

**CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEREY PARK
THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE
FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE MONTEREY
PARK FINANCING AUTHORITY AND THE MONTEREY PARK GEOLOGIC HAZARD
ABATEMENT DISTRICT AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING
Monterey Park City Hall Council Chambers
320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**Tuesday
June 6, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services
to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as
Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respect to the
Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future,
and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the
Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring
for this land.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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City's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-17.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

You may speak up to 5 minutes on Agenda item. You may combine up to 2 minutes of time with
another person's speaking. No person may speak more than a total of 10 minutes. The Mayor
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor

ROLL CALL

Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, Yvonne Yiu

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the City Council to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Council may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed. Persons may, in addition to any other matter within the City Council's subject-matter jurisdiction, comment on Agenda Items at this time. If you provide public comment on a specific Agenda item at this time, however, you cannot later provide comments at the time the Agenda Item is considered.

The City Council will recess to Closed Session following public comment and the Open Session items if any. Public participation is not allowed during Closed Session.

[1.] NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Appointing one individual to fill the vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

ADJOURN



City Council Staff Report

DATE: June 6, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO: 1

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Diana Garcia, City Librarian
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Appointing one individual to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees; and
2. Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The second term of Library Trustee Andy Yam will end on June 30, 2023, resulting in a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees. The upcoming vacancy was advertised and the City Clerk's office has received six applications from residents interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees: Patrick Chiu, Ricky Choi, Veronica Ciafone, Katherine C. Guevara, Janine Lui and Abe Porras. The City Council is asked to appoint one individual to fill the upcoming vacancy for the term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Library Board of Trustees is a board established pursuant to the California Education Code and Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC"). MPMC Chapter 2.80 regulates the Library Board (in addition to applicable California law). The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for administering the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. The Library Board of Trustees also administers all library trust funds received by gift, bequest or devise.

Education Code § 18910 provides that:

"[t]he public library shall be managed by a board of library trustees, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the mayor ... with the consent of the legislative body of the municipality."

This is reflected in MPMC § 2.80.020 which provides that:

"[t]here is created and established a board of library trustees consisting of five members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council."

Pursuant to Education Code § 18911, the term of office for a trustee is three years. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as a member of the board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

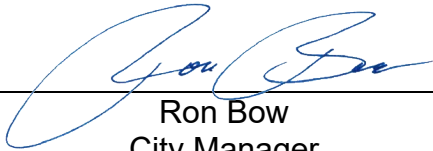
None.

Respectfully submitted by:



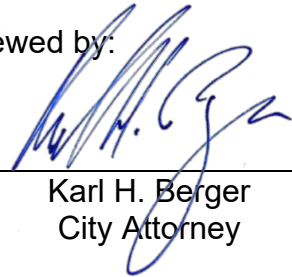
Diana Garcia
City Librarian

Approved by:



Ron Bow
City Manager

Reviewed by:



Karl H. Berger
City Attorney

ATTACHMENT:

1. Applications

ATTACHMENT 1

Applications

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees

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First Name	Patrick
Last Name	Chiu
Home Address:	1962 Lupine Ave
City	Monterey Park
Zip	91755
Phone Number	626-673-1391
Email Address	pgchiu@gmail.com
If you are a resident of the City, how long have you resided in Monterey Park?	22 years
Occupation:	Engineer
Business Name:	If Applicable
Business Address:	If Applicable
Business Zip Code:	If Applicable
Business Phone Number:	If Applicable
Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may select more than one):	Library Board of Trustees

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	No
Prior Community Involvement/Activities:	Head coach and assistant coach in the Monterey Park Mustangs (10+ years), member of the Monterey Park Karate Club (8+ years).
Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City:	I have been a resident of Monterey Park since 2001 and am raising a family of 4 in this city. My children continue to actively use Bruggemeyer Library, and my wife and I have been patrons of the library for over 30 years. I was born and raised in neighboring Montebello, and God willing, hope to retire in Monterey Park in the same home that I currently live in. I have an active interest in seeing the City of Monterey Park thrive. My educational background is in engineering. I have never served in a city function and am interested in participating.
List Two References Below	
First Reference Name:	Timothy Kwan
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Reference Address:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
2nd Reference Name:	Lawton Chiu
Reference Phone Number:	626-823-1544
Reference Email Address:	lawton.chiu@gmail.com
Reference Address:	<i>Field not completed.</i>

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all statements contained in this application and any accompanying documents is true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in this application are subject to investigation and that any false or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for denial or subsequent revocation of commission. I further acknowledge that information contained in this application is a public record and may be subject to disclosure and I may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests Form (Form 700).

Signature

Patrick Chiu

Date

04/21/23

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Application for Civic Service City Commissions/Boards/Committees CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

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Name Ricky Choi

Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may list more than one)

- 1) Library Board of Trustees 3) _____
2) _____ 4) _____

Home Address 1824 Fernbank Ave. City Monterey Park

Zip Code 91754 If resident of the City of Monterey Park, how long? 10 years

E-Mail Address rchoi.mpk@gmail.com Telephone (626) 688-1010

Occupation Director of Government and Community Relations

Business Name San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Business Address 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA

Zip Code 91016 Telephone (626) 457-1800

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ☐ No ☒

If so, please state the nature of offense, state and disposition on a separate sheet of paper. Convictions will not necessarily result in automatic disqualification, however, failure to give complete and accurate information may be grounds for rejection and/or removal from office.

Prior Community Involvement/Activities

Monterey Park Planning Commission (2013-Present)
Monterey Park Neighborhood Watch
Monterey Park Community Healing Fund Advisory Committee

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK – Application for Civic Service
City Commissions/Boards/Committees

Name Ricky Choi

Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City

As a Planning Commissioner since 2013 and a public affairs professional with extensive experience in government and stakeholder engagement, I have firsthand knowledge and expertise in helping guide Monterey Park in its growth and development, and building a stronger and better connected community. Active in civic and community affairs, I have served on the Board of Directors of numerous nonprofit organizations and currently serve as President of the Asian Youth Center. As a patron and supporter of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and its children's programs, I want to continue using my experience to give back and help advance all aspects of literacy in the Monterey Park community.

References: List two.

Name Theresa Amador

Address 301 De La Fuente St., Monterey Park, CA 91754

Telephone (323) 497-9472

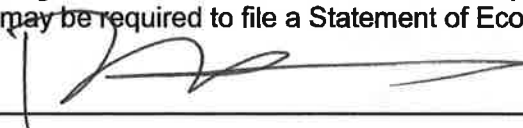
Name Alexander Fung

Address 1954 Fulton Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755

Telephone (626) 463-8439

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all statements contained in this application and any accompanying documents is true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in this application are subject to investigation and that any false or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for denial or subsequent revocation of commission.

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Signature 

Date 5/8/2023

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I certified that proof of residency was verified in accordance to MPMC 2.82. I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Proof of residency: Name: Ricky Choi

Government Issued ID ☒

Other _____

Utility Bill ☐

Voter Registration ☐

Signature 

Date 5/8/23

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK – Application for Civic Service
City Commissions/Boards/Committees

Name _____

Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City

References: List two.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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Signature Veronica Ciafano Date _____

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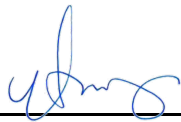
I certified that proof of residency was verified in accordance to MPMC 2.82. I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Proof of residency: Name: Veronica Ciafano

Government Issued ID ☒ Other _____

Utility Bill ☐

Voter Registration ☐

Signature  Date 3/21/2023

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees - Submission #1962

Date Submitted: 4/20/2023

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First Name*

Katherine

Last Name*

Guevarra

Home Address:*

365 E. Riggan St

City*

Monterey Park

Zip*

91755

Phone Number*

3234851443

Email Address*

kguevarra@usc.edu

If you are a resident of the City, how long have you resided in Monterey Park?

30

Occupation:*

Program Administrator

Business Name:

University of Southern California

Business Address:

If Applicable

Business Zip Code:

90089

Business Phone Number:

213-821-4698

Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may select more than one):*

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Commission on Aging | ☒ Library Board of Trustees |
| ☐ Business Improvement District Advisory Committee | ☐ Personnel Board |
| ☐ Community Participation Commission | ☐ Planning Commission |
| ☐ Design Review Board | ☐ Recreation & Parks Commission |
| ☐ Economic Development Advisory Commission | ☐ Sister Cities Commission |
| ☐ Environmental Commission | ☐ Traffic Commission |

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, please state the nature of offense, state and disposition on a separate sheet of paper. Convictions will not necessarily result in automatic disqualification, however, failure to give complete and accurate information may be grounds for rejection and/or removal from office.

Prior Community Involvement/Activities:*

Co-Chair, USC Asian Pacific Islander Faculty Staff Association (May 2021-August 2023); Bella Vista Elementary Parent Teacher Association (2022 - present); KCRW pledge taker (2013-201); Dance Camera West volunteer (2013-2015)

Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City:*

I have been going to the library since I was a child and now enjoy taking my child to the library. The staff has taken great care to be good stewards of the space, as well as good stewards of the community overall. That really provides a strong motivation to want to be a part of heralding and supporting their vision.

I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Library's board of trustees, having professional experience in a cross-section of higher education, public administration, and cultural institutions. I am in the process of completing my Master in Public Administration from the University of Southern California at the end of December 2023 where I've taken coursework in areas such as nonprofit management, finance and economics, behavioral science, and collaborative governance. Serving as a higher education administrative professional with over 15 years of experience, I work in several different areas such as program management, student affairs, curriculum development, and events management. My art history undergraduate degree and eye for detail has been an asset, having been the lead coordinator for several art performances and public talks as a part of USC Roski School of Art and Design, so I am aware of the various levels of curation and coordination necessary to engage various audiences.

I would love to be able to use my skills in these areas to help give back to my community, as well as get better involved in serving my city. As someone that has worked in nonprofits and is working on my MPA, the idea of public services and giving back is deeply ingrained in my character. I am at a point in my career and life where I would like to seriously consider committing to serving the community for this period.

Thank you for your consideration.

List Two References Below**First Reference Name:***

Bertha Arce

Reference Phone Number:*

213-740-8135

Reference Email Address:*

delgado@usc.edu

Reference Address:**2nd Reference Name:***

Natania Meeker

Reference Phone Number:*

323-665-2481

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nmeeker@usc.edu

Reference Address:

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Signature*

Katherine C Guevarra

Date*

04/20/2023

Proof of Residency:

- ☒ Government Issued ID
- ☐ Utility Bill
- ☐ Voter Registration
- ☐ Other

Reviewed By:

C Trang

Date Reviewed:

4/24/2023

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Last Name	Lui
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City	Monterey Park
Zip	91754
Phone Number	6268634756
Email Address	janinelui@gmail.com
If you are a resident of the City, how long have you resided in Monterey Park?	25
Occupation:	Senior Director of Finance
Business Name:	Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services
Business Address:	6957 N. Figueroa
Business Zip Code:	90042
Business Phone Number:	If Applicable
Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may select more than one):	Business Improvement District Advisory Committee, Community Participation Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Sister Cities Commission

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	No
Prior Community Involvement/Activities:	I am a member of the Big Brother Big Sister program.
Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City:	I have been a resident of Monterey Park for about 25 years. I am personally interested in joining the Library Board of Trustees but am open to serving other committees as well. I am a finance professional graduating from UCSD with a bachelor's degree in economics. I have an extensive work history in non-profits that I think would be beneficial to the committee. I currently work as the Senior Director of Finance for a local non-profit named Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services. I have previously worked at other agencies such as Children's Institute, UCLA, and City of LA. I believe my work history reflects my passion in giving back to the community and leaving the world better than I found it. I think my financial background in non-profits can be a strong resource for the committee if I am selected. I have been a patron of the library since I was in second grade. As a child of an immigrant family, the library has always been a valuable resource for me. I spent most of my childhood at Bruggemeyer Library. From borrowing books, reading programs, to tutoring, to community events, the library has had such an important role in my life, and I will always have such fond memories of it. I would like to take this opportunity to contribute back to the library. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.
List Two References Below	
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2nd Reference Name:	Steven Choi
Reference Phone Number:	626-500-5100
Reference Email Address:	stevent@ucla.edu
Reference Address:	Field not completed.

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Signature	Janine Lui
Date	5/1/2023

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First Name	Abe
Last Name	Porras
Home Address:	1530 Dorner Drive
City	Monterey Park
Zip	91754
Phone Number	626-628-4413
Email Address	Abramporras@gmail.com
If you are a resident of the City, how long have you resided in Monterey Park?	49 years
Occupation:	Regional Director HR/Talent Acquisition
Business Name:	Alta Hospitals
Business Address:	Southern California
Business Zip Code:	If Applicable
Business Phone Number:	If Applicable
Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may select more than one):	Library Board of Trustees, Personnel Board

Have you ever been
convicted of a felony?

No

Prior Community
Involvement/Activities:

Board President SCAHCR 2006-2015
Board President HHRMAC 2015-2018
Board President HHRC Foundation 2019-2023

Provide a brief review of
your background,
qualifications, education
and your interest in serving
the City:

HR professional for over 20 years in the healthcare industry.
Public speaker in the past regarding Talent Acquisition and sat
on panels and presented to college students. MBA, working
while attending school. I have lived in Monterey Park my whole
life and love my community. I want to serve in the best interests
of the community. My background in HR, my prior board
experience, and education will help me serve the community
well.

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George Vukazich

Reference Phone Number:

626-664-4017

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Reference Address:

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Signature

Abram Porras

Date

4/24/23

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