



City of Sonoma

COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-19-21

Received Date: July 22, 2019

Application Type: Community Services & Environment
Commission – Youth Commissioner

NAME: Twyla Summers

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Sonoma, CA, 95476

PHONE: [REDACTED]

ALTERNATIVE PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 17 Years **REGISTERED VOTER:** No

EMPLOYER: Rhoten Productions and CSARC- Diana Rhoten

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: To gain experience in local government and understanding decision making processes that both protect natural resources and public spaces while providing public service and community events.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Going into 12th grade at Sonoma Valley High School, taking AP Environmental Studies and AP Government/Economics this fall

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Conservation Science Intensive with Audubon Canyon Ranch, Bouverie Preserve; Ropes Course Facilitator; Nature Camp and Performing Arts Camp Counselor; Student Head of the Campus Beautification Committee at SVHS (murals, planters, and other beautification projects)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Seeds of Learning, Rhoten Productions, Challenge Sonoma Adventure Ropes Course, Nathanson Creek Restoration days with SEC

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

no

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

My sister Sarah was the youth representative in 2011-2012. She worked on issues before the CSEC that included Farmers Market planning, events on the Plaza, recycling initiatives, and providing a voice for Sonoma youth.

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

My goal is to participate and thereby increase my understanding of city planning processes, public input, finding multi-stakeholder solutions to mitigating impacts of use of public space to best preserve the historic

character and ecological health of the city of Sonoma.

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

I learned to coordinate with administration and maintenance staff at SVHS to create murals while conducting student surveys to solicit input from diverse student groups. I have good communication and problem solving skills. I am a native Sonoman and love my community.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS:

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I AGREE

Do you own property in the City of Sonoma? No

Do you rent property in the City of Sonoma? No

If yes, is it a month-to-month lease? No

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

Fall of 2020, I hope to attend a UC and major in Environmental Policy. This opportunity will give me actual practical experience analyzing and implementing community services while actively seeking to reduce carbon footprint.

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I AGREE

Twyla Rose Summers

July 22, 2019



City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

Received Date: July 16, 2019

Application Type: Community Services & Environment
Commission – Youth Commissioner

NAME: Emma Gallagher
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Sonoma, CALIFORNIA, 95476
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ALTERNATIVE PHONE: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 2 years **REGISTERED VOTER:** No

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Unemployed

REASON FOR APPLYING: I am a young high school student. While maybe not maintaining the highest GPA I know I have exceptional ideas and a creative mindset that would be a great asset to you. Me and my father care very much about this town, I have been visiting since my early childhood. We are always contributing by cleaning up trash on the highway and all around the town including (bike paths, parks, and local busy areas.) Our environment means a great deal to me and my focus is strong when it comes to improving the way we come about maintaining the valley. Thinking outside and around the box is something I can say with confidence I exceed at. Normally I don't tend to hold up such a strong case for myself, when it comes to the care and cleanliness of the town that's when I can really speak openly.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates attended, Degree and date of Degree)

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

No

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

Interested to dive into research. I am not fully adapted to the full position.

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

To share with all of you my mindset when it comes to taking care of Sonoma and our neighbors. It is a great idea to have a younger perspective on ideas concerning our community and what needs improvement. Environment care and garbage free space is my biggest strength. If in any way getting involved with this position I can improve the cleanliness of the town, that is my largest aspiration. As much as I like to use big words when I speak and type. It very simply comes down to, we need to take care of Sonoma.

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

Advice and community. I have come to learn that my school Sonoma Valley high has passionate students already trying to be heard by doing work around Sonoma and brainstorming in clubs. I want youth to be involved with decision making. An insiders perspective of teens open perspectives on community resources is what I could really show. Overall my involvement would invest a great deal of wisdom and passion into the job.

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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If yes, please list the address(es):

538 Joaquin Drive

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

Traffic and drivers in this town are just very un managed and need to be dealt with properly, as a new driver it is difficult to maneuver a vehicle with tourists all around buzzing in and out of places, fast and sudden. Preserving land is crucial when considering how much we have already lost to home developers. Hikes are beautiful in Sonoma, after the fires everyone needs to take a step back and really consider what we could have lost. Involving our large community of idealistic people is what I cannot stress enough.

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Emma Gallagher

July 19, 2016



City of Sonoma

COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-19-23

Received Date: July 29, 2019

Application Type: Community Services & Environment
Commission – Youth Commissioner

NAME: Jimena Echeverria

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Sonoma, California, 95476

PHONE: [REDACTED]

ALTERNATIVE PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 14 years **REGISTERED VOTER:** No

EMPLOYER: Tony Passantino, Sonoma Ecology Center's Education Program Manager

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Other

REASON FOR APPLYING: I am a fourteen-year-old sophomore at Sonoma Valley High School who is passionate about youth engagement, politics, and climate justice. After high school, I plan to study Political Science and Environmental Policy/Environmental Law. Before I become involved with federal government, I would like to work with my city's local government.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: I am a sophomore at Sonoma Valley High School. I will have four accelerated courses next school year, including Honors English, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, and AP World History.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: I am an experienced organizer and activist. I am a student coordinator for Sonoma Valley High School's Bee Kind Week and Take Back The Night, and I have also attended youth climate justice summits through my internship at the Sonoma Ecology Center. Additionally, I was a Teacher's Assistant at Altimira Middle School, and I participated in SVHS's 2019 Youth Engagement Seminar.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Other than being a student coordinator for Bee Kind Week and Take Back The Night, I have been a weekly volunteer at Pets Lifeline for almost two years. I also volunteer with the Nathanson Creek Stewards from the Sonoma Ecology Center to keep Nathanson Creek Preserve clean from invasive species and trash, and I have been a volunteer for almost six months.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

No, I have not, but I plan on doing so when the school year starts.

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

I understand that I would need to provide the CSEC feedback and suggestions about the nature and environment of the city of Sonoma based on experiences of Sonoma's residents. As a Commissioner, I understand that I would be responsible for providing the CSEC with passionate youth accounts to have the youth voices of Sonoma heard.

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

My goal as a Commissioner is to amplify the voices of the youth. As a fourteen-year-old youth activist, I am never taken seriously because of my age. Ageism does not work in my favor. I want the youth to understand that you are never too young to work toward your aspirations. With having a youth voice on the CSEC, other teens are inspired with seeing themselves in a leadership role. My goal is to mobilize and inspire youth to work towards achieving their goals, regardless of their age. The youth are our future, and adults should never underestimate their power and passion in this movement.

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

I empathize with youth who are not taken seriously in the climate justice movement. I feel as though I can share the youth's passionate messages to the CSEC to further improve their future in Sonoma and have their work heard and supported by the city.

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, I have not.

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Do you own property in the City of Sonoma? Yes

If yes, please list the address(es):

38 Waterman Ave

Do you rent property in the City of Sonoma? No

If yes, is it a month-to-month lease? No

If no, please list the address(es):

N/A

Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or with which you are associated that might be affected by decisions of one or more of the Commissions, and the positions you hold in these entities.

I am an EnviroLeader at the Sonoma Ecology Center. I plan on participating in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semester after this one.

Do you have a defined idea about, or have you taken a public stance on, any current or pending projects in the City? If yes, please explain (This includes social media, speaking to a Commission or the Council, letters to the editor, signed a petition etc.)

No, I do not, but SVHS's Youth Engagement Seminar had a Mock City Council Meeting about establishing a new recreation department for youth. As a mock city council member, I voted "no" because of the existing organizations in the city of Sonoma, such as the SEC, Boys and Girls Club, and Teen Services Sonoma.

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

I am a first generation Mexican-American, and I will be Sonoma Valley High School's AVID (Advancement Via

Individual Determination) Club President as a sophomore this upcoming school year. I am responsible for empowering first generation college student, inspiring others to commit to higher education, and offer community engagement opportunities.

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Jimena Echeverria

July 29, 2019



City of Sonoma

COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-19-22

Received Date: July 26, 2019

Application Type: Community Services & Environment
Commission – Youth Commissioner

NAME: Shellbee Amaya

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PHONE: [REDACTED]

ALTERNATIVE PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Unemployed

REASON FOR APPLYING: I'm applying for the Youth Member position for the Community Services & Environment Commission so that I can give teens a voice in our local government. I like to help make things better for people and be involved in our community.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: I am an 8th grader at Saint Francis Solano School in Sonoma. I am on the leadership team (Student Council). I'm a dedicated student and earn A's and B's. I play on the Sonoma Dragon's football team (I'm the only girl on the team).

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: I attended a social justice camp this summer at the Cate School. There we learned how to advocate ideas and passions of students and how to write about it.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I am a volunteer at Pet's Lifeline. I mostly help cats get socialized. I want to help dogs too but I am not allowed until I'm 15 years old. I've also helped build tool sheds for Habitat for Humanity for fire victims.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

not yet

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

I hope to give our area youth a voice in City Council meetings.

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

To help advocate for the teens and children of our town.

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

I am persistent. I like to ask questions and try to come up with solutions. I think it's good to negotiate so that everyone gets something they want, even if it's not completely what they wanted at the start.

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 am a 14 year old person

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

Please select me! I will be a good representative for the youth of Sonoma. I will bring a unique perspective to the Council. Thank you for your consideration.

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Shellbee Dawn Amaya

July 26, 2019