

Transportation Commission

Application Form

Profile

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Burbank

City

CA

State

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Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Self

Employer

Student

Job Title

Student

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

34 years

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

I am a long time Burbank resident with a deep love of our city and currently serve our city as a member of the Transportation Commission. I am also a founder and the President of Strong Towns Burbank, a grassroots organization dedicated to making our city safer, more livable, and more inviting. In 2024 I enrolled in the Masters of Urban Planning program at CSUN, where I am specializing in transportation studies. I hope to earn your vote to be reappointed to the Transportation Commission so I can continue contributing to the maintenance and improvement of our city's transportation infrastructure.

Education

BA, UC Santa Cruz Masters Candidate in Urban Planning at California State University Northridge

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Graduate, SFVCOG Mobility Academy (2024)

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I am an avid bicyclist who enjoys riding in our city, and am currently working with fellow residents and the Burbank Chamber of Commerce to bring a CicLAvia to Burbank. I owned and operated a small business for 18 years which gave me a wealth of experience in budgeting and managing people and operations. I also spent many years working in film and television as a writer and producer, which has given me experience in long range planning and visioning.

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

Commissioner, Burbank Transportation Commission

List Community activities in which you are involved:

I am President of Strong Towns Burbank and a leader of "We Want a CicLAvia in Burbank." I am a member of Walk Bike Burbank and I am a former Burbank AYSO parent and volunteer referee. I am also a supporter of the Burbank Human Relations Council.

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N/A

Conflict of Interest

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Transportation

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

I am currently enrolled at CSUN, earning a Masters of Urban Planning degree. I am a graduate of the SFVCOG Mobility Academy (2024).

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

I am committed to helping realize our city's complete streets plan, achieving the goals set out in the Mobility Element of Burbank's general plan, as well as promoting the community transportation goals espoused by our City Council.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

Supplemental Questions

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☒ I Agree

Eddy Polon

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Summary of Strengths

After 18 years working as a writer and producer I took a leap and opened an artisan bakery that I owned and operated for another 18 years. I sold my bakery in 2021 and am now dedicated to improving the quality of life in my community with a focus on safe streets, abundant housing, and climate resiliency.

Professional Experience

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, BURBANK, CA

Commissioner | Appointed October 2022

- Review and advise on all city transportation services and initiatives.
- Involved in plans to reimagine and electrify city transportation services.
- Safe streets advocate.

STRONG TOWNS BURBANK

President | Elected January 2025

- Leader of a community organization advocating for a safe, inviting, & resilient city.
- Trusted Community Partner of Burbank Community Development Department.
- Spearheaded efforts to grow membership & build alliances with residents & businesses.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE

City of Burbank | 2024

- Earned more than 8500 votes.
- Raised over \$43,000.
- Endorsed by 3 sitting Council Members, Democratic Party, LA County Federation of Labor.

CONTINENTAL KOSHER BAKERY

Managing Partner | November 2003 – December 2021

- Operated a full-service retail and wholesale bakery.
- Managed staff of 16 employees.
- Updated equipment, processes, and recipes to rejuvenate an aging business.
- Built a vibrant pipeline to donate unsold food to needy people.
- Grew business 300%+ over the course of 18 years.
- Generated \$1MM gross annual revenue.

G4 TV- A COMCAST NETWORK

Producer | January 2005 – November 2006

- Developed and produced episodic television programs.
- Credits include "Happy Tree Friends & Friends" and "Video Game Vixens."
- Supervised production, editing, and final delivery of programs for broadcast.

WRITER AND PRODUCER– EDDY POLON PRODUCTIONS

Independent | January 2002 – November 2003

- Created interactive game shows for production companies and networks.
- Clients included Liberty Media, Freemantle, and Scott Sternberg Productions.

FREMANTLE NORTH AMERICA

New Media Producer | March 2000 – December 2001

- Produced interactive games "Price is Right," "Card Sharks," & "What's My Line?"
- Led effort to transition from only broadcast to integrated media production.
- Collaborated with international productions in Europe and Japan.

SONY ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT

Producer Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune Online | February 1998 – February 2000

- Developed and produced interactive internet versions of the longest running and most popular television game shows in television history.
- Managed staff of 12 writers, researchers, digital artists, and content producers.
- Met launch and revenue goals.

LIBERTY MEDIA

Vice President of Programming, Zing | March 1995 – December 1997

- Early hire at a new media technology company.
- Developed and produced interactive programming.
- Participated in user interface design and consumer and business marketing.
- Opened LA creative office & hired and managed writers and content producers.

TELEVISION & FILM PRODUCTION

Show Runner, Staff Writer | January 1986 – December 1995

- Produced credits include Nickel & Dime (feature film), Tic Tac Dough (TV Game Show), Rescue 911 Interactive (TBS), and CyberQuest (Game Show Pilot)

Education

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | SANTA CRUZ

Bachelor of Arts in Theater – Film Emphasis | June 1984

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MOBILITY ACADEMY

Burbank Representative | Completed March 2024

STUDENT, MASTERS IN URBAN PLANNING, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE

| Expected Graduation 2027

Activities and Interests

I am an avid bicyclist, baker, and enjoy meeting people and discovering great food as I explore the world.

Application Form**Profile**

Jason

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Burbank

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CA

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Primary Phone

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GHD

Employer

Hydrogen Technical Director

Job Title

Mechanical Engineer

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

17 years

Burbank Registered Voter?☒ Yes ☐ No**Interests & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

I have served as a Transportation Commissioner for the City of Burbank since 2021, as chair for one year, and would like to continue.

Education

Master's in Business Administration: Finance Concentration, California State University, Northridge, 2013 Bachelor of Science: Mechanical Engineering, California State University, Northridge, 2007

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Licensed Professional Engineer (M34922), California Department of Consumer Affairs

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I've worked as a collegiate rugby coach for 10 seasons, and I feel like this committee would be a more multigenerational application of the skills I have developed over the years (listening, studying, engaging).

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

Burbank Transportation Commissioner

List Community activities in which you are involved:

Regular volunteer, WalkGoodLA, weekly community 5k run/walk

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N/A

Conflict of Interest

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Jason Lewis

First Choice**FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:**

Transportation

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

I have served since February, 2021, and I am proud of the advancements the city has made and continues to make in the transportation space. Burbank now has three rail stations, one-way traffic along San Fernando supporting increased business activity and citizen enjoyment, and a new Burbank Blvd. bridge with dedicated bike lanes. Now that the LA Metro Bus Rapid Transit is under development, the work of the Transportation Commission is amplified: to ensure the issues are openly discussed, our citizens given a chance to speak and be heard, and our City Council to receive the opinions of the commissioners. I am excited to continue this important work, to keep Burbank moving safely into the future.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

The Transportation Commission is evolving with the addition of parking under the responsibilities, I would like to see more ideas and options piloted to diffuse the problems without permanent change. there might always be a need for parking management, but we should be looking for newer and improved methods to manage our shared paved resource.

Second Choice**SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:**

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

Supplemental Questions

Acknowledgement

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BURBANK

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CA

State

91504

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Alternate Phone

CALTRANS (Retired)

Employer

OFFICE CHIEF

Job Title

CIVIL ENGINEER

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Infrastructure Oversight Board: Submitted

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

14 YEARS

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

I arrived in the U.S., from Canada, in 1981. I lived in Burbank with one of my relatives for three years. In 1984, my employment took me to the Inland Empire, where I lived until 2011. In 2011, I transferred to the Caltrans offices in Los Angeles. I had an opportunity to purchase a home in one of several areas such as Pasadena, Glendale or Burbank. I specifically chose Burbank for several reasons : 1. Having previously lived in Burbank, I had become familiar with the City and wanted to come back. 2. Burbank offers a sense of community which I have not experienced anywhere else. 3. Burbank has a very strong City government which really cares about the well being of the residents. 4. The schools, the law enforcement agencies and the fire department in Burbank are well known in the region for their strength and stability. For these reasons, and many others, now that I am retired, I want to give back to the City that I have called home for the last 14 years. I feel that , with my qualifications (see details under Questions), I can contribute to making the City of Burbank an even better place to live. I am specifically interested in the Infrastructure Oversight Board because I think that is where I can make the most difference.

Education

I graduated from the School of Engineering at the University of Calgary, Canada, with a degree in Civil Engineering. Upon immigrating to the U.S., I continued my studies with a Masters degree in Business administration and another Masters degree in Civil Engineering (Construction Management). I received my registration as a Professional Civil Engineer in California in 1996.

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

I am a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) thru the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I worked for California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for 35 years, in two different Districts. In District 8, covering San Bernardino and Riverside counties, I went thru the Engineering Rotation Program where I learned about various Caltrans offices and functions, followed by 7 years as a Staff Engineer, working in Design and Traffic Operations. I transferred to District 7 on a promotion in 1999 and was a Project Manager for 15 years, managing various mega projects and was subsequently promoted to the position of Office Chief where I managed a staff of Senior Engineers and Staff Engineers for almost a decade in the Division of Traffic Operations. (Please also see my attached resume)

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

None.

List Community activities in which you are involved:

None at the moment.

If you are related to any City of Burbank employee(s), please state their name(s), relationship(s), and department(s). If you are not related to a City of Burbank employee, please put N/A.

N/A.

Conflict of Interest

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Infrastructure Oversight Board

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

Please see my responses to previous questions as well as my attached resume.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

My goals in serving on the Infrastructure Oversight Board are as follows : 1. Quickly become totally familiar with City of Burbank infrastructure and affiliated processes and procedures for projects. 2. Use my educational and technical background in providing input into proposals for improving City's infrastructure. 3. Communicate with neighboring cities and communities to learn from their experiences in order to initiate proposals for infrastructure improvements in the City of Burbank. 4. Work closely with City of Burbank Public Works and Planning Departments in coordinating our overall efforts. 5. Be responsive to community input and address them accordingly, while implementing any viable proposals.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Transportation Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

Supplemental Questions

Question applies to Infrastructure Oversight Board

Please list your experience, knowledge and/or expertise with City infrastructure and affiliated processes and procedures for projects (both major and routine/regular) and maintenance.

Although I do not possess specific experience or knowledge with City of Burbank infrastructure, before COVID-19, I regularly attended City Council meetings and kept up with the latest in the City. Also, in my capacity as the Caltrans Project Manager, I attended a few Council meetings where I presented updates on the I-5 at Empire project. I also worked closely with Mr. David Kriske at the City's Planning Department.

Question applies to Infrastructure Oversight Board

Please list your expertise and knowledge as it pertains to City infrastructure in any of the following areas (indicate which of the following apply and further explain each item below):

- Civil Engineering
- Architecture
- Project Management
- Urban Planning
- Traffic Engineering (including parking)
- Structures/Buildings
- Construction Management
- Budget/Financing
- Other related and pertinent experience

(Please type your response in the comment box below)

1. I am a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of California. 2. I am certified as a Project Management Professional. 3. I have several years of experience in Traffic Engineering (Caltrans), specifically related to State Conventional Highways. 4. My MBA degree included an emphasis in Finance. 5. My M.S. in Civil Engineering included an emphasis in Construction Management.

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STANFORD ROAD , BURBANK CA 91504

EDUCATION

- 1981 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
University of Calgary, Canada
- 1991 Master of Business Administration (Finance)
California State University - Los Angeles
- 1996 Master of Science in Civil Engineering
California State University- Long Beach

LICENCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 1996 Professional Registration in Civil Engineering
in State of California (Lic. # 55154)
- 2005 Project Management Professional
PMP Certificate (Cert. # 618172)

WORK EXPERIENCE

1990-1999 Staff Engineer

Various Engineering positions in Design, Traffic Design, Maintenance Engineering and Consultant Services units at California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

1999-2006 Senior Project Manager (Specialist)

Managed various CIP and rehab projects in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Responsibilities included overseeing various functional engineering units for the delivery of various projects within budget, scope and schedule. My other duties included communications with the public as well as local agencies and the elected officials.

2006-2015 Supervising Transportation Engineer (Project Management)

Supervised the work of several Senior Project Managers , and their staff, in delivery of various CIP and rehab projects in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Some of the projects I was involved in included the I-5 (North and South) HOV projects (including the I-5 at Empire project), I-710 Freight Corridor project, I-710 Gap Closure project and the construction of the new Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Beach. My other duties included communications with the public as well as local agencies and the elected officials. As part of these duties, I attended public meetings where I presented information regarding Caltrans projects. On several occasions, I attended the Burbank City Council meetings where I provided updates on the progress of the HOV projects on I-5 (North).

**2015-2024 Supervising Transportation Engineer
(Traffic Operations)**

Supervised several Senior Engineers , and their staff, in performing various duties such as : traffic investigations , initiation of safety improvement projects, initiation of operational improvement projects , monitoring the operation of ramp meters and traffic signals, as well as preparation of Project Reports and various other documents. My other duties included communications with the public as well as local agencies and the elected

officials. I attended several standing meetings with various local agencies, such as the City of Malibu, where I provided updates on Caltrans projects , impacting the local communities.

REFERENCES

Will be provided upon request.

Application Form

Profile

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Semi Retired

Employer

Engineering Project Manager

Job Title

Engineering Management

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

41 years

Burbank Registered Voter?☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

As an incumbent member of the Transportation Commission, I have been involved with all aspects of the City of Burbank planning , development and oversight of all modes of transportation available to residents and visitors to our city,

Education

BA degree, Business Communications Management, University of Cincinnati; MS degree, Electronic Communications Management, University of Cincinnati; AS degree, Electrical Engineering Technology, University of Cincinnati

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Federal Communication Commission, First Class Electronic Communications Engineers License; Society of Broadcast Engineers, life time member, Senior Engineer

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

Supervisor of Communications and Computer Services, General Office Headquarters, Illinois Central Railroad, Chicago. Operator of regional railroad commuter passenger train services in Chicago area, B&O/CSX Railroad, member of Engineering and Operations Department, Signals and Communication Systems.

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

Presently an incumbent member and former Chairman of the Transportation Commission, City of Burbank,

List Community activities in which you are involved:

I am a member of the Disaster and Mass Casualty Planning and Response Team at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, and the associated group of Providence Hospitals serving the San Fernando Valley region. This mission involves providing emergency communication capabilities during disasters, coordinating with other hospitals, local, county, state and federal agencies, including facilitating transportation logistics of moving large numbers of people out of disaster areas.

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N/A

Conflict of Interest

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First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Reappointment to the Transportation Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

Familiar with City of Burbank plans, policies and development of modes of transportation services serving Burbank including AMTRAK Long Distance Passenger services; LOSSAN Amtrak California Coastal services; Metrolink commuter rail services; LA Metro Bus services; Burbank Bus local services; Burbank Bus Senior and Disabled services; Operation and maintenance of the three rail transportation stations located within the City of Burbank; and Active Transportation modes and alternatives, as well as the Burbank Hollywood Airport transportation hub.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

To continue to contribute my experience and knowledge of various modes of transportation , knowledge of City of Burbank governmental organizational structure and policies and procedures as applicable to transportation matters within the city, and in the general public interest, convenience and necessity,

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

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John "Brooks" Pipher
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WVRO-TV, Inc. - L.A. Castle
Studios / Covenant Church Executive / Church Planter
Burbank Job Title
Employer TV & Film Studio Exec. / &
Occupation Presbyterian Minister

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

Since 2019

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

It's difficult for me to fully express the extent of how greatly I have enjoyed serving the City of Burbank as a Transportation Commissioner. I am very grateful for the trust of City Council to appoint me to an unexpired term that began in November, 2022. In the course of this term, I have been honored with opportunities to listen to resident comments, to discuss items with fellow commissioners, to help make recommendations to city staff, to be nominated and voted to the position of Vice Chair of the Commission, and to have the privilege of helping to shape the way this city travels. I hope to do more. I am grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate love to this city by improving transportation for all. I think the experience I've gained over the last three years as a Commissioner has been very valuable for me as I desire to continue, and has put me in a position from which I can make significant contributions going forward. I would love the opportunity to one day serve as Chair of the Commission. Transportation is a very important aspect of my life. I try my best to prioritize bicycling, walking, and Metro over driving for my own transportation needs and for my family. As manager of a production studio in Burbank, I know that parking and travel experience for driving entertainment professionals is of crucial importance for production and filming success. As pastor of a new church in Burbank, I have opportunity to speak with a significant percentage of the congregation who rely on bus service and Metro Micro for their daily transportation. A city becomes vibrant the more people are interacting with one another and the more they can freely move about it. I hope to continue to make recommendations that will more and more make Burbank the model for a vibrant, wonderful place for all as they live in Burbank, work in Burbank, and visit Burbank.

Education

Bachelor's Degree - Business: Florida Atlantic University (2010) Master of Divinity - Erskine Theological Seminary (2014)

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I presently serve as Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission. I have personally purchased a Telraam device for measuring transportation modes and data on my own street. The data is available publicly here: <https://telraam.net/en/location/9000008248>

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

Transportation Commissioner — Unexpired Term since November, 2022

List Community activities in which you are involved:

Burbank Chamber of Commerce Magnolia Park Merchants Association Magnolia Park "Holiday in the Park" Pastor — Covenant Church in Burbank

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N/A

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First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Transportation Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

My wife and I are both avid cyclists in Burbank. I try to accomplish the majority of my transportation needs by walking or bicycling, especially to and from my home in Burbank and where I work in Burbank. I do own a car and therefore am interested in helping to create a safer environment for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. My father was a victim of a hit and run in Los Angeles just outside of Burbank. He was riding his bicycle in the proper bicycle lane when he was struck. Thankfully he survived the incident. This experience however has provided a special interest for our streets, safety, public transportation, and vehicular movement.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

To continue to help make Burbank a safer and more vibrant place to live, work, and move about.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

N/A

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

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Profile

Joe

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Last Name

Email Address

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Home Address

Suite or Apt

Burbank

City

CA

State

91506

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

County of Los Angeles

Employer

Assistant Division Manager

Job Title

local government manager

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

10 months

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

Although I only moved to Burbank in the summer of 2024, I lived nearby in Glendale for ten years and am quite familiar with Burbank and overall region. I have been working for the County of Los Angeles for more than eleven years and thus know the constraints and challenges civic leaders face in their respective communities. My experience in transportation planning, coupled with my advanced degree in the field, makes me an ideal candidate for a position on the Transportation Commission. I take great pride in being a resident of Burbank and am committed to fostering positive growth and development within our community. If appointed, I am eager to contribute my expertise towards achieving the City's goals and ensuring that it continues to thrive in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Education

USC Master of Planning with a Concentration in Transportation & Infrastructure Planning;
Graduate Certificate in Transportation Engineering UCLA Bachelor of Science in
Computational Mathematics and a Minor in Classical Civilizations

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Geographic Information Systems Traffic Engineering and Control Real Estate Principles and
Practice County of Los Angeles Executive Leadership Development Program

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I thoroughly enjoy walking to many local destinations even though they may be a couple miles from my house. Hiking in either Griffith Park or the Verdugos is another relaxing way to appreciate my surroundings and community. (I can walk to Griffith Park, but getting to Wildwood Canyon necessitates taking my car especially if I want to get a good workout on those trails!)

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

N/A

List Community activities in which you are involved:

Although still relatively new to Burbank, I had previously communicated with the City of Glendale on two local projects. Specifically, I engaged with their Public Works and planners on potentially reconfiguring a major intersection (Victory/Riverside/Sonora) as well as enhancing signage at a smaller intersection. Though the larger intersection was not modified, they did add more signs to the smaller one to increase traffic safety.

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N/A

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First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Transportation Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

From 2009 to 2012, I worked for Metro and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (formerly known as SANBAG). At Metro, I focused on community engagement and worked on many teams and projects, including Call for Projects, Regional Connector, and Gold Line Eastside Extension. While at SANBAG, I managed a project that analyzed non-motorized transportation accessibility at Metrolink stations, updated the Bicycle Plan, and reviewed highway interchange projects for the local sales tax measure. Before working at my current County department (Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk), I was a manager at the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Executive Office (EO) for six years. One of my main roles was managing a team assisting constituents at Board meetings. Nearly every Tuesday, I was in constant communication with members of the public, Board Operations staff, Board Office staff, and Sheriff’s Department personnel including sergeant-at-arms and contracted security officers. Later at the EO, I worked in facility and emergency preparedness including being the Building Manager for the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Downtown Los Angeles that houses nearly three-thousand employees and visitors. I received a Master of Planning with a Concentration in Transportation and Infrastructure from USC and focused on examining issues pertinent to public transit and active transportation in urban environments. In addition, I graduated with honors in my concentration and received two awards: one for the analysis of the transit experience in Berlin, Germany and another for developing a potential “cleantech” corridor in Los Angeles. At UCLA I studied computer science and received a Bachelor of Science in Computational Mathematics and a Minor in Classical Civilizations.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

If appointed to the Transportation Commission, I would work collaboratively with my fellow commissioners to make informed decisions that prioritize the needs and well-being of Burbank's residents with support and guidance from City staff. Building on my existing knowledge and expertise in public transit and active transportation, I would focus on addressing critical gaps in our city's bicycle network and optimizing the efficiency and visibility of the Burbank Bus system. By taking a thoughtful and user-centered approach to transportation policy, I am confident that I can make a positive impact on our community's mobility.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Master of Planning (MPL) with a Concentration in Transportation and Infrastructure Planning
Graduate Certificate in Transportation Systems

University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics of Computation with a Minor in Classical Civilization

QUALIFICATIONS

- Gifted public administrator with skills in information technology, business analysis, and urban planning.
- Over six years of managing teams and seven years of project management experience.
- Adept at creating and delivering reports and presentations to executives, staff, and the public.
- Worked in both public and private sectors across the technical consulting and finance industries.
- Inaugural cohort for the Los Angeles County Management Fellows Program.

EXPERIENCE

County of Los Angeles, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Norwalk, CA

Assistant Division Manager

May 2023 – Present

- Assistant Division Manager over Vote by Mail (VBM), consisting of approximately twenty employees (nearly two-hundred for larger elections).
- Manages operations in processing up to 1.3M VBM ballots, which includes verifying signatures and corresponding with voters as necessary.
- Assists with testing the new election management system; briefs director and chief deputy on VBM operations.

County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors Executive Office

Los Angeles, CA

Building Manager (Administrative Services Manager II)

Jul. 2022 – May 2023, Nov. 2019 – Sep. 2020

- Building Manager for the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration; formerly Assistant Chief of the Building Management/Special Projects Division.
- Updated emergency plans (Continuity of Operations, Department Emergency Plan, etc.) and led Department/Building Emergency Coordinator duties (Emergency Response Team, evacuation, etc.).
- Managed building and real estate projects at the Hall of Administration and Board Field Offices.
- Coordinator for specialized projects such as Third Supervisorial District Transition and hoteling program.

Acting Assistant Division Chief (Administrative Services Manager II)

Sep. 2020 – Jul. 2022

- Acting Assistant Division Chief for the Assessment Appeals Board (AAB), manager of Public Interaction and Hearing Officer Support/Final Action units, supervising up to twelve employees.
- Developed application filing fee procedures and ordinance language, along with SMS notification system.
- Lead coordinator for virtual hearing implementation for both the board and hearing officer hearings.

Assistant Division Chief (Administrative Services Manager II)

Jun. 2017 – Nov. 2019

- Manager over the Customer Service Center and Records Management units, supervising eight employees in the Public Information Office; assisted with budget; handled Public Records Act requests.
- Directed staff who handle constituent inquiries and requests from departments regarding the Board.
- Provided additional oversight of Building Management, Photography, and Graphic Arts units.
- Monitored staffing levels and logistics during weekly Board meetings; handled requests from the public.

County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works**Alhambra, CA***Administrative Services Manager I*

Jul. 2016 – May 2017

- Advocate for the Performance Management Unit of the Human Resources Division (HRD).
- Worked with division managers to investigate employee misconduct and review performance evaluations.
- Drafted discipline letters; conducted interviews; provided guidance on County policies/procedures.
- Assisted HRD management with presentations, litigation, and live scan tasks.

County of Los Angeles, Department of Beaches & Harbors**Marina del Rey, CA***Administrative Services Manager I*

Sep. 2015 – Jul. 2016

- Manager of projects and administrative assignments for the Operational Services Division (OSD).
- Prepared budget and reviewed requests for equipment and positions; analyzed capital project requests.
- Reviewed performance evaluations; interviewed candidates; investigated staff misuse of supplies.
- Processed vendor invoices, division billings and purchases, as well as orders from other departments.
- Administered various equipment and service contracts, including managing vendor work.
- Coordinated disaster planning and emergency operations for the department.

Management Fellow

Dec. 2013 – Sep. 2015

- Project manager, technical lead for information technology projects in the division.
- Collaborated with other County departments on the upgrade of an online permit system, migration to Office 365, and establishment of a voice over internet protocol (VoIP) phone system.
- Supervised and directed the workload of three technical staff through project and task delegation; monitored and evaluated staff performance; provided work guidance and support.
- Oversaw completion of the request for bids (RFB) for aforementioned VoIP system, which involved working with Internal Services Department (ISD) staff to confirm vendor compliance with specifications.
- Implemented department-wide technical support management system that resulted in a decrease of response times and reduction of operational problems.

City of Santa Monica, Department of Housing & Economic Development**Santa Monica, CA***Administrative Analyst (limited-term)*

Sep. 2013 – Nov. 2013

- In a limited-term assignment, assisted the Housing Division in the coordination of programs and projects related to the management and relocation of mobile home parks, including property management, tenant relations, and public policy implementation; wrote staff reports and worked with City planners and vendors.

SKILLS

- Proficient: Office, Visual Studio, SQL Server, Visio, Project, InDesign, Photoshop, ArcGIS.
- Skilled: C#, .NET, MVC, SQL, HTML, CSS. Competent: Android, Bootstrap, JavaScript, PHP.
- 70 words-per-minute typing speed.
- Elementary knowledge of Ukrainian and Spanish.

AWARDS

- *Improvement to Transit Access for Cyclists and Pedestrians* (SANBAG): 2014 National Planning Achievement Award for Transportation; APA California 2013 Award of Merit for Focused Issue Planning Award.
- 2010 MPL Comprehensive Examination Honors – Transportation and Infrastructure Planning.
- 2010 Academic Capstone Student Exhibit Award: *The Transit Experience in Berlin*.
- 2009 Academic Capstone Student Exhibit Award: *Green Leaf Campus–CleanTech Manufacturing Center*.
- *Los Angeles County Department of Public Works eNotify*: 2007 E-Government Project of the Year Award; NACo 2008 Achievement Award Winner; 2009 Digital Government Achievement Award.

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Profile

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City State Postal Code

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Formosa Sound Mixer Sound Mixer
Employer Job Title Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted
Planning Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

5 years

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

I live and work in Burbank and I love this city. I am interested in serving on the transportation or planning commision because I want to play a more active role in the way Burbank grows. Being a homeowner here also gives me a greater sense of responsibility within the community.

Education

I graduated from the Art Institute of Seattle with an associates in arts degree.

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I graduated from the 2025 Burbank Rise Program. Rise has given me the skills, confidence, and knowledge to participate more actively in my community. I'm extremely passionate about city planning and housing policy and I have a great interest in public transportation systems. I am also a bike commuter. I enjoy reading city planning books including all of the Strong Towns series.

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

I have no prior involvement on a board, commission, or committee.

List Community activities in which you are involved:

I am a member of the Burbank volunteer group and I volunteered last summer at the Burbank Animal Shelter.

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N/A

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Transportation

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

As someone who uses a bike as my main mode of transportation, as well as owning a car, and using public transportation, I have a broader knowledge of what its like to get around Burbank. My professional background as a sound mixer leans on my ability to hear many voices and opinions at one time, and to find resolution for differing perspectives.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

One of my goals is to improve the safety and efficacy of bike comuting and public transportation. I would also like to see a more walkable Burbank.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Planning

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

I am a member of the community development group Strong Towns Burbank. I am a Burbank homeowner. My professional background as a sound mixer leans on my ability to hear many voices and opinions at one time, and to find resolution for differing perspectives.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

My goal would be to grow the city in a thoughtful way that maintains its core values. Supporting small businesses, affordable housing, and safe streets.

Supplemental Questions

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Profile

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Last Name

Middle
Initial

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Burbank

City

CA

State

91501

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Bur-Cal Management

Employer

On-Site Property Manager

Job Title

On-Site Property Manager

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Sustainable Burbank Commission: Submitted

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

12 years

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

My number one goal is to help as many people as possible. I'm interested in serving on the Transportation Commission because I care deeply about the day-to-day quality of life in Burbank and believe thoughtful, inclusive transportation planning plays a major role in that. Over the past few years, I've worked directly with local and regional agencies to advocate for small, practical improvements that have made a difference for residents, including adding bus stops and benches, working toward traffic safety improvements in my neighborhood, and encouraging more inclusive language when discussing multimodal transportation. I believe in listening to how people actually move through the city and using that insight to help shape better policy. Joining the Commission would allow me to collaborate more formally with city leaders and fellow residents to support data-informed, people-first solutions that make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable for everyone to get around Burbank.

Education

Education Bachelor of Arts — Communication University of Colorado

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

While I have not completed formal courses specific to transportation, I bring extensive practical experience as a lifelong multimodal transit user in Burbank. As a daily rider, driver, and pedestrian, I have firsthand insight into the city's transportation needs. Additionally, I have engaged directly with multiple agencies including Metro, the City of Burbank, Los Angeles County, and District 44, gaining valuable knowledge through collaboration and discussions focused on improving transit and traffic safety.

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

Proven ability to collaborate effectively with local and regional transportation agencies
Experience advocating for practical, community-focused transit and traffic safety improvements
Skilled at integrating data analysis with human-centered insights to inform transportation planning
Strong commitment to inclusive, multimodal transportation that enhances residents' quality of life
Dedicated to sustainable living practices, including adherence to minimal and zero waste principles
Effective communicator with experience engaging diverse stakeholders to build consensus and advance solutions
Continuously engaged in learning about emerging transportation policies, technologies, and sustainability initiatives

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

I have not previously served on a City Board, Commission, or Committee. However, I am eager to contribute to the City of Burbank through service on the Transportation Commission or the Sustainable Burbank Commission. My background includes hands-on collaboration with regional agencies, a commitment to sustainable living, and a focus on improving quality of life through thoughtful, community-driven solutions.

List Community activities in which you are involved:

I have been actively involved in the Burbank community for over a decade. I have volunteered with the Burbank Parks and Recreation Department for more than 11 years, contributing to various public programs and events. I also participated in Job Connect programming through the Burbank Public Library, where I saw firsthand the importance of equitable access to services. In addition, I regularly engage in civic advocacy, collaborating with local and regional agencies on transportation and pedestrian improvements. I attend City Council meetings, provide public comment, and am committed to inclusive, people-first policy.

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N/A

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First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Burbank Transportation Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Colorado and bring over a decade of professional experience in roles centered on collaboration, problem-solving, and global brand management. While I do not have a technical planning background, my qualifications are rooted in real-world experience and consistent community involvement. I am a lifelong multimodal transportation user in Burbank and have firsthand experience navigating the city as a rider, driver, cyclist, and pedestrian. Over the past few years, I have worked directly with Metro, the City of Burbank, Los Angeles County, and District 44 to advocate for practical transportation improvements. These efforts have included adding bus stops and benches, promoting pedestrian access, and supporting traffic and driver safety and visibility changes in my neighborhood. I believe in using both data and lived experience to inform policy, and I am committed to helping shape transportation systems that are intuitive, inclusive, and reflective of how people actually move through Burbank.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

My primary goal is to help as many people as possible by contributing to transportation planning that improves daily life for Burbank residents. I want to ensure the city's transportation systems are inclusive, efficient, and responsive to how people actually move through their neighborhoods. I aim to bring forward practical, data-informed ideas that reflect both policy considerations and the real-world experiences of riders, drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. I also hope to strengthen collaboration between Burbank and regional agencies to ensure seamless, multimodal connections. Ultimately, I believe Burbank has the potential to be a leader in thoughtful, people-first transportation, and I want to be part of making that vision a reality.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Sustainable Burbank Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Colorado and bring over a decade of professional experience in roles centered on collaboration, problem-solving, and global brand management. While I do not have a technical environmental science background, I am deeply committed to sustainability through both personal practice and professional initiatives. I have led environmental programs within corporate settings, promoting sustainable practices and helping organizations reduce their environmental footprint. Personally, I practice a minimal and zero waste lifestyle, reflecting my commitment to environmental responsibility. I am eager to apply this experience and mindset to support Sustainable Burbank's goals of fostering a resilient, healthy, and environmentally conscious community.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

My primary goal is to help Burbank become a leader and role model for sustainability in the region. I want to support policies and programs that promote environmental responsibility, reduce waste, and build a healthier, more resilient community. I believe Burbank has the potential to set a high standard that other communities can follow, and I am committed to collaborating with city leaders, residents, and partners to advance innovative, inclusive, and practical solutions that improve quality of life for all.

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☒ I Agree

Corey Mensing

Advocating for thoughtful, people-first mobility solutions in Burbank



Quick Stats

- ✓ Lifelong multi-modal transportation user in Burbank
- ✓ Worked with Burbank, LA County, District 44, and Metro
- ✓ Consistent advocate for quality of life improvements

START

My Approach

Data + empathy =
smart transit planning



Desire Paths

Address gaps between
design/planning
and how people
actually move



It makes me happy to see
people using the stop I
requested with Metro, and
later, the bench I requested
from the City. That's really
stuck with me.

Victory at Victory (and Chandler)

When neighborhoods change,
transportation must too



Worked with Metro to add new stop in 2024
New access to Chandler Bike Path and Aldi (opened 2020)
reflects shifting needs after Toys "R" Us closure (2018)

Pit Stop

Identified smoke infiltration and
recirculation in vehicle air systems

Detour

City Smoking Ordinance Review



Strategy



Why I'm Appying

To help as many people as possible

FINISH

- ✓ Champion inclusive, multimodal transportation planning
- ✓ Recommend policies grounded in real-world behavior and community insights
- ✓ Support funding for high-impact, low-cost projects that improve quality of life

Destination

Burbank is world-class in many ways and can lead in transportation too. My goal is not about putting systems or policy in the spotlight. It is about creating something so seamless, intuitive, and reliable that people simply enjoy the ride, whatever their ride may be. Quality of life is the true measure of success, and smart policy quietly yet confidently makes that possible.

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Profile

Gersom

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Michel

Last Name

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Burbank

City

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State

91504

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Hollywood Burbank Airport

Employer

Safety Managment System Manager

Job Title

Safety Professional

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Transportation Commission: Submitted

Length of time as a Burbank Resident:

25 Years

Burbank Registered Voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

I am interested in serving on a board or commission because I am deeply passionate about the city of Burbank. As a longtime resident and active community member, I've always viewed Burbank as a beacon of light within the Los Angeles area. I believe that serving in this capacity will allow me to contribute meaningfully to decisions that protect and promote the best interests of our community.

Education

I hold a bachelor's degree in Occupational Health and Safety, which has equipped me with a strong foundation in risk assessment and public safety. As an Army veteran, I bring discipline, leadership, and a deep commitment to serving my community through thoughtful, safety-focused planning.

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

I recently completed the Burbank Leadership Course in 2024, which gave me valuable insight into city operations, community engagement, and effective leadership within local government.

Other Pertinent Skills, Experience or Interests

I am knowledgeable about the different methods of transportation in our city and their history. As a student, I often used the Burbank "Got Wheels" shuttle and the Burbank Bus to commute. I also understand the importance of the Metrolink/Amtrak rail system, especially for the many airport employees who rely on it for daily commuting. Additionally, I stay informed about changes around the city, such as the one-way directional traffic design implemented on San Fernando in Downtown Burbank, which I believe was a great decision to help improve safety.

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Community Involvement

Specify current or prior service on a City Board, Commission or Committee:

N/A

List Community activities in which you are involved:

I have a son who currently attends Edison Elementary School, and I regularly participate in school events and fundraisers. I also completed the Leadership Burbank Program and continue to support its fundraising events, contributing to class projects that focus on city improvements. Additionally, I make an effort to attend community events that interest me, such as the upcoming Driver Safety event at the Boys and Girls Club.

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N/A

Conflict of Interest

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Rules of law and ethics prohibit members from participating in and voting on matters in which they may have a direct or indirect conflict of interest including a financial interest. Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest which may develop from your occupation or financial holdings in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the Board, Commission or Committee to which you seek appointment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answer yes, explain in detail any potential conflicts in the same manner as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission's Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). (If you should have any questions about this matter or need further information as it relates to your situation, please advise the City Clerk prior to submitting your application.)

AB 1234 Training

The Board, Commission or Committee (collectively Board) you are seeking appointment to provides City reimbursement for attending trainings or conferences. Therefore, under State Law all members of the Board must receive at least two hours of ethic's training, as prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission, within one year of appointment and once every two years thereafter.

First Choice

FIRST choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Transportation Commission

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position.

In my current role, I am actively involved in high-level planning focused on designing efficient and safe traffic flow for both passengers and employees at the airport. My primary responsibility is ensuring safety by identifying and addressing potential hazards that could impact anyone navigating the airport environment. This experience has strengthened my skills in analyzing traffic patterns, anticipating safety concerns, and contributing to effective transportation solutions.

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

My goal in serving on the transportation board is to help make our city's streets and transit systems safer, more accessible, and environmentally friendly for everyone. This is also a great opportunity for me to contribute to transportation planning efforts and play a meaningful role in creating positive change in my community.

Second Choice

SECOND choice for Board/Commission/Committee appointment:

Describe any qualifications, experience, and education, as well as any technical or professional background you may have relative to the duties of this position

What are your goals in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

Supplemental Questions

Acknowledgement

Acknowledgment No. 1 - General

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS A PUBLIC RECORD AND WILL BE POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE. All City Board, Commission, and Committee members serve without compensation from the City. No person shall serve at the same time on more than one Board, Commission or Committee. All applicants must be electors of, and actually reside in the City of Burbank, with the exception of the Burbank Cultural Arts Commission and the Sustainable Burbank Commission. (Per BMC Section 2-1-405, 2-1-406, 2-1-407)

☒ I Agree

Gersom Michel

North Sparks St., Burbank, CA 91506

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

As a dedicated SMS (Safety Management System) Manager in aviation, my mission is to ensure the highest standards of safety, risk management, and regulatory compliance within the aviation industry. I am committed to proactively identifying potential hazards, fostering a culture of safety, and implementing effective processes to mitigate risks.

KEY COMPETENCIES

Safety Management Systems for Airports	Report writing and presenting	Strong interpersonal skills
CFR 14 Part 139 Subpart E	Critical thinking skills	Proactive and self-motivated
	Teamwork and Leadership skills	Excellent communication skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hollywood Burbank Airport Safety Management System (SMS) Manager	Mar 2025 - Present
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- Conducted a comprehensive Safety Risk Assessment for the Opening up TNC Lot, documenting and collaborating with different departments to ensure the identification of risks and the achievement of an adequate safety level.
- Led the Safety Risk Assessment for Ground Surface Closures, identifying hazards and proposing mitigation strategies to improve coordination and safety alignment across departments.
- Created and implemented the "Safies" incentive program to meet the requirements outlined in AC 150/5200-37A, promoting a culture of safety within the airport.
- Represents the Airport at the "All Hands Safety Meeting" every Tuesday morning, where all workers on project site are briefed on safety updates, project developments, and potential hazards.
- Developed and launched the monthly SMS (Safety Management System) Newsletter to improve safety communication among airport employees and stakeholders.

Hollywood Burbank Airport Safety Management System (SMS) Specialist	Oct 2022 - Mar 2025
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- Monitored government weather alerts, relaying critical information to the airport community to ensure readiness and safety during adverse conditions.
- Developed and conducted SMS training programs for the Maintenance Department and other individuals, enhancing safety awareness and adherence to protocols across the airport workforce.
- Currently chairs the SMS Committee and presents informative relevant slides to the Safety Committee on a bimonthly basis, ensuring that safety concerns and strategies were consistently addressed at a leadership level.
- Provided ongoing support to the Safety Management System Manager, assisting in the smooth operation of the safety program and ensuring the implementation of best practices.
- Acted as a key point of contact for airlines, tenants, and other stakeholders, fostering collaboration to enhance overall airport safety efforts.
- Led in revising and updating Evacuation Route signage in collaboration with the Airport Fire Department (AFD), improving emergency preparedness and response.
- Developed and implemented an annual goal for the SMS Department, leveraging data from previous years to drive performance improvements and achieve key objectives.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spectrum

JULY 2017 - SEPT 2022

Field Technician

- Provided exceptional customer service, addressing inquiries, explaining technical solutions, and ensuring clients understood their services and equipment.
- Recorded service details and customer interactions in company systems, ensuring accurate billing, tracking, and reporting of service activities.

U.S. Army

OCT 2013 - MAR 2017

Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer

- Excelled in high-stress, time-sensitive environments, demonstrating composure and decisiveness in decision-making.
- Provided guidance, mentorship, and professional development to junior personnel, fostering growth and promoting team cohesion.
- Ensured adherence to safety regulations and quality control standards in all repair and maintenance activities, minimizing risks and maximizing vehicle performance.
- Coordinated with leadership and other units to prioritize repairs and maintenance, optimizing the availability of armored vehicles for operations.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Occupational Safety and Health

Columbia Southern University |
April 2025

OSHA 30 Certification

South Florida State University

Airport Certified Employee (ACE) Operations

American Association of Airport Executives

Aviation Safety Management System (ASMS)

University of Southern California |
Aviation and Security Program

Human Factors in Aviation Safety

University of Southern California |
Aviation and Security Program

Basic Airport Safety and Operations Specialist School (ASOS)

American Association of Airport Executives

Incident Command System (ICS) 100, 200, 300, 700

FEMA | Emergency Management Institute

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Leadership Burbank

Completed a city leadership program, enhancing strategic decision-making, team collaboration, and leadership skills.

AAAE Airside Operations and Safety Working Group

The AAAE Airside Operations and Safety Working Group focuses on improving airside safety and efficiency through best practices, training, and collaboration on operational and regulatory issues.

AAAE Emergency Management Working Group

The AAAE Emergency Management Working Group focuses on enhancing airport emergency preparedness, response, and recovery through collaboration, sharing best practices, and developing strategies to handle emergencies effectively.