

Board and Commission Application 2025

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Assigned To: City Clerk City Clerk

Due Date: Open

This form may be used to apply for one or more Board/Commission positions.

All fields marked with * are required and must be filled.

* **First Name**

Jorge

* **Last Name**

Tapias

* **Street Address**

Street Number and Name

Unit Number

* **City**

* **State**

* **Postal Zip Code**

* **Preferred Phone Number**

Alternate Phone Number

Ex. (123) 456 7890

* **Email**

* **What is your occupation?**

Business Development Consultant

* **Who is your employer?**

Self Employed

* **Board/Commission of interest**

☐ **Economic Development & Advisory Commission (EDAC)**

☐ **Museum of San Carlos History Board (Museum)**

☐ **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission (PR&C)**

☒ **Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC)**

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

N/A

If only interested in one Board/Commission, enter N/A

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

I am on 3 advisory boards at Stanford University: Office of Community Engagement: leads all community, and local government engagement for Stanford in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties Stanford Live: runs all lively arts, concerts at Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences: advisory board for the Dean of this school, which is the largest of the 7 schools at Stanford Health Connected: I was on the board of this teen sexual health education platform until 2023

*** How much time do you envision giving to the Board/Commission? How often are you out of town? What other commitments might affect your attendance to Board/Commission meetings?**

I can devote a meaningful amount of time to a board/commission. I work from home in San Carlos and have minimal work related travel. I have a flexible schedule, so I can work around board/commission meetings.

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

I have lived in San Carlos for over 15 years. My family and I plan on staying in San Carlos for many years to come. I have seen san Carlos evolve into a new generation, community oriented city. I want to support the city and my fellow residents in thinking about how we evolve as a community in ways that conclude both long time residents as well as welcomes new members into our community. I'd love to help San Carlos continue to evolve it's economic, housing and community offerings to welcome a new generation of residents while supporting long time community members.

*** Do you have any particular perspective on how the City should grow in the next five to ten years? Required if interested in Planning and Transportation Commission, otherwise enter N/A.**

My perspective on how San Carlos, CA should grow in the next five to ten years centers on fostering a complete community. This envisions a San Carlos where a wide range of people—from workers like retail staff, teachers, and nurses, to professionals, and even those looking to age in place—can make San Carlos home. Enabling a wide range of people to afford to live in San Carlos is important. This means actively pursuing policies and development strategies include not only single-family homes, but also embraces denser options like townhouses, apartments, various forms of ADUs, etc. We should also explore additional mixed-use developments that integrate residential units above retail or commercial spaces. This diversity in housing stock can addresses affordability by offering more choices and catering to different incomes and household sizes. This will encourage all of those who contribute to our community to live in our community. Achieving a complete community offers benefits. When people work and live in the same area, we see more vibrant, walkable neighborhoods, a reduction in car use and traffic congestion, and more use public transit. This also creates a more reliable local workforce for our small businesses. This concept also allows young people who grew up here to return to San Carlos. It also enables options for aging residents to age in place, perhaps by building or moving into an ADU and renting out their larger home. Any growth must be accompanied by thoughtful investment in supporting infrastructure, transportation, and services to support population growth and expansion. It's about building a better city that includes:

- Transportation Infrastructure: Investing in robust and integrated transportation networks that can handle increased density. This means not just road improvements, but also expanding and enhancing our public transit options, creating safe and accessible pedestrian pathways, and increasing bike lanes. The goal is to reduce reliance on cars.
- Transit Infrastructure: Exploring options for more frequent and public transit services, connecting residential areas with commercial centers, schools, and recreational facilities.
- Sewer and Water Infrastructure: Upgrading and expanding our utility systems to ensure they can adequately serve a growing population without strain. This includes proactive planning for future demand.
- Social Infrastructure and Services: This is often overlooked but equally vital. We need to ensure attention to:
- School Capacity: Proactively planning for increased student enrollment and ensuring our schools have the resources and space to accommodate new families. As San Carlos grows, it is essential that we ensure our schools, expand to meet any new demands. This requires close collaboration between the city and the School District to forecast population growth and its impact on student enrollment, identify potential capacity issues, and develop strategies for expansion or modernization of facilities.
- Parks and Open Space: Expanding and maintaining our parks, trails, and open spaces to provide recreational opportunities and enhance quality of life for all residents. As density increases, access to green spaces becomes even more critical.
- Public Safety: Ensuring our police and fire departments are adequately staffed to serve a larger population.
- Community Services: Expanding library services, senior programs, youth programs, and other community resources to meet the needs of a diverse population. The San Carlos Planning and Transportation Commission plays a vital role in this process. By strategically planning for diverse housing options alongside robust infrastructure and comprehensive services, we can build a more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable San Carlos for everyone.

*** What do you think the City of San Carlos should do to attract and retain high quality businesses? Required if interested in Economic Development & Advisory Commission, otherwise enter N/A.**

N/A

*** What park improvements or recreational activities would be beneficial to the community? Required if interested in Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission, otherwise enter N/A.**

N/A

*** Please list any other background information (business, education, personal) that might be useful in determining your eligibility.**

BA, International Relations from Stanford university. Coursework on economics and political science Advisory board member for the Office of Community Engagement at Stanford: work on issues around fostering relations with local governments and communities on the Peninsula. - 15+ year San Carlos resident and homeowner. - Active in local and national politics

*** How long have you been a San Carlos resident and/or worked in San Carlos?**

- 15+ years as a homeowner. Prior to San Carlos, 8 year homeowner in Redwood City

*** Are you related to a current City of San Carlos employee? If yes, please provide the employee's name.**

No

*** How did you hear about this recruitment?**

- ☒ City website
- ☒ Social media
- ☐ City Newsletter
- ☐ Council, Commission or City Staff referral
- ☐ Other

Acknowledgement of Responsibilities

Commissioners serving on the San Carlos Planning and Transportation Commission and the Economic Development Advisory Commission are designated filing officials required to submit a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) upon assuming office, as well as annually thereafter. Form 700 is a public document and will be made available upon request in accordance with disclosure laws.

Furthermore, these designated officials must complete mandatory Ethics Training pursuant to AB 1234.

*** By typing your name below, you confirm that the information provided in this form is true and accurate and acknowledge the above responsibilities and understand that your application is a public document which may be disclosed upon request.**

Jorge Tapias
