



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: Clark Christopher R
Last First MI

Residence Address: [Redacted] Mountain View, CA 94040
Street City State Zip

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Resident of the City of Mountain View: 15 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 hundreds of Council meetings over the years, especially during my 8 years on the Council and the 2 years since. I have also attended numerous advisory body and regional agency meetings.

What does "Community For All" mean to you?

The core principle of a "Community For All" is inclusivity, and it should encompass numerous aspects of our community's outreach, planning, and decision-making processes.

Building a Community For All requires us to think critically about inclusivity as we consider broad issues ranging from housing/land use, environmental sustainability, mobility, and resource allocation, to basic public agency processes like transparency, stakeholder outreach, and ease of community participation.

At the most fundamental level, I believe we can more effectively address inequality in our community by building upon the Council's efforts to view many issues through the lens of inclusivity and forcing ourselves to ask tough questions and confront uncomfortable realities. Bringing as many thoughtful residents and stakeholders to the table as possible in a collaborative manner will help us craft better policies and outcomes for our community as a whole. Great examples of this include the HRC community forums, ongoing stakeholder outreach process for our displacement response strategy, enhanced translation services, and the balance the Council has struck to continue hybrid meetings.

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

A Council goal that is top of mind for me right now is Sustainability & Climate Resiliency, because it encompasses not only the traditional ways we might think of to address climate change, but also other key strategies impacting mobility, transportation, and quality of life.

When I chaired the Council Environmental Sustainability Committee years ago, we struggled to make many of the strides we are making today. Looking back, I wish we had done more, but I am elated that our city now has additional regional, state, and federal resources to better address sustainability and resiliency at local and regional levels.

If I'm appointed, I will work with my colleagues to complete and implement our community tree master plan update, press ahead with remaining sustainability action plan items, and the transformation of North Bayshore from an office park to a sustainable neighborhood and sanctuary where we all want to live, work, and play. I will also work to build a safer, more comprehensive multi-modal transportation infrastructure. In particular, I am excited about the potential for a safer California St. corridor, our regional recycled water projects, and further extension of our trail networks.

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

Affordable housing is one of the most significant barriers we have to building a more inclusive community. I have been deeply involved in two Housing Element processes, our last General Plan update, several Precise Plan updates, and our NOFA process for affordable housing.

Increasing our housing supply requires us to employ a broad range of efforts over a long time horizon, guided by our Housing Element and associated rezonings, General and Precise Plans, affordable housing strategy, and other long-term priorities.

A thoughtfully crafted and balanced R3 rezoning effort has the potential to meaningfully increase the supply of housing while minimizing the number of older, more affordable multifamily complexes being replaced by projects that are both more expensive and less dense.

Adding more affordable housing requires community engagement, thoughtful planning, and some trade-offs. Where we add density, we must ensure we are also preserve the quality of life that our residents have come to expect, especially with respect to parks and open space, ease of transportation, and the quality of our schools. If we do not do those things, we risk losing the confidence of our residents and needing to course correct in ways that are more expensive and time consuming than if we had spent more time garnering additional community support.

Councilmember Vacancy Applicant Name: Chris Clark

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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.

Sign 

January 18, 2023

Date

Chris Clark

Home Address:

Mountain View, CA 94040

E-mail:**Work Address:**

San Francisco, CA 94110

EDUCATION

- Stanford University**, Stanford, CA **2001-2005**
- **B.A. in Political Science** concentrating in American politics
 - **Secondary Major in Intl Relations; Minor in Economics** with extensive public policy coursework
 - **Stanford Program in Berlin** culminating with a U.S. State Department Internship in Munich
- U.S. House of Representatives Page School**, Washington, DC and **Union High School**, Biggsville, IL **1997-2001**
- **Valedictorian** (4.0/4.0 GPA) and **US Senate Youth Scholar**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Head of Nonprofit** - OpenAI, San Francisco, CA **2016-Present**
- Lead OpenAI's nonprofit organization and several strategic initiatives
- City Councilmember** – Mountain View, CA **2013-2021**
- First elected to Council in 2012 and served as Vice Mayor in 2013 and Mayor in 2014
 - Our Council updated critical land use plans, passed the city's first minimum wage ordinance, and led our local community through the first year of the pandemic
 - Chaired the Environmental Sustainability and NOFA Committees, and served on several regional boards, including Caltrain Modernization and Association of Bay Area Governments
- Vice President – Mobile Partnerships & Operations**, Green Dot Corporation, Palo Alto, CA **2012-2014**
- Joined Green Dot in 2012 as part of their acquisition of Loopt, Inc.
 - Reported to the Head of Mobile and oversaw Green Dot's mobile operations and partnerships
 - Led development, launch, and distribution efforts for GoBank, a mobile-centric checking account
- Director – Strategic Partnerships & Operations**, Loopt, Inc., Mountain View, CA **2008-2012**
- Reported to the COO and managed operations, P&L, board relations, and mobile partnerships
 - Monitored state and federal policy developments, especially relating to privacy and location sharing
- AT&T Leadership Development Program** **2005-2008**
- One of ten undergraduates selected nationwide to participate in a 3-year rotational leadership program with AT&T following graduation. The rotations are listed below in chronological order:
 - Managed 15 unionized technicians in Fort Worth, Texas, who ultimately become the highest performing team in the center
 - Engaged cross-functional stakeholder groups at headquarters supporting nationwide high speed fiber internet expansion. Created business models and strategy documents and monitored performance for C-level leadership.
 - Led a team of 15 analysts supporting the iPhone launch after AT&T's acquisition of Cingular. Authored mobile payment product proposals and was named a top performer in the LDP program

OTHER

Programs & Activities:

- Completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Govt program in 2013
- Board member of Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)
- Member of the Santa Clara County Advisory Commission on Elections

Chris Clark

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Mountain View, CA 94040
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January 18, 2023

Mountain View City Clerk
500 Castro St, 3rd Floor
Mountain View, CA 94041

Mayor Hicks, Vice-Mayor Showalter, City Councilmembers, and Members of the Public:

I write to formally apply for the vacant Council seat most recently held by California Board of Equalization Member Sally Lieber. We are deeply indebted to former Mayor & Councilmember Lieber for her years of service to our city, and I am humbled to seek appointment to her seat.

I am applying because I believe whoever fills the seat must have the knowledge, experience, relationships, voter trust, and work ethic to best represent our residents. They should be a team player who works collaboratively to achieve results. There will undoubtedly be several qualified applicants, but I will bring a unique combination of skills, experience, and approach to the job.

I've stood before the voters three times, most recently in 2016, and I think electoral experience is critical for this role. In addition, my eight years on Council combined with my HRC, EPC, and regional body service will allow me to hit the ground running. Having a colleague who can jump in and effectively collaborate on day one is a key qualification given the many critical items on your work plan and upcoming goal setting process.

As I've previously demonstrated, I will work collaboratively with all my colleagues and staff. I will also always keep in mind that, as an appointed council member rather than one who was recently elected, my primary duty is to work with my colleagues and fellow residents to craft effective and inclusive policies rather than to push a personal political agenda.

In my opinion, the most serious social issues in Mountain View largely stem from inequality. They range from housing affordability and equality of opportunity to equitably addressing climate change, mobility, and livability. I have tried to address these topics in greater detail in my application as part of creating a Community for All.

In addition, working with the business community to maintain our economic vitality will be paramount as we emerge from the pandemic. Our small business and downtown are just as critical to our local economy and quality of life as our larger employers, and I look forward to engaging with our Chamber, Downtown Committee, small business owners, and residents to create a stronger and more diverse business community from which we will all benefit.

I would be honored to again serve our community as a council member and pledge to work closely with all of you to build a better Mountain View over the next two years. Thank you again for your consideration, and I look forward to participating in the selection process.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Chris Clark

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)
CLARK CHRISTOPHER R

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)
City of Mountain View

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position
Applicant for City Councilmember Vacancy

► 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 _____ 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 ____/____/____ The period covered is ____/____/____, through the date of leaving office.
- Candidate: Date of Election _____ and office sought, if different than Part 1: _____

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► Total number of pages including this cover page: 2

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)

Mountain View, CA 94041

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 January 18, 2023
(month, day, year)

Signature _____ (filing official.)

