



The City of South San Francisco

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

APPLYING FOR <i>(more than one may be selected)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee* <i>*Must be a resident of/for employed in South San Francisco</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference Center Authority -Business Representative <i>*Must represent a Business in South San Francisco</i> Business Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference Center Authority -Community Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference Center Authority -Hotel Representative* <i>*Must represent a Hotel in South San Francisco</i> Hotel Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Arts Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equity and Public Safety Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Authority Tenant Commission* <i>*Must be a resident of the Housing Authority</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Library Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking Place Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Recreation Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic Safety Commission

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: Collum Jonathan
Last First M.I.

Address: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Street Address District:
(Select One)

South San Francisco CA 94080
City State ZIP Code

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Why are you interested in serving as a Boards and Commissions member? What do you feel you could contribute?

My interest in serving on a City commission is driven by a long-standing commitment to public service and desire to use my professional experience to benefit my home community of South San Francisco. I firmly believe in the importance of transparent and accountable government, and I see this Oversight Committee as an opportunity to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used effectively and in the way it was intended to be used for to improve our city.

I contribute a unique, 360-degree perspective on fiscal oversight, with over 15 years of public service. My experience is not just in theory but in practice. As a Certified Fraud Examiner and former Audit Manager for the City and County of San Francisco, I have significant experience in accounting, auditing, financial investigations, and compliance. Further, I also served as the official Controller's office liaison to San Francisco's Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee (CGOBOC). In this role, I presented investigative findings in public hearings and regularly interacted with committee members, giving me direct insight into the dynamics and responsibilities of a citizen-led oversight body. My contribution would be to provide the Committee with this robust, proficient, and collaborative perspective to help ensure that Measure W funds are being spent efficiently and how voters intended.

What qualifies you for this appointment?

I am qualified for this appointment due to a multi-faceted career in government accounting that directly mirrors the functions of the Measure W Oversight Committee. I have experience in the hands-on accounting for public projects, auditing for compliance, investigating fraud and waste, and reporting to a citizens' oversight board.

Frontline Public Works Accounting: For approximately two years, I served as an Accounting Analyst for SF County's Public Works. This role gave me foundational, practical experience in the mechanics of municipal finance, including managing appropriations, tracking encumbrances, and accounting for the complex, large-scale capital projects that are similar to those funded by Measure W.

Government Auditing and Nonprofit Oversight: As an Auditor-in-Charge with the SF Controller's Office, I led performance audits in compliance with Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). In addition to auditing the County's restricted funds (such as Measure W), I was further responsible for auditing the city's nonprofit partners, which collectively receive over \$700 million annually in county grants. I have direct experience tracing public funds to these organizations to ensure they were spent in accordance with grant agreements and legal mandates—a skill directly transferable to overseeing Measure W expenditures.

Expertise in Tracing Funds: In my roles as an Audit Manager and a District Attorney Inspector, I have conducted and supervised the most sensitive investigations into embezzlement and misuse of government funds. This experience has made me an expert in detecting irregularities and ensuring the integrity of financial reporting.

Direct Experience with Citizen Oversight: As the liaison to San Francisco's CGOBOC, I have firsthand experience with the workings of a committee. I understand the importance of providing clear, concise financial information to the public and the board.

Formal Credentials: I hold a B.S. in Business Accounting, am a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and have extensive training in investigative techniques and data analytics, making me well-equipped to handle the demands of this role.

What is your vision for growth in South San Francisco?

My vision for growth in South San Francisco is one where development is balanced with fiscal sustainability and a tangible improvement in the quality of life for all residents. This can be achieved by adhering to the letter and spirit of the original Measure W legislation while also exploring new projects that will modernize our city and position it as a model for innovation and efficiency.

Success requires consistent collaboration with constituents to better understand the community's evolving needs and ensure projects are accessible to everyone. To that end, I believe the Commission should champion the adoption of a clear 5- to 10-year strategic plan for Measure W funds. Such a plan would establish concrete goals, create public transparency, and ensure our investments continue to build a better South San Francisco for years to come.



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What community activities are you presently involved in, or have been in the past?

I previously served as a liaison between the SF Controller's Office and the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. This professional responsibility went to the heart of community involvement, as my role was to ensure that a board of citizen volunteers had the information and access necessary to perform their fiscal oversight duties. I presented in public hearings on the status of sensitive investigations and other financial matters, fostering a transparent and productive relationship between city staff and the citizen commissioners.

Additionally, I am a graduate of in Leadership San Francisco (LSF), a prestigious 10-month program dedicated to solving the county's most pressing issues. LSF is a unique collaboration that brings together leaders from public service, small businesses, corporations, and non-profit organizations to address and develop solutions for SF County's complex issues. This intensive program provided me with invaluable insights into Bay Area governance, community dynamics, and public policy landscape that I will apply to this role.

Are you currently receiving any form of compensation from the City for work performed? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain: N/A

Do you have any relatives serving on Council, Boards, Commissions, or Committees or are otherwise employed by the City of South San Francisco? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Name: _____ Position: _____ Relationship: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer: SMC District Attorney's Office City: Redwood City

Job Title: DA Inspector (Sworn Peace officer) From: 08/2022 To: Current

Responsibilities: Currently assigned to the Special Operations Fraud Division investigating various white collar criminal investigations with a primary focus on real estate fraud.

Employer: SF County District Attorney's Office City: San Francisco

Job Title: DA Inspector (Sworn Peace Officer) From: 08/2017 To: 08/2022

Responsibilities: Assigned to the Special Prosecutions Division conducting various white collar crime investigations including complex embezzlement and public corruption/theft cases.



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EDUCATION

School: San Francisco State University City: San Francisco
From: 2005 To: 2010 Degree: Business Accounting

School: _____ City: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Degree: _____

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

Signature: _____ Date: 6/16/25

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements in this application are complete and true. I agree and understand that any mis-statement of material fact will cause me to forfeit all rights to appointment to a Commission, Board, or Committee with the City of South San Francisco.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and will remain valid 1 year from the date of submission. If you are selected to serve on a Board or Commission, you may be required to file an Annual Statement of Economic Interest (FPPC Form 700) and bi-annual Ethics Training (AB1234).

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