



APPLICATION FOR A SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Committee: Youth Commission			
Name (First, Middle, Last): Yugam Satija			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Fax:
Mailing Address: (Street Address, City, State, ZIP)			
E-mail:			
If Applicable, Present Employer (Name and Address): Not Applicable		Job Title: Not Applicable	
Do you have a current contractual relationship with the Santa Clara Valley Water District? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If Yes, please describe (if more space is needed, please attach additional pages):			

B. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

List current and previous volunteer experience. Include experience with charitable organizations, committees and commissions, or public offices you may have held and relevant dates. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.		
DATE(S):	NAME:	RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPERIENCE:

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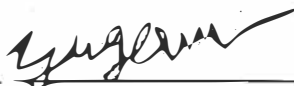
C. INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY

How did you hear about this committee opening?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Director (please specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
Please describe your interest in serving on this committee:	
Please describe your relevant qualifications, such as specific skills, training, or knowledge that should be considered in applying for this committee:	
How would the community benefit by your participation on this committee?	
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If you have a disability, what accommodations would you need to serve on this committee?	

D. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, contact:	
1. Name:	Phone:
2. Name:	Phone:

I, HEREBY, ATTEST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND MAY BE VERIFIED BY THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION OR OMISSIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR MY IMMEDIATE REJECTION AS AN APPLICANT OR TERMINATION FROM APPOINTMENT TO A COMMITTEE.

 _____ Applicant Signature	2/15/2018 _____ Date Signed
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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Please complete this supplemental questionnaire **ONLY IF** applying for the **YOUTH COMMISSION**. For more information or questions, please email: youthcommission@valleywater.org.

Name (First, Last):
Yugam Satija

What School Do You Attend:

Grade Level:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Favorite Subjects:

Scored Third place in California Bay section FBLA
Got accepted to Prestigious 4 week long Scientific Discovery
program run by department of higher education Minnesota

Please go to www.valleywater.org and scroll down to **The Water District in Your Area** to identify your Board Member and District #

Board Member's Name:

Mr. Richard Santos

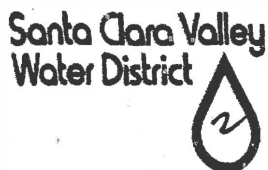
Board Member District #:

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2. What do you hope to gain from being on the Youth Commission? What do you think you can contribute by being on

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A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Committee: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission			
Name (First, Middle, Last): Thomas Le Nguyen			
Home Phone:	Work Phone: N/A	Cell Phone:	Fax: N/A
Mailing Address: (Street Address, City, State, ZI P)			
E-mail:			
If Applicable, Present Employer (Name and Address): N/A		Job Title: N/A	
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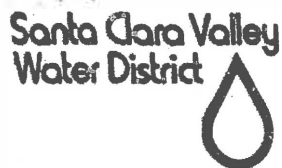
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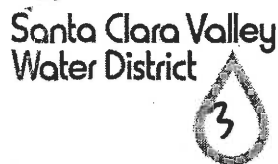
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Name (First, Last): Thomas Nguyen	
What School Do You Attend:	Grade Level:
Extra-Curricular Activities:	Favorite Subjects:
Please go to www.valleywater.org and scroll down to The Water District in Your Area to identify your Board Member and District #	
Board Member's Name: Richard Santos	Board Member District #: 3

1. What do you feel are the top three issues young people in Santa Clara County are facing, particularly around water or environmental stewardship? If appointed, how will you connect these issues to your role on the Youth Commission?
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A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Committee: SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE			
Name (First, Middle, Last): Ari Benjamin Feinsmith			
Home Phone: (408) 747 1730	Work Phone:	Cell Phone: (408) 373 3492	Fax: None
Mailing Address: (Street Address, City, State, ZIP) 1085 Tasman Dr. #885, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089			
E-mail: ari.feinsmith@gmail.com			
If Applicable, Present Employer (Name and Address): N/A		Job Title:	
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8/2016-Present	South Peninsula Jewish Teen Foundation	In 2016 I was selected to be part of a board of 25 Jewish teens, known as the South Peninsula Jewish Teen Foundation, a program of the Jewish Community Federation SF. Last year we fundraised +\$60,000 for charity (including the \$2500 that I personally raised) and donated it to 8 different non-profit organizations of our choice. I learned how to professionally raise money, reach consensus with a group of people, and make a positive change in the world. I was selected to do this program for a second year as a leadership member, where I have been developing my leadership skills by co-planning and co-leading our board meetings and mentoring first-year members.
2012-2013	Team Tzedek	Team Tzedek is a program sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services and is a community service volunteer

		program for preteens (6th, 7th and 8th graders) and their families. In Team Tzedek, we learned about our community's needs by doing hands on projects to help people who were less fortunate. We delivered Hanukkah holiday baskets to seniors, prepared meals for people with chronic illnesses and disabilities, and sorted food at Second Harvest Food Bank.
2013-present	Congregation Etz Chayim Palo Alto	I have volunteered multiple times throughout the years for my synagogue Etz Chayim. I teach the younger children during High Holiday Services (4 hours/year). I have also volunteered to run multiple booths during the synagogue carnival (AKA Children's Purim celebration), which is also about 4 hours/year. I occasionally volunteer to do other things at the synagogue as well, like watching over children during regular services (2 hours/year).

C. INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY

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☐ Committee Member (please specify):

☒ Other (please specify): *Next door*

Please describe your interest in serving on this committee:

I want to serve on this committee to learn more about how our water system works. I also want to be an advocate to educate my peers about current and long term water issues.

Please describe your relevant qualifications, such as specific skills, training, or knowledge that should be considered in applying for this committee:

I have had some prior knowledge of water in California. During my Bar Mitzvah (4 years ago) I gave a speech on water use, since it was the theme of my Bar Mitzvah. While researching, I was surprised to find out how much water it takes to produce an item of food. I also went to the Hetch Hetchy Dam this summer where I learned about this major source of our water. Additionally, I went on a tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center in San Jose a year and a half ago and I thought it was an incredible experience. I would enjoy going back there to learn more.

How would the community benefit by your participation on this committee?

I have been told that I am a very good presenter, so I can present information to my peers and community about the Santa Clara Water District.

Are you available to attend committee meetings when scheduled? (please go to www.valleywater.org for committee meeting schedule details) ☒ Yes ☐ No If No, please describe:

If you have a disability, what accommodations would you need to serve on this committee?

I am Gluten Free.

D. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, contact:

1. Name: Jason Feinsmith

Phone: 408 480 9072

2. Name: Elana Feinsmith

Phone: 408 757 8275

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Name (First, Last): Ari Feinsmith	
What School Do You Attend: Fremont High School	Grade Level: 11
Extra-Curricular Activities: Soccer, Stop motion animation,	Favorite Subjects: Principles of Engineering, Math, Intro to Engineering, and Physics
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In 300 words or less: (If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.)

1. What do you feel are the top three issues young people in Santa Clara County are facing, particularly around water or environmental stewardship? If appointed, how will you connect these issues to your role on the Youth Commission?

I think that young people generally don't know how our water distribution system works. Many people (myself included) take for granted the fact that we can just turn on a faucet and get clean water. As a member of the Youth Commission, I would help spread the word of how we get our water, and where it comes from.

Furthermore, I think that young people are also not aware how precious water is as a resource. We get a limited amount of rain/snowfall each year, and we don't have an infinite supply of water. And as California's population grows, there will be more and more demand for water as time progresses, meaning that we will need to conserve more water. Additionally, just because California is not officially in a drought at the moment, that does not mean we should be carelessly wasting millions of gallons of fresh clean water on things we don't need. I would help address this issue by reminding others not to waste water and brainstorming ways for people to be more conscientious of their water usage on their own.

Finally, young people (and people in general) don't seem aware of how much water it takes to produce one item of food. To produce just one egg, it takes 53 gallons of water. When people throw out food, not only are they contributing to food waste, but they are wasting lots of water. As a part of the Youth Commission, I would try to remind others that by wasting food, we are also wasting water, which is unsustainable.

2. What do you hope to gain from being on the Youth Commission? What do you think you can contribute by being on the Youth Commission?

I hope to learn more about how our water system works and what we can do to keep it sustainable. I am also interested in what new and innovative technologies we are using to be more efficient in our water usage. I hope to bring public awareness so that people are more mindful of their water usage.



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