

CITY OF SARATOGA LOCAL APPOINTMENT LIST

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Term Ending	Eligible for Reappointment	Special Qualifications
Sharon	Boyce-Bender	12/31/2027	Yes	
Priya	Shastri	12/31/2024	Yes	Historical Foundation Representative
Zhen	Li	12/31/2024	Yes	
Margarete	Minar	12/31/2026	Yes	
	VACANT	12/31/2025		

CITY CODE 13-10.040 – POWERS AND DUTIES

The Heritage Commission shall be advisory only to the City Council, the Planning Commission and the agencies and departments of the City and shall establish liaison and work in conjunction with such authorities to implement the purposes of this Chapter. The Heritage Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) Conduct, or cause to be conducted, a comprehensive survey of properties within the boundaries of the City for the purpose of establishing the Heritage Resource Inventory. To qualify for inclusion in the Heritage Resource Inventory, a property must satisfy any one or more of the criteria listed in Section 13-15.010 of this Chapter. The Inventory shall be publicized and periodically updated, and a copy thereof shall be kept on file in the Planning Department.
- b) Recommend to the City Council specific proposals for designation as a historic landmark, heritage lane or historic district.
- c) Recommend to the appropriate City agencies or departments projects and action programs for the recognition, conservation, enhancement and use of the City's heritage resources, including standards to be followed with respect to any applications for permits to construct, change, alter, remodel, remove or otherwise affect such resources.
- d) Review and comment upon existing or proposed ordinances, plans or policies of the City as they relate to heritage resources.
- e) Review and comment upon all applications for building, demolition, grading or tree removal permits involving work to be performed upon or within a designated historic landmark, heritage lane or historic district, and all applications for tentative map approval, rezoning, building site approval, use permit, variance approval, design review or other approval pertaining to or significantly affecting any heritage resource. The Commission's comments shall be forwarded to the City agency or department processing the application within thirty days after receiving the request for such comments.
- f) Investigate and report to the City Council on the availability of federal, state, county, local or private funding sources or programs for the rehabilitation and preservation of heritage resources.
- g) Cooperate with county, state and federal governments and with private organizations in the pursuit of the objectives of heritage conservation.
- h) Upon the request of a property owner or occupant and at the discretion of the Heritage Commission, render advice and guidance on the conservation, rehabilitation, alteration, decoration, landscaping or maintenance of any heritage resource; such voluntary advice and guidance shall not impose any regulation or control over any property.
- i) Participate in, promote and conduct public information and educational programs pertaining to heritage resources.
- j) Perform such other functions as may be delegated to it by resolution or motion of the City Council.

LIBRARY & PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Term Ending	Eligible for Reappointment	Special Qualifications
Eric	Lewis	9/30/2024	Yes	
Ramya	Vasu	9/30/2024	Yes	
Robert	Gulino	9/30/2025	No	
Christina	Meiser	9/30/2025	Yes	
Siana	Smith	9/30/2025	Yes	
Valerie	Nygaard	9/30/2026	Yes	
	VACANT	9/30/2027		

RESOLUTION NO. 20-055 – BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Library & Community Engagement Commission shall serve as an advisory and liaison body. Its basic responsibilities shall include the following:

1. Provide counsel and recommendations on Library policies, budgets, plans and procedures to the Saratoga City Council, and the Santa Clara County Library. Identify and bring to the attention of the City Council, the City staff, and the Santa Clara County Library staff (as appropriate) current and prospective issues and questions relating to Library policies and activities.
2. Provide counsel and recommendations to the Saratoga City Council on increasing public engagement in City government, supporting cultural and artistic programs in the community, and fostering a stronger, more inclusive community.
3. As directed by the City Council, evaluate and assess community concerns, support City engagement programs, and perform such other activities as may be directed by the Saratoga City Council.

DUTIES

In carrying out its basic responsibilities, the Library & Community Engagement Commission shall perform the following duties:

1. Hold formal meetings as required
2. Maintain communications with the City Council, City staff, Santa Clara County Library staff, and the Saratoga Community Librarian
3. Serve in an advisory capacity on major engagement initiatives or policies to help create a more inclusive and engaged community, including providing support in identifying and connecting with different groups in the community (such as other governmental, educational, and non-profit organizations).
4. Maintain within the Commission a continuity of knowledge of Library operations, and City community engagement policies and strategies.
5. Keep generally informed on technical developments that could have a bearing on the Library's policies or strategies.
6. Provide support and/or advice on events related to the Library and City.
7. Work with and engage "Friends of the Saratoga Libraries", the Saratoga Teen Advisory Board, and other support groups as may be desirable concerning the Library.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Term Ending	Eligible for Reappointment	Special Qualifications
Michelle	Wang	9/30/2024	Yes	
Isabelle	Gecils	9/30/2025	Yes	
Badrinath	Sridharan	9/30/2025	Yes	
James	Cargill	9/30/2026	Yes	
	VACANT	9/30/2027		

RESOLUTION NO. 432 – POWERS & DUTIES

The powers of the Parks and Recreation Commission are advisory only and it shall render all reports and recommendations directly to the City Council, unless otherwise directed by the Council. The Commission does not constitute a planning agency with the terms and meaning of Government Code Section 65100 of the State of California. The Commissions' powers and duties, in such advisory capacity to the City Council, shall include the following:

- a) to recommend a parks and recreation program, and the programming and implementation thereof, to the Council.
- b) advise the Council specifically on design, use, development, financing, care and maintenance of parks and playgrounds; landscaping along thoroughfares and other City streets; walkways, pathways, equestrian paths, streambeds, protection and promulgation of trees, and such other matters as may be requested by the Council.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Term Ending	Eligible for Reappointment	Special Qualifications
Chi-Kuang	Chu	12/31/2024	Yes	
Robert	Eng	12/31/2025	Yes	
Jason	Mount	12/31/2025	Yes	
Alec	Gulesserian	12/31/2026	Yes	
Stephen	Li	12/31/2027	Yes	

RESOLUTION NO. 05-032 – MISSION

The exclusive mission of the Traffic Safety Commission shall be to investigate, review, and analyze issues, and make recommendations to the City Council and City staff regarding traffic safety. The Commission shall work to increase awareness of, and attention to, the traffic safety needs of the community by improving communications and involvement between the community, and the City government on services, needs and programs.

PLANNING COMMISSION

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Term Ending	Eligible for Reappointment	Special Qualifications
Herman	Zheng	3/31/2024	Yes	
Jonathan "JoJo"	Choi	3/31/2025	Yes	
Razi	Mohiuddin	3/31/2025	No	
Clinton	Brownley	3/31/2026	Yes	
Ping	Li	3/31/2026	Yes	
Paul	Germeraad	3/31/2027	Yes	
Anjali	Kausar	3/31/2027	No	

CITY CODE 2-15.030 POWERS & DUTIES

The Planning Commission is hereby designated as the planning agency of the City, as described in Section 65100 of the Government Code, and shall exercise the functions of a planning agency as prescribed in Section 65101 of the Government Code. The Planning Commission shall also exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred upon it by this Code and assigned to it from time to time by the City Council.

GOVERNMENT CODE 65100

There is in each city and county a planning agency with the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this title. The legislative body of each city and county shall by ordinance assign the functions of the planning agency to a planning department, one or more planning commissions, administrative bodies or hearing officers, the legislative body itself, or any combination thereof, as it deems appropriate and necessary. In the absence of an assignment, the legislative body shall carry out all the functions of the planning agency.

GOVERNMENT CODE 65101

(a) The legislative body may create one or more planning commissions each of which shall report directly to the legislative body. The legislative body shall specify the membership of the commission or commissions. In any event, each planning commission shall consist of at least five members, all of whom shall act in the public interest. If it creates more than one planning commission, the legislative body shall prescribe the issues, responsibilities, or geographic jurisdiction assigned to each commission. If a development project affects the jurisdiction of more than one planning commission, the legislative body shall designate the commission which shall hear the entire development project.

(b) Two or more legislative bodies may:

(1) Create a joint area planning agency, planning commission, or advisory agency for all or prescribed portions of their cities or counties which shall exercise those powers and perform those duties under this title that the legislative bodies delegate to it.

(2) Authorize their planning agencies, or any components of them, to meet jointly to coordinate their work, conduct studies, develop plans, hold hearings, or jointly exercise any power or perform any duty common to them.

YOUTH COMMISSION

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Term ending	Eligible For Reappointment	School
Justin	Chao	6/30/2024	No	The Harker School
Ovee	Dharwadkar	6/30/2024	No	Redwood Middle School
Lisa	Jing	6/30/2024	No	Lynbrook High School
Arjun	Krishna	6/30/2024	No	Bellarmino College Prep
Maggie	McCormick	6/30/2024	No	Prospect High School
Bryan	Zhao	6/30/2024	No	Saratoga High School
Julie	Chen	6/30/2025	No	Saint Andrews Episcopal School
Sia	Chowdhri	6/30/2025	No	Saratoga High School
Hillary	Gonzalez	6/30/2025	No	Saratoga High School
Sriya	Makund	6/30/2025	No	Redwood Middle School
Bianca	Sutioso	6/30/2025	No	Archbishop Mitty High School

RESOLUTION NO. 18-056, SECTION 2

The powers of the Youth Commission are advisory only, and it shall render all reports and recommendations directly to the City Council, unless otherwise directed by the Council. The Commissioners' powers and duties, in such advisory capacity to the City Council, shall include the following:

- (a) To develop and recommend guidelines involving the concerns of youth and the programming and implementation thereof, to the Council.
- (b) Advise the Council generally on matters which concern youth and specifically on the various aspects of the city matters related to youth as may be requested by Council.