



# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO TO THE LA HABRA CITY COUNCIL

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APPLICANT'S NAME: James (Jimmy) Andreoli II

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: N/A CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? 34 years, whole life, minus college

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: Executive Management

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Business Admin, 2011 @ USC / Minor in Psych of the Law

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

N/A

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Board President, Friends of the Children's Museum at La Habra; Treasurer at Search Dogs 24/7 (LH); Project Lead, La Habra Community Gardens; American Red Cross Disaster Relief

CIVIC INTERESTS:

Keeping LH as the "Caring Community"; Maintaining learning and education for our kids including keeping the Children's Museum accessible to all; advocating for residents, services to the community and funding for the city.

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?

I have extensive experience working with local, state and federal government including as an appointed state board member at CDFA and as a public relations and legislative affairs professional in Sacramento and Washington DC.

*Applicants must be residents and registered voters of the City of La Habra.*

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: 2/25/2024

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Staff:

Many of you know me already as a lifelong La Habra resident, dedicated to charity work and to supporting our Caring Community. As a passionate individual about our little town, I feel the best way to change the world starts here at the local government level. This is the primary reason I am seeking an appointment to the city council position.

As an individual who has grown up in La Habra, experienced the fantastic schools here, attended the Children's Museum and experienced the wonderful community events we host, I know the positive impact a strong community can have in a young person's development. Today, I choose to give back to my community through a variety of ways. As most of you know, I serve on the board of the Friends of the Children's Museum at La Habra. Currently I serve as President and Interim Executive Director. I believe that the most impactful thing we can do for this country is offering services within our community that go beyond supporting disadvantaged and marginalized youth but also provide a safe place for hands-on education in a fun environment. In order to support the youth in our community, it is imperative that we supply adequate funding to keep this treasure for our youth accessible and open.

Another project that I founded and supported in La Habra is the current La Habra Harvesters Community Garden. This project started as a dream that only a few of my friends who live in the community and surrounding area believed in. Having a strong food supply with healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables is imperative to a healthy community. Given La Habra's strong movement in this area with programming at the community services department, Children's Museum and the city's general plan which references the health of our community 811 times, I can see this is important for the future of our city. This project is validated in the Maintaining a Healthy Community section of the city's general plan, which talks about clean soil, green and open spaces, and healthy development of children and adolescents. This project is finally off the ground after years of work and lobbying. We are happy to announce the partnership with the community services department to open our garden at the San Miguel Park near El Cerrito school (A block from my parent's house where I grew up).

In addition to my passion for La Habra, I am also passionate about our state's outstanding education system, including the great University of Southern California, where I completed a degree in Business Administration in 2011.

I have also strongly supported the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross for over 16 years, serving as a Disaster Relief Supervisor, Disability Integration Program Lead, and Consumer Fundraiser, including doing my part to fight California's wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters.

Beyond my dedication to giving back, I also have ample experience in working with government and regulators, including serving as Assistant Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at my current company. From lobbying in Washington DC and Sacramento, to interfacing and testifying in front of regulatory agencies and local government supporting our important mission of recycling and organics diversion, government is in my blood. I am currently an appointed member of the Rendering Industry Advisory Board serving with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), where we advise the CDFA on issues relating to agriculture, rendering, and recycling. Previously, I have served as the Vice Chair of the city of Vernon Business and Industrial Commission, which provides a voice for business in

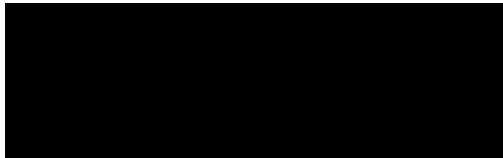
the city's governance process. I believe each of these positions has helped to prepare me for a future path in civic service in our government.

Here in La Habra, we face many challenges, including the continued funding of the services we provide to our community through our Children's Museum, senior programming, and emergency services. Strong leadership is absolutely necessary to ensure our continued success and future expansion. I feel that with my passion for La Habra, civic duty, and giving back to the community, I would be the best candidate for council. I look forward to having the privilege of serving alongside some amazing folks to help keep La Habra one of California's most desirable and welcoming communities for years to come!

I urge you to speak with city staff who have interfaced with me, such as those in the community services group, who can further provide insights into my character, dedication to the city and community service and my ability to lead. Thank you for your consideration, and I am happy to provide references or anything else I can to assist you as you make the selection for this key role.

Yours In Service,

James "Jimmy" Andreoli II  
Community Advocate



**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)  
**To:** [CC \(City Clerk's Office\)](#)  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Citizens' Board & Commission Application 2024  
**Date:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 12:04:06 PM

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## Citizens' Board & Commission Application 2024

### Instructions

*Please complete and submit to the City Clerk Department located in the City Hall Administration Office at 110 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, CA 90631.*

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| Position:  | Community Services Commission  |
| Other Position:  | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| First Name   | Esther   |
| Last Name  | Armenta  |
| Address:   | [REDACTED]   |
| City:  | La Habra   |
| Telephone:   | [REDACTED]   |
| Email:   | [REDACTED]   |
| How long have you been a La Habra resident?  | 8 years  |
| Occupation:  | Crossing guard for City of La Habra  |
| Educational Background:  | Bachelor of Arts from California State Long Beach, Paralegal Certificate from UCLA |
| Are you the spouse or child of a current City Councilmember, City Manager, or Department Head? | No   |
| If yes, please identify the person and your relationship to them:                              | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Membership or License in Professional or Technical Associations:                               | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |

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Membership in Civic  
and or Service  
Organizations:

*Field not completed.*

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Civic Interests:

To ensure the continued growth of the City of La Habra and to ensure the those participating in Civic duties are engaged and responsive to the needs to the residents in all economic levels.

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Do you possess any  
special skills?

I am trained in legal assistance of litigation matters.

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Additional Comments:

*Field not completed.*

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*It is the policy of the La Habra City Council to make appointments to citizens' committees, boards, and commissions on the basis of interests and qualifications of the applicant. Applicants must be residents of the City of La Habra.*

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APPLICANT'S NAME: Minerva Sigüenza Gómez

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? December, 2014

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: Senior Compliance Program Manager

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Juris Doctor and Masters Degree in Applied Sociological Research

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

OC Hispanic Bar Association, FCBA Tech Bar Association, HNBA,

CIVIC INTERESTS:

\_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

To: La Habra City Council Appointment Committee  
From: Minerva Sigüenza Gómez  
Re: Expected Vacancy  
Date: March 4, 2024

Dear La Habra City Council Appointment Committee,

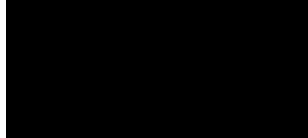
I am writing this short essay in response to the expected vacancy at the La Habra City Council. My family and I made La Habra our home in 2014 and when I recently learned about this opportunity to continue to meaningfully contribute to the well-being of our city, I immediately filled out the application.

My calling to support the work here in the La Habra City Council (even if temporarily) comes from being involved in community advocacy throughout Orange County and nationally for over a decade. As an indigenous Mexican mother, who grew up in this country as an undocumented person, I want to continue to create pathways that will be a bridge towards positive change in our local communities. Thus, after being involved in social advocacy since 2001, four years ago, I decided to get a law degree to further be a resource to our local communities. My law school education is focused on exploring the intersectionality's between policy, advocacy, social justice, innovation, and technologies. During my law school experience, I was a legal intern with corporate entities, nonprofits, political entities, and federal agencies in Washington DC.

Moreover, since completing law school and recently taking the CA Bar Exam, I slowly but surely have begun re-engaging in my local organizing/ community advocacy efforts because here locally is where I want to make the most impact. Therefore, for the past academic school year, I got involved in my daughter's school activities and was elected as one of the members of the school site council at El Cerrito Elementary. Additionally, I have been returning other activities in Orange County so that folks have adequate resources to get out to vote.

To Conclude, I am inspired and feel called to serve in our City Council. La Habra is one of the most caring, peaceful, safe, kind, and engaged communities that I have been a part of and I look forward to contributing to that growth.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be considered for the La Habra City Council Appointment.



Minerva Sigüenza Gómez





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APPLICANT'S NAME: Patricia Hikida

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? since 9/2018

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: See previously submitted application for info. below.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:  
[REDACTED]

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
[REDACTED]

CIVIC INTERESTS:  
[REDACTED]

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?  
[REDACTED]

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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APPLICANT'S NAME: Patricia M. Halcida

[REDACTED] CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? Since 2018

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA? YES NO  
YES (if yes, please identify who)

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY ADDRESS: No.

HOME PHONE:

COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD? NO

OCCUPATION: Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Juris Doctorate; M.S., Clinical Psychology;  
B.A. Psychology

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:  
California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
O.C. Health Care Agency, Adult Outpatient Services,  
Outreach & Engagement Intake Counselor; On Call for  
Crisis Assessment Team.

CIVIC INTERESTS:  
Resolving homelessness; Assisting people and their  
families to support mental well-being.

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?  
Certified as a bilingual Spanish interpreter by the County  
of Orange.

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SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 3/6/24

Essay – Patricia Hikida

I would like to be appointed to the La Habra City Council. I bring a unique perspective to the issues facing La Habra City Council. I collaborate with private, community partners in addressing the issues as a mobile intake counselor for O.C. Mental Health. I have several years experience working together to work collaboratively with community partners in the mental health field.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Patricia Hikida.

Paricia Hikida, LMFT



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APPLICANT'S NAME: Delwin Lampkin

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED] CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? 3 years 4 months

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: Deputy Sheriff and Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: <https://www.harbingerhorizon.com/academics>

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:  
<https://www.harbingerhorizon.com/professional-acco>

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
Previous membership in City of Buena Park CA Police Chiefs Advisory Board Member 2019 - 2021 Current US Marine Corps Devil Pups Program Member and Sponsor 2002 - Present

CIVIC INTERESTS:  
City Council

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?  
<https://www.harbingerhorizon.com/professional-accomplishments>

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 2-23-24

Delwin Lampkin

Candidate La Habra City Council

March 6, 2024

I am Delwin (Del) Lampkin, a law enforcement professional and business owner. It has been a pleasure serving communities over the last 27 years, 18 of these as a sworn peace officer in California.

Currently, I serve as an Advanced Training Deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. I am assigned to the organization's Training Bureau. Within this bureau, I work in the Professional Development section providing professional development training as the lead facilitator and curriculum developer in the areas of workplace harassment prevention, cultural diversity, principled policing, strategic communication, and introductory to incident management. I am responsible for managing and delivering these courses to the organization's approximately 16,000 sworn and professional staff and when requested, the county's other approximate 100,000 personnel. My secondary duty within my office is a technology role as the organization's learning management system lead administrator. Aside from my regular duties, I also serve on 1 of 3 incident management teams as an incident management officer, conducting technical planning during incidents demanding substantial law enforcement response and resources to natural disasters and civil actions. This includes such incidents as earthquakes, fires, floods, and civil unrest.

I am also the founder of Harbinger Horizon LLC a consulting firm I have owned for 8 years. I conduct personal and professional development presentations mostly for businesses and government organizations throughout California. The primary topics I present are in the areas of workplace harassment prevention, team building, team communication, cultural diversity, workplace violence, and leadership development. Professionals seek my services to improve the cohesiveness of the workplace, raise the value of communication among employees and customers, and improve the professional ethics of future leaders. My business has afforded me the opportunity to expand the way in which I provide service to communities through mentorship, curriculum design, and assisting businesses in policy development. I am fortunate to learn from and engage with a diverse group of people every week in the hopes of being a part of the solution for organizations seeking more cohesive workplaces.

Building a better relationship with the residents of La Habra through leadership is my main focus. Part of being an effective leader in any community whether organizational or societal is about listening to the concerns of its people. I intend to be appointed to La Habra City Council to be a contributor and resource of knowledge in cultivating solutions to everyday challenges every city faces. As a City Council member, we are an extension of the constituents being served. Those constituents have an expectation of being heard even when their message differs from the direction of the city. I want residents, business

owners and visitors alike to know they are heard and in being heard, feel affirmed. This is done through our city's voting process and Socratic questioning as we seek to understand the needs of the community. This initiative doesn't just happen at the council chambers but also in the active participation of council members in community events where people gain and deserve access to their city council members to share their vision of the La Habra they would like to see. I look forward to being that coupling between city government and the people it serves.



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APPLICANT'S NAME: Thomas (Tom) A. Ludwinski

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? 34 years

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: Retired. (Engineer, Manager, Director, The Boeing Company)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S. Eng, Michigan State University. M.S. Aerospace Eng, USC

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:  
[REDACTED]

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)

CIVIC INTERESTS:  
Youth Development, Parks/Recreation, Safety

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?  
36 years of Engineering and Managerial experience.

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: 2/23/24

I am applying for the La Habra City Council position recently vacated by Steve Simonian.

My wife of 37 years - Rosy – and I have been La Habra residents since 1990. We have raised three children, all going through local public schools including, Ladera Palma, Sierra Vista, and Washington Middle School.

I am a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.S. in Engineering Mechanics and a graduate of the University of Southern California with a M.S. in Aerospace Engineering. I retired from Boeing/Rockwell after 36+ years, holding multiple positions as Engineer, Senior Engineer, IT engineer, Supervisor, Manager, Senior Manager in Engineering and IT, Logistics IT Director, and Boeing IT Commercial Planes Support Director. This included managing budgets in excess of \$50 million and teams from 6 to ~250 people.

Rosy has been a resident of La Habra since 1963, graduated from Sonora High School and UCLA with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, was a La Habra girl scout leader for 20 years, retired from a career at Boeing/McDonnell Douglas after 25+ years as an engineer, has been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and is currently a board member of The Children's Museum at La Habra.

My formal education and work experience have given me a broad perspective and understanding of how to work with both small and large groups of people - compromising when/where necessary while continually focusing on achieving results. Whereas it is important to understand everyone's emotions, where they're coming from, and to consider all issues, it's also necessary to make timely decisions.

I submit that I am a good candidate for the La Habra city council because of my years of business experience, volunteering as a Cub Scout leader (Cubmaster), Boy Scout leader (Scoutmaster), and AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) leader in multiple positions for over 28 years ... and counting. You can still find me on the fields at Imperial Middle School field almost every Saturday either refereeing, mentoring new referees including youth referees, helping in the snack shack, cooking burgers, painting fields, removing trash, and/or whatever else needs to be done. As an instructor, mentor, assessor, and referee, I have helped build this all-volunteer organization to be the one of the largest youth development organizations in La Habra. I'm a big supporter of all youth development activities including service organizations including youth sports. Our young folks are our future and deserve our support.

I retired from Boeing in mid 2020. I am now at a position where I have time to devote to more worthy causes. I cannot think of a better one than to help my local city in whatever way possible. Being on the La Habra City Council is one of those important positions that fits my skills/experience well. I think with my background, I can work cooperatively with all other board members all of whom have probably a little bit different take on things than I or anyone else may have. That's good. Different backgrounds and experiences bring value to any conversation, discussion, and/or negotiation.

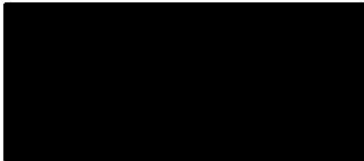
The council serves all the residents of La Habra and therefore must balance the requirements of business and residential property owners, renters, and customers that spend their money in La Habra. The council must be attentive to the problems of crime and homelessness as well as opportunities in parks & recreation, youth development, and appropriate growth for the city. It is important to try to

balance all of them for the best result for La Habra. La Habra is a cool place to live. Let's continue and make it even better. I bring my overall philosophy of fairness, empathy, and equality for all into all my interactions and would do so in this endeavor.

Having a technical background both in my college degrees and in my 36+ year working experience in Engineering, Logistics, and IT areas will bring some good technical background, experience, and logical decision making to issues as required and as they arise. Also working in multiple-level management positions at Boeing, I have had the opportunity to improve my people and negotiation skills which has been necessary at every step of the way, and which I believe will bring value to the city council. We all need to be able to work together for the betterment of La Habra. I harbor no illusions about the amount of work to be done in this role. I have no problem putting in the hours required to do whatever is necessary. I hope to be able to work cooperatively with all La Habra City Council members, staff, and everyone else necessary to achieve the best results for La Habra. There are certainly big shoes to fill, and I hope to be able to learn from the other council members and staff so that I am able to do the best job possible for the people of La Habra.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Ludwinski





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APPLICANT'S NAME: Henry Madrid

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? 3 1/2 years

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

OCCUPATION: Technical Work

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS - Info Systems MS(CW) - Systems Engineer

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Help Homeless Church

CIVIC INTERESTS:

Activism  
Advocacy  
Volunteering

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?

MAC, Windows, Linux, Adobe PHotoshop, Paint, Corel, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, HTML, Website, GUI, Google Docs, Google Drive, Pages, Zoom, Skype, SAS

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: 3-6-2024

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Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Received By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LH Resident Verified: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Verified: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Applicant Notified by Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Applicant Notified by Letter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Follow-up Letters Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Essay

I am very interested in the **City Council Member for La Habra, CA**. I speak English and Spanish fluently and enjoy giving back to the community. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems from University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Master's CW in Systems Engineer.

I have a broad range of experience, which includes Analyst, Project Management, Teaching and Statistics, training and development of employees, staff, students, and clients to help build success by fostering a positive learning environment. I also have a lot of experience with working in diverse backgrounds to help embrace diversity and integrity. Technical Skills include MAC, Windows, Linux, Adobe Photoshop, Paint, Corel, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, HTML, Website, GUI, Google Docs, Google Drive, Pages, Zoom, Skype, and SAS. Professional Associations include Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

I believe that being appointed to La Habra City Council would be a great fit, because I love the city and want to see it grow exponentially. My skills and abilities align with what La Habra City needs to go on to the this and the next generations to come. My skills and ability would allow the city to keep flourishing by using technical, analytical, empathy, kindness, and caring attributes to help solidify a great community to live in. I believe that are community is only as strong as the leaders who help the vision come true. With a strong community, comes great joy, satisfaction, and safety which will trickle down to adults, elderly, and children. I have helped change the spectrum of the community that I live in by taking the initiative to help elderly people, clean up streets, alleys, and so much more. There's so much work that needs to be done in La Habra.

From helping to planning, building, and development of so many services, which may include food pantries, churches, making the roads safer, park cleanups, helping underserved children and parents, for an overall brighter vision of La Habra city.

Overall, I have strong writing and public speaking skills to effectively collaborate with groups. I am always commended for successfully having a positive attitude, and proactively managing multiple projects and demands in a timely manner. Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Henry Madrid



**Rhonda Barone**

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 7:56 PM  
**To:** CC (City Clerk's Office)  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Citizens' Board & Commission Application 2023

## Citizens' Board & Commission Application 2023

### Instructions

*Please complete and submit to the City Clerk Department located in the City Hall Administration Office at 110 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, CA 90631.*

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| Position:  | Planning Commission  |
| Other Position:  | Community Services   |
| First Name   | Matthew  |
| Last Name  | Matias   |
| Address:   | [REDACTED]   |
| City:  | La Habra   |
| Telephone:   | [REDACTED]   |
| Email:   | [REDACTED]   |
| How long have you been a La Habra resident?  | 27 years   |
| Occupation:  | Fiancial Representative with Fidelity Investments  |
| Educational Background:  | Currently in Bachelor of Science in Business program at University of Arizona. Investment License(Series 6,7,63,SIE) Life and Health License, Real Estate License, Notary Public, Long term Care and Annuity Certifications. |
| Are you the spouse or child of a current City Councilmember, City Manager, or Department Head? | No   |
| If yes, please identify the person and your relationship to them:                              | NA   |

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| Membership or License in Professional or Technical Associations: | Currently in Bachelor of Science in Business program at University of Arizona. Investment License(Series 6,7,63,SIE) Life and Health License, Real Estate License, Notary Public, Long term Care and Annuity Certifications.   |
| Membership in Civic and or Service Organizations:                | NA   |
| Civic Interests:   | Interested in the City of La Habra, and where the city will be headed in the future. Interest in the planning commission and la habra school district.   |
| Do you possess any special skills?                               | Experience running a small e-commerce business, created an llc, doing my own bookeeping. Also have experience with real estate properties and investments. Experience with talking about economics and where we are at in the market and where we are head. Im in an investment and financial planning industry. |
| Additional Comments:   | I'm 30 years old, interested in my city politics and would like to be apart of it, I plan to live in La Habra my entire life. Please let me know if there are any openings for elected positions within the city.  |

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City of La Habra

**CITIZENS' BOARD/COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
CITY OF LA HABRA**

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POSITION: Planning Commission  OTHER POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME: Roy N. Ramsland Jr

RESIDENCE/BUSINESS ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED] FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? 40 years OCCUPATION: retired

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona,

**MEMBERSHIP OR LICENSE IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Planning Association

**MEMBERSHIP IN CIVIC AND OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:**

La Habra Host Lions Club (Past President) Recipient of the Melvin Jones Award from the Lions Club International Foundation  
HBIC (Help for Brain Injured Children). Past Board Chair. Recipient of the Frank L. Scott Friends of the Children Award.

**CIVIC INTERESTS:**

Active involved in volunteer work in multiple Organizations and activities in the city.

**DO YOU POSSESS ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?:**

Organizing and Planning Events. Chair of the La Habra Corn Festival from 2007 - 2019

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Recipient of the City of La Habra Citizen of the Year award from the Chamber of Commerce  
Recipient of the City of La Habra Employee of the Year award 1992  
Recipient of Mayor's Award 2016 Recipient of City Manager's Award 2016

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]

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Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Received By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LH Resident Verified: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Verified: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Applicant Notified by Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Applicant Notified by Letter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Follow-up Letters Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_



# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO TO THE LA HABRA CITY COUNCIL

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APPLICANT'S NAME: Mohammad Raza

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? 16 year

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: Organizing Director, Rideshare Drivers United

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelors in Political Science from UC Irvine

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:  
[REDACTED]

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
DPOC, Orange County Young Democrats, California

CIVIC INTERESTS:  
Sustainability, affordable housing, investing in infrastructure, and cultural inclusion

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?  
[REDACTED]

*Applicants must be residents and registered voters of the City of La Habra.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 3/7/2024

# Pioneering Progress in La Habra: A Visionary Leader for All

By Mohammad Raza 3/7/2024

When my family first came to La Habra from Pakistan I marveled at the clean streets, attention to nature, and sense of welcoming I felt when my cousins brought us to their home,. As a Muslim immigrant in Post 9-11 America, I thought that it might be difficult to fit in. Yet one teacher at Washington Middle School, Dr. Laith Al- Jamie, immediately washed those anxieties away by opening his classroom for me to pray in. With that small act of support, I knew that La Habra was the community I want to thrive in. This early sense of belonging instilled in me a profound commitment to shape the future of La Habra. But my desire to serve on the City Council is less about La Habra's past, and more about it's future. As a steadfast advocate for the working class and a seasoned labor leader in California, I stand poised to propel La Habra into a new era of prosperity and inclusivity. With a rich tapestry of experiences and a deep-rooted commitment to service, I am uniquely qualified to lead our beloved city towards a brighter future.

In 2009, when the housing market was reeling from the economic collapse in 2008, my father decided to use the small savings he had earned over a decade of working night and day as a ship captain to invest in a home. I begged him to buy a house in La Habra so I could stay close to my friends and teachers. So when 2010 rolled around, and we bought our house near Imperial Middle School, it changed our family's life by providing us with housing security, collateral for loans, and the ability for my father to stay home with us and start a business. However, today there is a "Cost of Living Crisis" that is pricing families out of their houses/apartments and making La Habra impossible to ever buy a home in. As the Organizing Director of Rideshare Drivers United, I see first hand how so many working people struggle throughout our region and have been forced into the gig economy to make ends meet. In La Habra, we can do better. We can invest in affordable/income stabilized housing that will provide density and help meet the housing mandate set by the State. While we do that, our parks and our public libraries need to be modernized to meet growing needs of families that we hope to attract with starter homes and condos in walkable neighborhoods. It is vital that we invest in walkability, community spaces and build an affordable future so that generations can make this their permanent home just like my parents.

When my family first arrived in this city, it was clear that the community cared deeply about its roots which was expressed in things like the La Habra Citrus and Corn Festivals. But I seldom saw celebrations of Latino heritage for Dia De los Muertos or street fairs based on culture. La Habra continues to become more diverse and I am living proof of that. I'm well positioned to understand how we can make everyone here feel at home. My leadership roles on the Democratic Party Central Committee and in the State as a delegate for our Assembly District have shown me the realities of our changing demographics and the need for us to invest in their

prosperity. From honoring cultural traditions with festivals like “the Lunar New Year Festival” to bring the joy of the AAPI community to our streets and increase revenue to businesses, to hosting town halls about specific community needs, I want to use my role on the City Council to be a better listener and celebrate the diversity that La Habra Houses. My track record of strategic planning, coalition-building, and grassroots organizing speaks to my ability to navigate communities and tend to their needs.

But in order to truly prosper together, our city also needs to be on a path towards sustainability. That's why I want to bring new energy infrastructure, invest and modernize green spaces, and help transition our energy grid to a sustainable source—securing a bright future for the next generation. Currently we have no superchargers and only 5 regular chargers in the city. We need to rapidly expand our car charging infrastructure, bringing in Tesla superchargers and regular chargers to litter the streets as La Habra becomes more of a hub for business, food, and living. While charging infrastructure is great, our constituents require us to reduce our carbon foot print—and we can do that collectively as a city. We should follow our sister cities like Buena Park and join the Community Choice Energy Program. By implementing small changes, I plan to democratize sustainable living and ensure a future for generations to come.

My work as an organizer, a community activist, and as a labor leader started here in La Habra. Whether it was contributing to the food drive to help working families survive expensive holiday seasons or a paper recycling program, the first of its kind in FJUHSD, I was always eager to take the first step and lead by example. I would enthusiastically continue my service to our city. Having developed a proven track record of leadership and a vision for a more affordable, inclusive, and sustainable La Habra, I am prepared to take on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Together, let us chart a course towards a brighter tomorrow ensuring that our city remains a place where every resident can thrive and prosper.



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APPLICANT'S NAME: Guadalupe A. Vargas

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE: 310-987-1884 CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA? June 2020

ARE YOU CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LA HABRA?  YES  NO

ARE YOU A SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A CURRENT CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CITY MANAGER, OR DEPARTMENT HEAD?  YES (if yes, please identify who)  NO

OCCUPATION: Administrator - Department of Veteran Affairs

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Business Administration (MBA) University of Southern California (USC)

MEMBERSHIPS OR LICENSES IN PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:  
The Lean Six Sigma International Association of Professionals (LSSIAP)

MEMBERSHIPS IN CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
Combat Infantry Association (CIBA), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion (AL), Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), Autism Speaks,

CIVIC INTERESTS:  
Public safety, economic development, urban planning, disaster preparedness & emergency management, community support services and quality of life initiatives.

DO YOU POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL SKILLS?  
Microsoft office suite, data analytics, project management, Counterinsurgency (COIN) Ops.

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SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: March 7, 2024

March 7, 2024

ATTN: City Clerk's Office

La Habra City Hall  
La Habra, CA 90631

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member of the City Council and to formally request an appointment to this esteemed body. With a diverse background spanning military service, federal civil service, business, operations, and academic achievement, I bring a unique and comprehensive skill set that aligns closely with the needs and priorities of our community.

As a retired Army combat Infantryman and federal civil service with the Department of Veteran Affairs, I have dedicated my career to serving others and upholding values that the city lives by, integrity, respect, trust, excellence, community partnership, responsibility, and loyalty. These values tie into my principles that have shaped my professional and personal life, and I am committed to applying them diligently in service to our city.

My educational background includes a graduate program from the University of Southern California (USC), where I refined my analytical and critical thinking skills, as well as my ability to effectively collaborate with diverse groups of individuals. This educational foundation, combined with my practical experience in various sectors, equips me with the knowledge and expertise necessary to address the complex challenges facing our community.

As the five central and foundational pillars: schools, non-profit organizations, businesses, faith-based institutions, and government. Each of these pillars plays a crucial role in fostering a thriving community, and as a member of the City Council, I am committed to supporting and strengthening each of them.

Regarding schools, I recognize the importance of investing in education and providing our youth with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. I am dedicated to working collaboratively with public, private, and all educational entities to ensure that every child in our community has access to a high-quality education.

Non-profit organizations are the backbone of our community, providing essential services and support to those in need. As a member of the City Council, I will prioritize building strong partnerships with non-profit organizations to address pressing social issues and improve the overall well-being of our community.

Businesses, both small and corporate, are vital contributors to our local economy and play a significant role in driving innovation and growth. I am committed to creating a business-friendly environment that fosters entrepreneurship, supports local businesses, and attracts new investment to our city.

Faith-based institutions are integral to the fabric of our community, providing spiritual guidance, moral support, and charitable services to those in need. I value the important role that faith-based organizations play in promoting compassion, empathy, and social justice, and I will work closely with them to address the needs of our community.

In conclusion, I believe that my background, experience, and values make me the best candidate to serve on the City Council. I am deeply committed to making a positive difference in our community, and I am eager to bring my skills and expertise to bear in service to our city and its residents. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the continued success and prosperity of our city.

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Guadalupe A. Vargas MBA '24