

**APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION
YOUTH MEMBERS**

NAME	COMMISSION OF INTEREST	INCUMBENT	OTHER COMMISSION OF INTEREST
Margaret (Maggie) Brown	Cultural & Fine Arts	No	
Alina Castro	Cultural & Fine Arts	No	Climate Action
Jared Mellinger	Parks, Recreation & Open Space	Yes	
Vincenzo Mansfield	Cultural & Fine Arts	No	Traffic Safety Committee
Mikey Wangbickler	Design Review & Historic Preservation	No	Climate Action



City of Sonoma

CA-24-26

COMMISSION APPLICATION

Received Date: September 2, 2024

Application Type: The Cultural and Fine Arts Commission

Other Interest: no

NAME: Margaret (Maggie) Brown

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A
YOUTH POSITION?**

Yes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Senior at Sonoma Valley High School

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The Sonoma Community Center

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?

Yes I have attended one meeting

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

My understanding of the role and responsibility of this commission is to enrich and promote culture and the arts in Sonoma

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

To promote the arts and culture in Sonoma from a student point of view

What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?

I can contribute my opinion as a student and an artist

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

no

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☒ I AGREE

Margaret Brown

September 2, 2024



City of Sonoma

CA-24-29

COMMISSION APPLICATION

Received Date: September 19, 2024

Application Type: Cultural and Fine Arts Commission

Other Interest: Climate Action Commission

NAME:

Alina Castro

ADDRESS:

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PHONE:

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EMAIL ADDRESS:

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**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A
YOUTH POSITION?**

Yes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

In twelfth grade at Sonoma Valley High School.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

I am a student artist myself and was a finalist in the Student Creative Artist Award competition. I also have experience with public speaking due to my participation in mock trial and have been featured on the Sonoma Index Tribune for winning a second state award. Because of my public speaking skills, I was able to participate in a National Mock Trial competition named Gladiator. Additionally, I am an Enviroleader with the Sonoma Ecology Center who strives to continue my impact on the environment and Sonoma community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

I'm a youth promoter for the latino community with the nonprofit organization Latino Service Providers, I am a certified community health worker by the same nonprofit in partnership with University of San Francisco, I have been a volunteer with the Redwood Empire Food Bank for almost four years now, I'm also a part of the Pipeline Pods Program with the Sonoma County Bar Association, and have also been a representative of the Sonoma Valley Mock Trial team whilst presenting to the Sonoma Rotary Club.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?

I have never attended a meeting of the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission, however I would like to in the near future.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

I understand that this commission endeavors to advance the Sonoma County's art community through discussions, ideas, and cultural art programs. These programs are responsible for many of the artistic aspects of our city and for the staple events held in Sonoma. I commend this commission for their hard work and dedication to upholding the importance of art and education on culture.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

Personally, as a commissioner my first goal would be to represent my peers and other student's voices in Sonoma County concerning culture, the arts, or the environment. I would do this through voicing my ideas on ways to connect the commission to the youth through art events such as fairs, and other educational and environmentally conscious experiences. Another goal of mine would be to contribute to the discussions and plans of the already established committee to provide a new perspective.

What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?

Through accomplishing these goals, I would have a significant impact on youth such as myself and unify our Sonoma community further. Additionally, these goals would actualize themselves in the lives of students and other members who hope to learn and better understand the importance of uplifting artistry and reconnecting with culture. These goals would also promote the education of many and make art more accessible to everyone in Sonoma.

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

No

Is there anything else you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?

I am extremely motivated to serve my community and peers by representing their ideas on the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission or the Climate Action Commission.

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Alina Marie Castro Gonzalez

September 19, 2024

ALINA CASTRO

Sonoma, CA | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

JOB OBJECTIVE: Enviroleader

EDUCATION:

High School student

Sonoma Valley High School, Sonoma, CA

August 2021 – Present

Anticipated Date of Graduation - June 2025

GPA – 4.22 Weighted

- President of Art Club (2021-2023)
- Sonoma Valley Regional Mock Trial Champion (2022-2024)
- Constitutional Rights Foundation Award for "Outstanding Prosecution Witness" (2022)
- Student of the Semester (2021)
- AVID Student of the Year (2024)
- Teach Democracy "Outstanding Defense Attorney" (2024)
- Certificate of District Recognition (2024)
- AP Scholar with Honor (2024)
- Youth Promoter with Latino Service Providers (2024-2025)
- Community Health Worker with Latino Service Providers and University of San Francisco (2024)
- Link Crew Leader (2024-2025)
- Sonoma County Student Artist Competition Finalist (2024)
- Competitor in National Mock Trial Competition "Gladiator" (2024)
- Enviroleader (2024)
- Pipeline Pods Program with The Sonoma County Bar Association (2024)
- AP Courses in English, History, and Science
- SRJC Dual Enrollment Student

SKILLS:

- Leadership and Team Building
- Excellent Communication
- Public Speaking
- Interactive Teaching
- Results Oriented
- Attention to Detail

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Elementary Math Tutor

Private Classes, Sonoma, CA

June 2021 - July 2023

- Aided the academic development of five elementary students
- Provided interactive material to students that advanced their mathematical skills

Spanish Tutor

Private Classes, Sonoma, CA

September 2021 - May 2022

- Raised three students' grades by a significant amount
- Effective teaching and constant meetings led to three students progressing to more advanced Spanish classes

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**Food Distributor**

Redwood Food Bank, Santa Rosa and Sonoma, CA

February 2021 - Present

- Distributed food weekly at school sites and churches
- Assisted with the organization of new volunteering sites



City of Sonoma

CA-24-28

COMMISSION APPLICATION

Received Date: September 16, 2024

Application Type: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Commission

NAME: Jared Mellinger

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

ALTERNATIVE PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A
YOUTH POSITION?**

Yes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

I have attended public schools in Sonoma Valley. I went to Prestwood and Adele Harrison. I am currently a Senior attending Sonoma Valley High and have well above a 4.0 GPA. I also take 2 college level courses through UC Scout that are not offered at SVHS. At SVHS I am a member and play on both the Varsity Water Polo and Varsity Golf team, in addition I am part of Model UN, CSF, Leadership, Founder of the Chess Club and many other clubs.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

I have been on the Sonoma City Council PROS commission for over a year and want to continue to serve on the commission. With the SVHS Model UN Club, I have attended Model United Nations at Northwest University and Berkeley University, learning more about government. I was selected as 1 of 5 attendees from SVHS to attend the highly respected American Legion Boys and Girls State legion program held in Sacramento.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

I have been involved with different charitable organizations and volunteering. I have volunteered for causes, including FISH; the fires of 2017; COVID Support; the Red and White Ball; the Sonoma Valley Authors Festival; and more. I am the president of the Chess Club at SVHS and part of Link Crew. Additionally, I have tutored other students in Mathematics for over 80 hours.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?

Yes, I have attended 8 meetings of this commission, as I was a member.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

The role and responsibilities of the Commission are to preserve and enhance the parks, recreational facilities, and open space of Sonoma. In the meetings, we regularly look at tree removal requests. This ideally includes visiting the tree location before the meeting. The responsibilities are also more general items, like the renovations at Olsen Park, the new trash cans at the square, and signs at the Overlook trail. Ultimately, as a

part of the Commission, my responsibility is to help improve Sonoma's outdoor spaces through insight and actions.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

My goal as a commissioner is to help improve the parks, recreation, and outdoor spaces in Sonoma. Sonoma is our beautiful city, and I want to ensure that the parks stay clean, are protect for the enjoyment and utilization of all public citizens and continue to maintain the special Sonoma character of our outdoor spaces.

What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?

I am a 4.0 student and have succeeded in many AP courses. The critical thinking skills gained from these courses will help me contribute a level-headed approach and perspective on issues and how to make them better. Recently, the Commission gained 3 new members, with the required number rising, so I also hope to provide some insight and aid to them.

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

Yes, I currently serve on the PROS commission. I am reapplying for this position. I have worked on it for over a year.

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Jared Mellinger

September 16, 2024



City of Sonoma

COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-24-25

Received Date: August 27, 2024

Application Type: Cultural and Fine Arts Commission

Other Interest: Traffic Safety Commission

NAME: Vincenzo Mansfield

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

ALTERNATIVE PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A
YOUTH POSITION?**

Yes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Currently enrolled in Highschool at Sonoma Valley High School

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: I was Secretary for the SVHS Gay Straight Alliance club, making students feel safe around campus my freshmen year, involved in the SVHS Peer Leaders Uniting Students, Student in SVHS Leadership Class, involved in many art programs at SVHS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteered with the Teens Center of Sonoma Valley, Volunteer at the Faith Lutheran Church's Annual Crafts Fair

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?

None

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

I can commit to scheduled meetings and help bring the community together via Art and Culture

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

To bring the entire Sonoma Valley Community together via art and Culture

What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?

As a student in SVHS's Leadership class I can attempt to get the highschool involved in some art projects to bring the community together

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

No

Is there anything else you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?

Thank you for the time reviewing my application

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Vincenzo Richard Ramirez Mansfield

August 27, 2024



City of Sonoma

CA-24-27

COMMISSION APPLICATION

Received Date: September 17, 2024

Application Type: Design Review and Historic Preservation
Commission

Other Interest: Climate change commission

NAME: Mikey Wangbickler

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A
YOUTH POSITION?**

Yes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: High School, Junior, still attending

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Attended archeological field school in Illinois, run by the American center for archaeology.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I have worked with the Sonoma valley garden park

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?

No, but have attended three meetings for the community services and environment commission.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

Its role is to preserve and better utilize the history and historic locations in the city of Sonoma.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

I want to help bring a young a energetic voice to the historic commission, and add new ideas to the conversation.

What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?

I will regularly attend meetings, and actively participate during discussions.

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

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Mikey Wangbickler

September 17, 2024



Michael Wangbickler

Education

Sonoma Valley High School, Sonoma, California

- Sophomore
- 3.8333 GPA
- Enrolled in Honors English, AP World History, and AP Biology.

Experience

- Center for American Archeology, Summer 2023 and 2022
Excavated an archeological dig, conducted lab work, interacted with fellow peers

- Junior Enviroleaders, Summer 2021
Worked in the Garden Park, participated in group cooperation

- Garden helper, Summer 2023
Cleared black berries, deadheaded rose bushes, weeded backyard

- Enviroleader, Fall 2023
Worked as garden laborer doing any odd jobs required

Skills and Abilities

- Teamwork
- Adaptability
- Hard working
- Active listener
- Gardening experience
- Tool cleaning and maintenance

References

- Rebecca Fitch: [REDACTED]
 - Gavin Koler: [REDACTED]
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