



# The City of South San Francisco

Office of the City Clerk

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## Application for Boards and Commissions

### APPLYING FOR *(more than one may be checked)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Center Authority Business Representative	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Center Authority Community Representative	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Center Authority Hotel Representative
<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Place Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SSF General Plan 2040 Community Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Commission			

Are you interested in participating in the Citizen's Academy? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Abalos, Catherine

Name (last, first, middle)

[Redacted]

South San Francisco, CA 94080

Address (number, street, and apartment number)

City, State and Zip Code

[Redacted]

Telephone number

Cell phone/alternative contact number

E-mail address

If you selected more than one Board/Commission/Committee of interest, please rank your preferences here, starting with your first choice.

How many years have you been a resident of South San Francisco? 8

Have you attended any meetings of the commission/board for which you are applying? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### BPAC

Are you a resident of South San Francisco? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, are you employed in South San Francisco? Yes ☐ No ☐

Number of hours employed in South San Francisco: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Housing Authority Tenant Commission

Are you a resident of the Housing Authority? Yes ☐ No ☐

#### Youth Commission – (Ages 14 to 22)

If not a resident of South San Francisco, are you a student of SSFUSD? Yes ☐ No ☐

Current school: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Center Authority Hotel Representative**

Which hotel within the City of South San Francisco are you representing? \_\_\_\_\_

**South San Francisco General Plan 2040 Community Advisory Committee**

What is your District of Residency? \_\_\_\_\_

Click [here](#) to locate your District.

Why do you want to be a member of a Board/Commission/Committee? What do you feel you could contribute? (See attachment)

What qualifies you for this appointment? (See attachment)

What is your vision for growth in South San Francisco? (See attachment)

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

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any relatives serving on Council, Commissions, Boards, and Committees or otherwise employed by the City of South San Francisco? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Position	Relationship
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**EDUCATION - Please include additional information on separate sheet.**

University of San Francisco - Master of Fine Arts in Writing

Name and location of college/university/technical or trade school	Degrees received
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles - B.A. English, Communication Studies (double)	

Name and location of college/university/technical or trade school	Degrees received

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

SSF Citizens Academy 2021; SSF Library Book Club 2014-present; St Ignatius College Prep

Alumni Association - Class Representative 2010-present; Kappa Alpha Theta Advisor (USF) 2016-present

***MISCELLANEOUS - Please include additional information on separate sheet or attach resume.***

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Military Service: Dates and branch

**WORK EXPERIENCE - Please include additional information on separate sheet or attach resume.**

2019 - current | Kinoko Real Estate | Realtor

Dates employed	Employer	Position
	Residential real estate sales, client relations, writing/editing, marketing	

Duties  
2013-2019 | Avant-Barre | Marketing + Operations Manager

Dates employed	Employer	Position
	Manage staff of 10 instructors and front desk, client relations, email marketing and strategy	

Duties

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements in this application are complete and true. I agree and understand that any misstatement 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.

DocuSigned by:

08/03/2022

Signature

Date

The interest of the City is served best by actual and regular participation by Board and Commission members. Thus, upon the second absence from a regular meeting within any rolling twelve-month period, a member shall receive a written communication from the Mayor requesting that the member respond to the Mayor with an explanation for said absences within one week of the member's receipt of the written communication. The Mayor shall report to the City Council the reasons provided for the member's absences. If the City Council determines that the absences occurred for legitimate reasons, the City Council may excuse both or one of the absences. Members are also encouraged to give advanced notice of their absence from meetings.

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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*Why do you want to be a member of a Board/Commission/Committee? What do you feel you could contribute?*

The Orange library felt like my second home growing up in South San Francisco. It's where I learned to read, to research, where I learned how to surf the web at the age of 10. When I returned to the Bay Area in 2014, my first order of business was to pick up a new library card. You'll find me wandering the stacks at least once a week, at the book club meetings every month, or at one of the recent historical programs (like the Grand Ave Walking Tour and the History Room office hours). I'm already nostalgic every time I walk into the building, knowing that soon the library will move to the new campus on El Camino Real. Just as our beautiful town evolves, so is it important for the library to press forward into the future while maintaining its history and lasting sense of community. As a patron of the South San Francisco library for 30+ years, I believe I can help usher the library through that transition with a promise to uphold tradition and with a fresh perspective.

*What qualifies you for this appointment?*

Aside from being an avid reader and library frequenter, I hold degrees in English and in Creative Writing and a high degree of respect for the role of libraries and librarians in our communities. As a writer, I am an observer. I notice the regulars who are at the library computers and tables whenever I come in to pick up my next book, and I notice the desire for connection that most patrons have when attending a library program. I have the ability not only to see the bigger picture but also to strategize on ways to improve situations. Being a real estate agent has afforded me a couple of additional qualifications: I see the ways our town demographics are ebbing with the increase in property sales; and I can get along and work with anyone. My passion drives my commitment to the organizations I belong to—you'll see that once I am appointed within an organization, I tend to stick around.

*What is your vision for growth in South San Francisco?*

South San Francisco is my home, and I know that those who know it best will also always feel that way. I left for college and stayed in Southern California for almost 10 years, and when I returned to South San Francisco, I saw it with a new set of eyes and a loving respect for a town I feel privileged to get to know as an adult. I think about the residents who have lived here for 50+ years, whose families have stuck around and whose kids have grown up eating at Little Lucca and running through Sellick Park. With its proximity to the tech-capital of the world, its role as biotech capital, and the increasing prices of real estate that will inevitably change the demographic landscape, the deep history of our soil can easily be overlooked. How many people realize that our town was founded before the turn of the century? How many care? We are now a contemporary town, but I think it's important for us simultaneously to preserve our roots, observe our history (particularly that as a home to enclaves of immigrants), and celebrate progress. Through community engagement, involvement, and care, I have faith that we can continue the "small town feel" with the next generation of South San Franciscans.

#### *Additional Work Experience*

2008-2014 | C California Style Magazine, Los Angeles | Sales + Marketing Manager

Duties: Produced events for high-profile luxury brands, spearheaded trade accounts and event sponsorships, wrote copy for in-book promotional pages, developed and oversaw internship program, supported President/Founder/Associate Publisher and advertising sales team