

**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, Room 266
320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**Tuesday
April 9, 2024
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.

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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 and City Council may change the amount of time allowed for speakers. Written Communication will be accepted up to 2 hours before the meeting via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(a), the public may address the City Council only on matters listed on this Agenda. No other public comment will be accepted.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENT 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.

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City Council Staff Report

DATE: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO: 1

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kristin Olivarez, 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:

There is currently a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees due to the passing of Library Trustee Larry Sullivan. This vacancy has been advertised and the City Clerk's office has received five applications from residents interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees: Jeremy Gozzip, Janine Lui, Abe Porras, Fabian Raygosa and Stacy Villalobos. The City Council is asked to appoint one individual to fill the vacancy for a term beginning May 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Library Board of Trustees is a board established pursuant to the California Education Code and Monterey Park Municipal Code. 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:

“[the] 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:

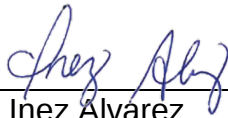
None.

Respectfully submitted by:



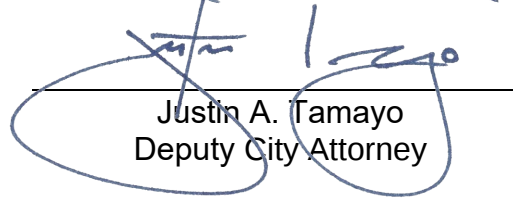
Kristin Olivarez
City Librarian

Approved by:



Inez Alvarez
City Manager

Reviewed by:



Justin A. Tamayo
Deputy City Attorney

ATTACHMENT:

1. Applications

Staff Report
April 9, 2024

ATTACHMENT 1

Applications

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees - Submission #2466

Date Submitted: 3/12/2024

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees

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First Name*

Jeremy

Last Name*

Gozzip

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1710 Copa Way

City*

Monterey Park

Zip*

91754

Phone Number*

9092404364

Email Address*

jeremy.gozzip@gmail.com

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

6 years

Occupation:*

Brand Designer

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):*

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ 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:*

N/A

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

I am writing to express my wholehearted enthusiasm in applying for the City of Monterey Park's Library Board of Trustees. The City is an integral part of my personal history, and I believe that this opportunity with the library is a way to express gratitude for everything that Monterey Park has given to me.

After immigrating to the United States, my maternal grandmother and her family chose to lay roots in Monterey Park. Among my 25 aunts and uncles, a large majority attended either Brightwood or Monterey Highlands Elementary, eventually graduating from Mark Keppel High School. They attributed much of their upbringing to the diverse and welcoming culture of Monterey Park.

As my partner and I began to consider where to settle down, it was a no-brainer — we wanted to continue to water the roots that my family cultivated decades ago in a vibrant and loving place (my partner also grew up in Monterey Park). After living here for 6 years now, I have enjoyed many of the facilities and institutions that the city maintains for the public. The Bruggemeyer Library is a beacon of community, and I found myself visiting often to check out stacks of books and quietly read. During my visits, I observed the confluence of generations gathering in the library – curious children and elders alike being granted access to information – and I was encouraged to witness this level of civic interaction.

In my day job, I am in charge of devising and implementing a myriad of solutions to creative problems. With my team, I set the future vision for a large Fortune 500 company, distilling the brand's identity for a mass market demographic. With this, I perceive my role as a designer as synonymous with storytelling, which is further informed by the creative inspiration I gather through reading. I have been impressed by some of the innovative features that the Bruggemeyer Library offers — from 3D printing services to virtual storytime to ESL courses. Looking toward the future, I believe that my expertise in approaching and adapting to situations through a creative lens complements the goals of the library as it continues to evolve.

In summary, I love being a citizen of Monterey Park and I want to harness my abilities to uphold the pillars of community that make the city a beautiful place. It is my hope that my involvement as a member of the Library Board of Trustees will advance the institution as a vital resource for continued multigenerational success. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

List Two References Below

First Reference Name:*

Jennifer Love Tang

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6268085761

Reference Email Address:*

jenniferlovetang@gmail.com

Reference Address:

2nd Reference Name:*

Alton Wang

Reference Phone Number:*

6268237009

Reference Email Address:*

altonyzwang@gmail.com

Reference Address:

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*

Jeremy Gozzip

Date*

March 12, 2024

Proof of Residency:

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

Reviewed By:

C Trang

Date Reviewed:

3/18/2024

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Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees - Submission #1973

Date Submitted: 5/1/2023

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees

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First Name*

Janine

Last Name*

Lui

Home Address:*

2335 Roscommon Ave

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):*

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|---|---|
| ☐ Commission on Aging | ☒ Library Board of Trustees |
| ☒ Business Improvement District Advisory Committee Note: not qualify | ☐ Personnel Board |
| ☒ Community Participation Commission | ☒ Planning Commission |
| ☐ Design Review Board | ☐ Recreation & Parks Commission |
| ☐ Economic Development Advisory Commission | ☒ Sister Cities Commission Note: Appointment by Assoc. |
| ☐ 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:*

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

First Reference Name:*

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Reference Address:

2nd Reference Name:*

Steven Choi

Reference Phone Number:*

626-500-5100

Reference Email Address:*

stevent@ucla.edu

Reference Address:

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*

Janine Lui

Date*

5/1/2023

Proof of Residency:

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

Reviewed By:

C Trang

Date Reviewed:

5/2/2023

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees - Submission #1966

Date Submitted: 4/24/2023

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees

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First Name*

Abe

Last Name*

Porras

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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):*

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|---|---|
| ☐ 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:*

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.

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

Paul Martin

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213-618-0875

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Paul.j.martin@kp.org

Reference Address:

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2nd Reference Name:*

George Vukazich

Reference Phone Number:*

626-664-4017

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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*

Abram Porras

Date*

4/24/23

Proof of Residency:

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

Reviewed By:

C Trang

Date Reviewed:

4/24/2023

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees - Submission #2460

Date Submitted: 3/11/2024

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees

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First Name*

Fabian

Last Name*

Raygosa

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931 Abe Way

City*

Monterey Park

Zip*

91755

Phone Number*

626-241-6205

Email Address*

fabian.raygosa@gmail.com

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

Since 2003

Occupation:*

Information Systems Manager

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):*

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|---|---|
| ☐ 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

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Prior Community Involvement/Activities:*

Active Participant in Monterey Park activities. Currently a commissioner on the Community Participation Board.

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

Information Systems Manager at LAX. Digital experience with data delivery, dashboards, automation, websites.

Current Commissioner with Community Participation Board.

Bachelors of Science in Computer Science from Cal State Los Angeles.

I have lived in Monterey Park for over 20 years and I am passionate about our city and believe the library is a central tenant to Monterey Park's essential functions. I'm an avid reader and can average over 25 books read a year. I believe reading a fundamental activity to contribute to children's and adult's success and education in life and I want to help continue the excellent work our Library is doing.

Along with it's excellent track record in community engagement with the plethora of services it offers, I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of that.

List Two References Below

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Rolando Serna

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Reference Address:

315 S. Almansor #10, Alhambra CA 91801

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*

Fabian Raygosa

Date*

3/11/2024

Proof of Residency:

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

Reviewed By:

C Trang, CPC member

Date Reviewed:

3/12/2024

Print

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees - Submission #2117

Date Submitted: 8/30/2023

Application for City Commissions/Boards/Committees

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First Name*

Stacy

Last Name*

Villalobos

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City*

Monterey Park

Zip*

91755

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9095686390

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

1 year

Occupation:*

Civil rights attorney

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):*

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|---|---|
| ☐ 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

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Prior Community Involvement/Activities:*

Racial Economic Justice attorney

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

Stacy Villalobos (she/her/ella) is the Director of the Racial Economic Justice Program at Legal Aid at Work (LAAW). She advises and represents workers fighting race discrimination in employment. Stacy also co-spearheads LAAW's advocacy and representation of job seekers with criminal histories. Stacy has experience litigating a wide range of employment issues, including discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage theft. Stacy started her career as a Skadden Fellow, representing immigrant women workers in the Central Valley and beyond. After law school, Stacy completed a federal district court clerkship with the Honorable Fernando Olguín. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Stanford Law School. At Stanford Law, she was a Senior Editor of the Stanford Law Review, Co-Chair of the Stanford Latinx Law Students Association, and student in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic. She is the first in her family to obtain a high school diploma and a native Spanish speaker. Stacy also serves as an Abogada Consultora for the Consulado General de Mexico de San Francisco

List Two References Below

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2nd Reference Name:*

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Reference Address:

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*

Stacy Villalobos

Date*

08/30/23

Proof of Residency:

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

Reviewed By:

C Trang

Date Reviewed:

9/5/2023