



Councilmember Vacancy Application

Due January 18, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

Submit application to:

Office of the City Clerk
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041
city.clerk@mountainview.gov

Personal Information:

Name: Bryant Ronit

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Residence Address: [REDACTED] Mountain View CA 94041

Street

City

State

Zip

Home Telephone: [REDACTED] Work Telephone: -----

Email: [REDACTED]

Email and/or Telephone for Public Dissemination: ronit.bryant@gmail.com

Resident of the City of Mountain View: 40 years

Are you thinking of/planning to run for City Council in 2024? Yes No Undecided

General Information and Instructions:

Applicants must be 18 years of age, a resident of the City of Mountain View, and a registered voter of the City at the time of application submission. Please attach your résumé, letter of interest and completed [Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests Form 700](#) to this completed vacancy application. Your letter of interest should not exceed one page. Topics to consider covering in your letter of interest are:

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

Why do you believe you are the most qualified to serve on the City Council?

What is the most serious social issue in Mountain View?

If appointed, how will you develop and maintain a relationship with the business community?

Answers to the following supplemental questions are mandatory in order to be considered for the vacancy.

How many Council meetings have you attended or observed, and what was your level of involvement?

I have attended a great many Council meetings, both in person and remotely. I periodically attended Council meetings as a concerned resident, neighborhood activist, and member of the PRC; as a Council member for 8 years, I attended hundreds of meetings. Since the completion of my second Council term in 2014, I have attended Council meetings to listen to the deliberations and advocate for positions dear to my heart (focused mainly on social and biodiversity issues).

What does “Community For All” mean to you?

What I love most about Mountain View is that it defines and prides itself on being a caring and diverse community of communities. I applaud all of the actions listed under the Community For All priority in the City's Strategic Roadmap - protecting the vulnerable and welcoming diversity. In my eyes, Community For All really subsumes all the other priorities: such a community offers housing choices at all affordability levels, located in neighborhoods that are rich in services and parks and green spaces, designed to encourage interaction and support between neighbors. A Community For All has streets that are safe for people of all ages and all mobility options (not focused on car-throughput) with green infrastructure and tree canopy; wide sidewalks that encourage walkability and contact between neighbors; abundant parks and meeting spaces where nature thrives and we thrive with it; services that we can access without needing to drive long distances. A Community For All is ready for climate change (ready for our next generations).

Discuss one City Council goal and what it means to you.

Council has a goal/priority of Livability & Quality of Life; the actions listed under it are something of a mixed bag (I fully support all of them). For me livability and quality of life are expressed by the concept of the 15-minute city, where housing, jobs, and services are all easily accessible without needing to drive. Livability means stable housing, safe, canopy-shaded streets, parks and green spaces where neighbors can meet and children can be children and nature can thrive. Quality of life means strong neighborhoods where people know and support each other and live their lives sustainably so as to ensure a future for our coming generations. Quality of life means good design (of housing developments, streets, and offices), going beyond the bare minimum (build x units or build a roadway to carry traffic) to build community, beautify our environment, and elevate our lives.

What are your thoughts/ideas for improving the housing supply to meet today's requirements (including R3) as well as planning for the future?

I would look to adding densities to transit-rich areas and find ways to encourage new housing options, focusing on stacked units configured to add affordable and middle-income housing while enhancing the greening of the City with canopy, active transportation routes, and open spaces for neighbors to meet. Critically, increasing densities must bring increased services and open space to the neighborhood. We should balance the extensive acreage dedicated to cars with acreage dedicated to housing. The vast parking lots that often surround shopping centers and offices could accommodate many housing opportunities. Perhaps we could transform empty office buildings into housing - in the future, innovative building codes might require flexible buildings that could be easily converted from office to housing uses depending on the need. With the many thousands of housing units that the City must add to the housing stock, I would look to spread the new units through all areas of the City to avoid intensifying the differences between different parts of town. The R3 discussions may provide us with good answers. Form-based code would allow the community to define what characteristics of the built environment would result in the community we aspire to (livable, inclusive, sustainable). Then we can figure out how such characteristics could be expressed at varying degrees of density.

Councilmember Vacancy Applicant Name: Ronit Bryant

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Please submit your entire packet of documents to the Office of the City Clerk via email or hand delivery by **January 18, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.** Applications submitted incomplete and without a résumé, letter of interest and Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 will be disqualified from consideration.

Late applications will not be accepted.

During the application period, the City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. City Hall is closed on Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Your application is a public document.

Please direct questions about the application process to the City Clerk's Office at 650-903-6304.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true, and I authorize investigation of all information contained in the application. I acknowledge that any false statements or misrepresentation on this application will be grounds for disqualification.



Signature

Date 1/18/23

Please fill out all information completely. Attach additional pages if needed.

Ronit Bryant

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Mountain View, CA 94041
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Local Government Service Highlights

- Mayor, City of Mountain View, 2010
- Council Member, City of Mountain View, 2007-2014
 - Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Ad Hoc Subcommittee
 - Chair of the High Speed Rail Ad Hoc Subcommittee
 - Member of the General Plan Update Ad Hoc Subcommittee
 - Member of the Youth Services Committee
 - Member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board
- Parks & Recreation Chair and Commissioner (1997-2004 and 2019-current)

Community Service Highlights

- CSA Board Member (2016-2022) and President of the Board (2021-22)
- Soil&Water Steering Committee Member (2018-2021)
- MTC (Mentor Tutor Connection) Board Member (2018-2021)
- Mesa de la Comunidad Founding Member
- Mountain View Trees Co-founder
- League of Women Voters Los Altos-Mountain View Board Member and Co-director for Natural Resources (2005-2006)
- Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association Chair (2002-2004) and Newsletter Editor (1992-1998)
- Landels, Slater, Graham PTA Board Member
- Landels and Graham PTA Newsletter Editor
- MVHS Site Council Member
- LMV graduate (Class of 1996)

Professional Highlights

- Technical writer/editor in high tech and pharmaceutical environments, 1996-2006
- Marriage, family, and child counseling intern, 1987-1989
- School psychologist, 1975-1980

Personal Background

- Came to California as an immigrant in 1980
- Have lived in Mountain View since 1983 as renter and then homeowner
- Became a U.S. citizen in 1993
- Married for 42 years
- Raised three children who attended public schools
- Lived on four continents and speak six languages
- Avid gardener

Ronit Bryant

I am interested in being appointed to finish Sally Lieber's Council term. I served two terms as a Mountain View City Council member (and won reelection in 2010 with about 10,000 votes). Since 2014, I have given my time and energy to the PRC and to local nonprofits focused on care for our most vulnerable residents and for our environment in a time of climate change. I wholeheartedly support the City's Strategic Priorities and would be honored to help Council make significant progress towards these goals – and I believe I could do so.

My past Council experience includes working on the General Plan and on multiple Master Plans; navigating times of financial stress for the City; pushing for increased public input and listening to the voices of our diverse communities; and working collegially with Council members of sometimes diametrically opposed views. I have stayed informed about Council's work and am very knowledgeable about the issues Council is working on. I would be able to contribute to a deeper and more rounded understanding of the issues and potential solutions. My particular passions for sustainability, biodiversity, and social justice would enrich Council discussions.

I will not run for re-election in 2024. Since Council will fill Sally Lieber's remaining term by appointment, I offer my services now (rather than focusing on the PRC as I had planned). Selecting me could resolve the conundrum of making an appointment to an elected position.

The most serious social issue in Mountain View is the lack of housing affordable for individuals and families at all levels of income. We must improve on the current situation if our community is to be the diverse and caring place we have always been proud of. There is no silver bullet to quickly resolve a crisis developed over many decades. Using all available partners and funding sources (and experimenting with new housing models), the city must offer a range of solutions: ensuring that people at risk stay housed; offering temporary housing for people in crisis; focusing on very rapid re-housing; and, for the longer term, building sufficient permanent housing (both rental and ownership units). Without sufficient housing, our community is diminished. Too many residents must focus primarily on finding/keeping housing and cannot participate fully in civic life. Adding housing offers opportunities to increase sustainability (green infrastructure), develop active transportation alternatives, increase canopy, and build communities where neighbors know and support each other.

If appointed, I would tell the community that I am eager to meet with residents, nonprofits, and businesses, large and small, to learn what would help them thrive in Mountain View. The city is best served by having a broad range of businesses: world-leading firms, innovative startups, family businesses, and small creative enterprises, all calling Mountain View home and working together to ensure a thriving community. I particularly look for help from the Chamber and community groups to facilitate connections with those who have not previously worked closely with the City and used its services. I hope to reach out and be very proactive in this area.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Date Initial Filing Received
Filing Official Use Only

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)
Bryant Ronit

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

City of Mountain View

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable

Your Position

Member of City Council

► 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

Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner
(Statewide Jurisdiction)

Multi-County _____

County of _____

City of Mountain View

Other _____

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

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2022, through
December 31, 2022.

Leaving Office: Date Left ____/____/____
(Check one circle.)

-or-
The period covered is ____/____/____, through
December 31, 2022.

The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of
leaving office.

Assuming Office: Date assumed ____/____/____

-or-
 The period covered is ____/____/____, through
the date of leaving office.

Candidate: Date of Election 1/30/2023 and office sought, if different than Part 1: _____

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► Total number of pages including this cover page: 1

Schedules attached

Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached

Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached

Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached

Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached

Schedule B - Real Property - 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)

Mtn. View CA 94039

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

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 1/16/23
(month, day, year)

Signature _____