

Hello neighborhood commissioners,

Per recent conversation with Chair of San José's Neighborhood Commissions Jim Carter, I am excited about the opportunity to continue the dialogue with you regarding my interest in obtaining the Vice Chair position.

Given the fact I have been actively involved in the community relations for many years, along with my current position as Commissioner for San José's District 3 Neighborhood, I feel I have the experience and knowledge to provide innovative and constructive solutions for many of the problems our city and citizens are facing.

In the Vice Chair position, my number one goal would be to bring about a paradigm shift to stop what I observe as a continued deterioration of the state of the collective Neighborhood commissions. Change is needed to make our Neighborhood Commissions effective with a clear focus to provide meaningful action and progress for the good of all citizens.

All that said, and considering that emergency situations like the COVID-19 pandemic, earthquakes and wildfires, tend to affect large numbers of the population simultaneously, I feel that "focusing on neighborhood safety" is one of the most important duties to our constituents that San José's Neighborhood Commissions must fulfill and that a renewed and reinvigorated focus on emergency preparedness is the perfect catalyst to help bring about change and build stronger bonds between neighbors and city officials alike.

Looking forward, and using model program, by working with local government, private enterprise, and non-profit organizations there are many other short and long-term goals we can successfully address to inspiring neighborhood involvement to advance social, economic, and political equity.

In closing, should I obtain the Neighborhood Commission Vice Chair position, my goals are to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

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