

Boards and Commissions



October 11, 2022

What are Boards and Commissions?

Mission:

- Boards and Commissions serve a vital role in County government by gathering and analyzing public input and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- They are comprised of local residents who address a specific area of interest with the expertise and lived experience they possess.
- Most have advisory capacity, and a select few make legally binding decisions.
- Boards and Commissions do not make policy decisions, manage or direct programs, commit County resources, or take an official position that has not been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Requirements for Service

- **Living in San Mateo County is the sole requirement for service** on most County Boards and Commissions.
- Certain Boards and Commissions may have additional requirements.
- County employees are permitted to serve provided there is no conflict of interest.



Responsibilities

- Attending and preparing for meetings regularly
- Learning the function of the Board or Commission on which you serve
- Working collaboratively with board and staff liaisons
- Familiarizing yourself and ensuring compliance with regulatory statutes
- Maintaining the highest ethical standards
- Respecting the voice and spirit of your Board or Commission peers and the community you serve
- Being an active member of a collaborative effort to serve the community good
- Advancing the goals of the Board or Commission
- Bringing an equity lens into the makeup, priorities, and recommendations of the Board or Commission



List of County Boards and Commissions

Advisory Boards and Commissions:

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Arts Commission
- Behavioral Health Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Child Care Partnership Council
- Commission on Aging
- Commission on Disabilities
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Community Corrections Partnership Council
- Domestic Violence Council
- Emergency Medical Care Committee
- Farmworker Advisory Commission
- Health Care for the Homeless/ Farm Workers Health Program
- Housing and Community Development Committee
- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
- Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission

- Measure K Oversight Committee
- Midcoast Community Council
- North Fair Oaks Community Council
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council
- Public Authority Advisory Committee
- Veterans Commission
- Youth Commission

Decision-Making Boards and Commissions:

- Assessment Appeals Board
- Bayside Design Review Committee
- Board of Building Permit Appeals
- Business License Board
- Civil Service Commission
- Coastside Design Review Committee
- Deferred Compensation Committee
- First 5 Commission
- Planning Commission
- San Mateo Medical Center Board of Directors
- Treasury Oversight Committee



How to join a Board or Commission?

1. Check for vacancies.

smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies





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Get Involved!

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Click on the desired Board, Commission, or Committee press release for specific information.

[Online Application for Boards Commissions and Committees](#)

COVID-19 Meeting Location Notice

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- Behavioral Health Commission: - [View information](#) →
- [Apply by mail](#) →

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Vacancy Notices:

PDF	North Fair Oaks Community Council - Youth member vacancy -- Application Deadline: October 14, 2022	215.33 KB
PDF	Arts Commission -- District 4 Vacancy -- Application Deadline: October 21, 2022	189.76 KB
PDF	Assessment Appeals Board -- Application Deadline: Ongoing	126.87 KB
PDF	Design Review Committee - Bayside (Alternate Architect, Devonshire, Palomar Park -- Application Deadline: Ongoing	102.3 KB
PDF	Design Review Committee - Coastsid -- Application Deadline: Ongoing	105.29 KB

How to join a Board or Commission?

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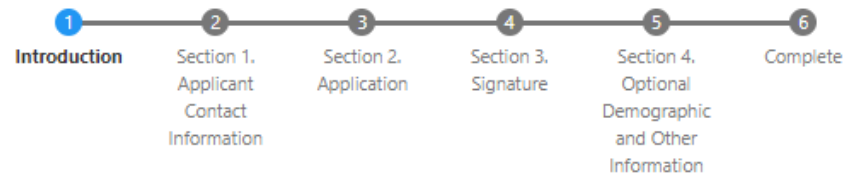
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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees



Dear Prospective San Mateo County Board and Commission Applicant:

Welcome and thank you for your interest in serving on one of our County Boards and Commissions. San Mateo County Boards and Commissions are groups of residents who address a specific area of interest with their expertise and experience. Boards and Commissions serve a vital role in County government, and their mission is to advise the Board of Supervisors in their decision-making process through direct community participation. These groups vary widely, and more information on each can be found at: <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc>.

Requirements for Service

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Vacancy Notifications

Vacancies on our Boards and Commissions happen year-round. For information on current vacancies, please visit <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies>. You can also subscribe to receive vacancy notifications at this site.

Boards and Commissions Resources

Information on the responsibilities of service and standing rules of our Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees is available at <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/resources>.

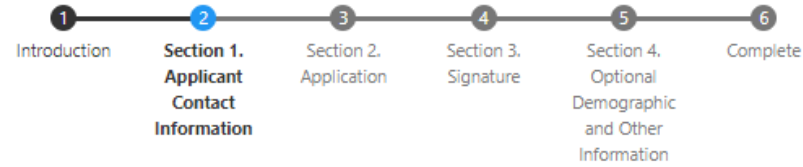
Need Help? Staff are available to help answer your questions and can be reached at: (650) 363-4123.

We greatly appreciate your interest in serving and look forward to receiving your application!

County Executive's Office

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First

Last

Pronoun (e.g., she/her, he/they, they/them)

Address

City/Town

ZIP/Postal Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Are you a resident of San Mateo County?

Yes

No

In what supervisorial district do you reside? ²

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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees



Date of Submission

Name of Board, Commission, or Committee

Some County Boards, Commissions, or Committees require special qualifications or have categorical seats.

Categorical seats are defined as those designated for specified groups of people. For example, the Design Review Committee contains seats designated for architects, and the Agricultural Advisory Committee has seats designated for farmers. Please review the vacancy notice for the Board, Commission, or Committee you are applying for more information: <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies>.

Are you applying for a seat that requires special qualifications or a categorical seat on a Board, Commission, or Committee?

- Yes No

If you are unsure, leave this question blank.

Have you attended a meeting of the Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?

- Yes
 No

Do you currently serve on a San Mateo County Board, Commission, or Committee?

- Yes
 No

Are you available to regularly attend the meetings of the Board, Commission, or Committee for which you are applying?

- Yes No

Meeting information can be found at <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc> or at the Board, Commission, or Committee's website.

How many hours per month can you commit to this Board, Commission, or Committee?

- 1-5 hours 5-10 hours 10 or more hours

Why are you interested in being appointed to this Board, Commission, or Committee?

How to join a Board or Commission?

1. Check for vacancies.
2. Apply online or complete a paper application.
3. Interview.
4. Appointment.
5. Oath.



Disclaimer: This is the process for most County Boards and Commissions.
Some Boards and Commissions have different procedures.

Panel Discussion

- Harini Krishnan, Arts Commission
- Karen Coppock, Commission on Aging
- Chris Rasmussen, Behavioral Health Commission
- Kassandra Talbot, Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council

