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Application for Appointment to the City Council

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a registered voter in South San Francisco? Yes No

MONZON RUIZ, HERMES

Name used on voter registration (last, first, middle)

Date of Birth

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Address (number, street, and apartment number)

District Area

South San Francisco, CA 94080

City, State and Zip Code

E-mail address

Telephone number

Cell phone/alternative contact number

ABC COMPANIES - Van Hool

Transmission Service Department Manager

Current Employer and Occupation

No

Does your position require filing a Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest?

If yes, please attach a copy of the most recent filing

Please list any nonprofit organizations for which you are an officer.

Questions directed by the City Council at its Regular Meeting of December 09, 2020:

Please include additional information on a separate sheet and/or attach your resume.

What do you view as the greatest issue presently confronting the City Council of the City of South San Francisco?

Please find answer in the attached document

What in your background will best prepare you to function as an elected official?

Please find answer in the attached document

What role do you believe local government should fulfill in people's lives?

Local government should fulfill people's lives by adopting policies that will improve the quality and accessibility of services such as housing services, parks and recreation services, transportation services, police and fire departments, public works, and emergency medical services.

If appointed, do you plan to run for city council in 2022? Yes No

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 be ineligible to be appointed to the City Council of the City of South San Francisco.

Signature

Date

1-8-2021

For official use only:

Voter Registration Confirmed

18 or older

City Clerk Initials

Date

Yes ___ No ___

Yes ___ No ___

Hermes Monzon Ruiz

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Questions directed by the City Council at its Regular Meeting of December 9, 2020:

What do you view as the greatest issue presently confronting the City Council of the City of South San Francisco?

In my view, as I believe the City Council faces many challenges of all aspects, I will share my thoughts on what I think are the greatest issues presently confronting the City Council: (1) **Coronavirus Pandemic** – Aligning with San Mateo County Public Health Department and providing resources for City operations, community education and outreach (using PPE and getting tested/vaccinated, addressing food insecurity), support for local businesses, and support for workers (employers, employees, those who lost their jobs);(2)**Development and Land Use** –Preserving the City’s rich cultural history while maximizing opportunities for residential and economic growth;(3) **Mobility and Transportation** – Looking at accessibility, including Downtown parking, residential parking due to increase of per household size, pedestrian/bicyclist/motorist safety, public transportation options, and interconnectivity of streets; and (4) **Housing and Displacement/Homelessness** – Affordability challenges mount as housing costs are rising and outpacing income growth not only in South San Francisco but the Bay Area as a whole.

What in your background will best prepare you to function as an elected official?

- **I am actively engaged in the community and local government.**
 - As a 22-year resident of the Old Town/Downtown area, I have developed many relationships with neighbors and business owners, being very familiar with their concerns and needs.
 - Member of South San Francisco HOTHRA (Historic Old Town Homeowners and Renters Association) during its re-inception from 2013-2018
 - Co-founding member of South San Francisco Friends of Old Town/Downtown, a grassrootsneighborhood group established in 2018; since 2018-present, I have co-coordinated several events in this area, including hosting several National Night Out gatherings and co-coordinating a Flu Clinic with San Francisco Lions Club and San Mateo County Health Department, Workshops on Primary Elections with Boys & Girls Clubs of North San Mateo County, and supported the City’s ShapeSSF Zoom workshops, Census 2020 Outreach and Education Program, and San Mateo 101 Express Lane Project, among many others
 - I serve on the City’s Parking Place Commission (Chairperson, 2019-2020 and Commissioner, 2017-2018, 2020-present).

- I serve on the City’s Traffic Safety Commission (Chairperson, 2020-present).
 - I serve on The South San Francisco Commission on Racial and Social Equity (2020-present).
 - I am a graduate of the City’s 2018 Citizens Academy, so I am knowledgeable about the City’s organizational structure, departments and their operations, and City officials’ roles and responsibilities.
 - I am a graduate of the South San Francisco Police Department’s 2015 Citizens Police Academy in Spanish, giving me an overview of how it functions, trains its officers, and the many services it offers to the community.
- **I am an effective communicator and an active listener.**
 - I am bilingual and fluently speak and write in Spanish. As 33.9% of the City’s population are of Hispanic origin, where 26% speak Spanish at home, I can serve as a liaison between the City Council and Hispanic population.
 - I exhibit empathy and I am respectful of others’ cultures and values, always trying to have an open mind and learn. I support the City’s Diversity Resolution and participated in the “Community Conversations” workshops and focus groups. I also took diversity training courses at Cummins and ABC Companies.
 - I am a team player, believe that collaboration is key, am approachable and accessible, and offer excellent customer service. At my company, I was awarded the 2019 Allison Transmission Guild Star Award for Commitment to Excellence and Outstanding Service to the Allison Transmission Customers.
- **I am a good leader, believe in accountability, and consider myself a lifetime learner.** As a Manager of the Transmission Department at ABC Companies, I have taken leadership and management training courses. I strive to be available to all departments and employees, serving as a teacher and mentor, working closely with them to solve complex technical issues as well as employee disagreements. During these times while serving as a teacher and mentor, I, too, have learned from employees. It is the exchanging of ideas and information, empowering employees, and reaching agreements on how to disagree that have proven successful for me. I strive to always adopt a positive mindset and use mistakes as teaching moments. I also do my best to stay up-to-date on current events and industry trends.
- **I am a critical thinker, organized, and prepared.** When I served as an Allison Transmission Specialist, I took several training courses on how to troubleshoot and perform diagnostics on complex issues that require a critical-thinking approach while staying focused during the process of finding or fixing problems. I believe it is important to be prepared by staying proactive, conducting research, taking notes, and talking and listening to people; in order to be successful, these communication tools are needed both inside and outside of the workplace.

- **I have strong morals and values.** I use the values that I was raised with and have developed throughout my life to help guide my decisions, behavior, and dealings with others both professionally and personally. I have clear convictions as to what is right and wrong. I commit to maintaining a strong sense of character, being transparent, and communicate honestly and directly. Keeping my integrity has helped gain the respect of others.

What role do you believe local government should fulfill in people's lives?

Local government represents the residents', businesses', and visitors' voices. As such, I believe it is paramount for elected officials to respectfully and thoughtfully listen to citizens' concerns and complaints of everyday life and be accessible. It is important to be open-minded, nonjudgmental, and empathetic. It is important that the citizens feel that they are being listened to and heard, especially as it pertains to guaranteeing that their essential services are being delivered and operations are running smoothly while maintaining public safety and quality of life.

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HERMES MONZON RUIZ

Objective

As ABC Companies. Transmission Service Department Manager. I did learn and gain valuable managing skills. My previous jobs duties and responsibilities gave the opportunity to work with passion and dedication striving to provide the best customer service possible with an owner mentality approach and availability to be ready to help at any capacity. I humbly and respectfully present myself to the leaders of South San Francisco to be considered in the process of City Council appointment 2021.

Self-motivated and hard-working attitude. Great multi-tasking focus, field service and customer service skills. Eager to grow with ABC companies as the Allison Transmission Service Department Manager servicing luxury transportation Coach buses, specialty vehicles and technologies. Hoping that my diagnostics and troubleshooting background with Allison Transmission products, Cummins engines products and several OEM multiplex systems providing superior service to large fleet accounts and bus owners operator companies.

Experience

Allison E-learn certified. Allison Instructor-Led training certified. Allison guild member since 2003 service and parts. Allison Hybrid System certified. Cummins mid – range engine certified. VanHool Bus OEM Electrical System Certified

December 2017 – Present **ABC Companies – Redwood City** Redwood City, CA
VanHool Coach - Bus Distributor and Allison Dealer

Transmission Service Department Manager

- Develop the new transmission division service department at the Redwood City branch as an Allison Transmission dealership to support the Google and Facebook Bus fleet maintenance. Expand the service transmission repair, Troubleshooting and complete overhaul programs.
- Promote the Allison service department parts and service with Vanhool large Fleet accounts and owner operated tour coach customers.
- Perform road service and troubleshooting on all ABC Companies local shops Redwood City, Moffett Field, Newark and San Francisco. Supervise and perform all aspects of transmission repairs and Vanhool bus electrical systems repairs. Carry out Technician's hands on training, Diagnostics, Troubleshooting, Repairs, reprogramming and final quality road test.

- Perform all transmission repairs and technical advice for Google Bus Refurbished 2018, 2019 and 2020 project of 35 buses between ABC shop in Costa Mesa, CA Redwood City branch.
- Perform Allison transmission training for the ABC Companies Redwood City, Moffet Field, Newark and San Francisco shops technicians. Instructor led and hands on.
- Perform Allison Transmission presentation to ABC headquarter Customer care team in Florida via webinar 2019 and 2020
- Provide Allison transmission technical support to the ABC customer care Team company comprise of 9 shops. Technical support between ABC company Vanhool (Belgium) and Allison transmission (Indianapolis) on new buses with emerging transmission, engine and body builder related issues.
- Manage all Allison transmission warranty repairs and claims
- Perform training on electric power train for new Vanhool electric bus and Lightning emotors electric bus retrofit power pack.
- Perform training on ADES new technology (Advance Driver-Assistance systems) for driverless vehicles.

**Special achievement: Allison Transmission Guild Star Award 2019
Commitment to Excellence Outstanding service to the Allison Transmission Customers at the 2019 Allison Transmission First Line Training event**

April 2008 – 2017 **Cummins Pacific - Allison West** San Leandro, CA
Cummins Engine and Allison Distributor

Allison Transmission Lead Technician

- Perform diagnostics and troubleshooting on all Allison Transmissions products. On – Off Highway and Hybrid systems.
- Perform overhauls on all Allison transmission products On Highway and Off highway, and Hybrid products.
- Current holder of **CDL class B** with air brakes for initial diagnostics and final quality test drive.
- Perform field service on all Allison Transmission products. Mid range Cummins engine certified. ISB/C/L. QSOL on ISX.
- OEM Controller Area network - CAN Bus diagnostic and troubleshooting.
- Allison DOC, Cummins INSITE, Detroit Diesel DDDL, Vanner PCAN and DG Diagnostics.

2007 – 2008 **Bayshore International Trucks** Hayward, CA
International - Mitsubishi Truck and Bus Dealer

Diesel-Allison Lead Technician

- Perform diagnostics and troubleshooting on all Allison transmissions. Mitsubishi/Aisin Transmissions and Eaton automated transmissions.
- Perform diagnostics and mechanical-electrical troubleshooting on International engines and OEM cab systems.
- Perform diagnostics and mechanical-electrical troubleshooting on Mitsubishi engines and cab systems.
- Perform control module and valve body overhauls. Re-case Allison transmission
- Perform road tests for diagnostics and final quality control. CDL class B holder.

2000-2007

**Superior Transmissions
Allison Dealer**

South San Francisco, CA

Technician – Shop Foreman

- Perform technical customer service, organize technician's daily duties, training new technicians and final road test for quality control. Field service. Shop Foreman.
- Perform diagnostics, mechanical-electrical troubleshooting and overhaul on all Allison Transmission products. Chelsea and Muncie P.T.O products.
- Perform removal/installation of Allison transmissions. Disassemble transmission and pre-qualify components. Dyno test transmission. Diagnostics, and troubleshooting.
- OEM multiplex system – CAN diagnostics and troubleshooting on trucks and buses,

1998-2003

**Shoreline Diesel
Detroit Diesel-Cummins and Perkins Dealer**

South San Francisco, CA

Diesel Mechanic – Marine Transmission Technician

- Perform engine and transmission overhaul/maintenance on Detroit Diesel, Perkins, Cummins engines, Twin Disc and Allison marine transmission products
- Perform marine field service on Detroit Diesel, Perkins, Cummins and Twin Disc products.
- Perform engine removal and installation. Disassemble and pre-qualify components. Diagnostic and dyno test engines.

Highlights

- Complete successfully Caterpillar apprenticeship program at www.ferreyros.com.pe Caterpillar Distributor in Lima - Peru 1989 - 2003

Education

2002-2004 City College of San Francisco San Francisco, CA

- Italian basic, intermediate and conversation courses.
- Music lessons

1999-2001 City College of San Francisco San Francisco, CA

- Welding Hands on training
- Machine shop training
- Blueprint Reading courses

1994-1998 City College of San Francisco

- General education.
- Computer classes.

1987-1990 **Technical School – SENATI** Lima, Peru
www.senati.edu.pe

- Diesel engine technician under the dual German GTZ system.
- Graduated with honors.
- Apprenticeship program with Volvo dealer, John Deere dealer, Bosch, Stanadyn fuel systems dealer and Caterpillar distributor.

Interests

Jogging, computers, gardening, home improvement projects, transportation technologies and community involvement. Current South San Francisco parking place commissioner and South San Francisco Traffic-Safety chair-person.

COVER PAGE

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Please type or print in ink.

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1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)
City of South San Francisco
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable
Parking Place Commission Your Position
Commissioner

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: _____ Position: _____

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

- State
- Multi-County _____
- City of South San Francisco
- Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
- County of _____
- Other _____

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

- Annual:** The period covered is January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.
-or- The period covered is 02 / 25 / 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- Assuming Office:** Date assumed ____/____/____
- Candidate:** Date of Election _____ and office sought, if different than Part 1: _____
- Leaving Office:** Date Left ____/____/____ (Check one circle.)
○ The period covered is January 1, 2019, through the date of leaving office.
-or-
○ The period covered is ____/____/____, through the date of leaving office.

4. Schedule Summary (must complete) ► Total number of pages including this cover page: 1

Schedules attached

- Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached
- Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached
- Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached
- Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached
- Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached
- Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

-or- **None - No reportable interests on any schedule**

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)
400 Grand Avenue South San Francisco CA 94080

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS
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I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 4-5-2020 Signature _____
(month, day, year) your filing official.)