matters, competing needs, and in a team setting. Additionally, my current work in seeking development opportunities and grants with a national non-profit organization, Vision To Learn, has allowed me to use my skills and expand on my creativity to help underserved children in our community as well as, nationally.

Question applies to Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

**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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My professional work as an attorney, as well as, my work in the non-profit, social services sector has allowed me to be knowledgeable as a professional, in addition to my community involvement, with public safety and social services policies and issues.

Question applies to Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

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

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I have a deep commitment and love for Santa Monica as a community. I have personally witnessed and been impacted by all the changes, both good and bad, in the 25 years that I have been a resident here. As a woman and mother, I have a personal stake in the public safety in our community and want to be part of the solution to make this community as safe and vibrant for all members. Additionally, as a Japanese-American, I am concerned with the current state of racial violence in our country and would like to ensure that our community will not only be a safe one for all races, but perhaps can serve as an example of how police and community can engage in a constructive manner and create a strong, unified coalition. I believe that my background will be helpful in engaging dialogue with all sides and create clear policies that will be effective, measured, and evolving to reflect the concerns and changes in our diverse community. I believe there is so much opportunity for creating policies that will effect positive changes and relationships for our police and community at large.

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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?**

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Yes  No

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**How did you learn about the vacancy in this board or commission? (select all that apply) \***

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- On the City's website (smgov.net or santamonica.gov)
- Social Media- Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, Youtube
- Word of Mouth- Council or Board/Commission member, City Staff, neighborhood groups, etc.

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**Business Information (Public)**

**Occupation:**

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attorney (retired), grant writer for non-profit (current)

**Business name:**

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**Business Address**

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**Business Phone**



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**Notes**

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