

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPLICATION



Please complete this application in its entirety and submit an original signed copy to the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California 95118. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt and are public record. This application is available on-line at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees> under "Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission." For assistance, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 265-2607, extension 2277.

## A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Committee: Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission			
Name (First, Middle, Last): Jonathan Liang Xia			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Fax: N/A
Mailing Address: (Street Address, City, State, ZIP)			
E-mail:			
If Applicable, Present Employer (Name and Address): N/A		Job Title: N/A	
Do you have a current contractual relationship with the Santa Clara Valley Water District?			Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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:
11/11/2018		
12/1/2019		
Multiple dates		
4/06/2019		

### C. INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY

How did you hear about this committee opening?	
District Website	Director (please specify):
Committee Member (please specify):	Other (please specify): Father's friend
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? I believe that I can benefit the community with my critical thinking skills and ability to think "outside of the box." I have the ability to take charge as a leader, or back down and listen intently to others. I can give valuable input to decisions that are being made and can break down a problem to examine it even further.	
Are you available to attend committee meetings when scheduled? (please go to <a href="https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees">https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees</a> for committee meeting schedule details) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If No, please describe:	
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 Signatur	<u>4/26/2019</u> Date Signed
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# SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE



Those applying for the **YOUTH COMMISSION** must complete the **APPLICATION** and **SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE**. For more information or questions, please email: [youthcommission@valleywater.org](mailto:youthcommission@valleywater.org).

Name (First, Last): Jonathan, Xia	
What School Do You Attend:	Grade Level:
Extra-Curricular Activities: Badminton, Basketball, Piano	Favorite Subjects: Entrepreneurship, Algebra II Honors
Please go to <a href="http://www.valleywater.org">www.valleywater.org</a> and scroll down to <b>The Water District in Your Area</b> to identify your Board Member and District #	
Board Member's Name: John Varela	Board Member District #: 1

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?

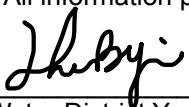
I feel that the top three issues that young people in Santa Clara County are facing around water/environmental stewardship are resource waste, ignorance of the environment, and lack of environmental knowledge. Many children and teens do not think about resources when using them, often doing little things like keeping the faucet on when brushing teeth or washing hands. These small actions can lead to water and resources being wasted, but can be easily prevented. Many young people in Santa Clara County also simply do not care about the environment, as they might do careless things like throwing trash into a river or ocean, which can have serious consequences when not treated properly. Recycling and composting are important parts of helping the environment and giving back, but some teens and children still do not recycle or compost. This problem will require more environmental education among schools in Santa Clara County, but can be fixed. In addition to this, most young people will probably use many plastic products, which are disposed after one use. This generates a lot of waste and trash that could have an extremely negative effect on the environment. Buying a reusable water bottle or bag is a simple but effective solution to this problem, which is very widespread. I want to help solve these major problems by being on the Youth Commission, which are so prominent in our society today.

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?

By being on the Youth Commission, I hope to gain both experience and knowledge in the environmental field. I look up to my father as a role model, and since he founded a waste water management company, I have always wanted to learn more about it. However, I never had the chance to be educated in depth about water and environmental policies and problems. Along with gaining experience and knowledge, I genuinely want to help our community and the environment. Living in Silicon Valley, the "technology hub" of America, most people's main focus is not on the environment. As a highly competitive society, we get carried away by the pursuit of money and fame, but do not think about bigger issues regarding the environment. I want to learn more about this, because in the future I could potentially work in this field. By being on the Youth Commission, I believe that I can contribute my current knowledge and skills of business and engineering. I am also a logical person, inquisitive about many careers. I can bring my critical thinking mindset into solving problems, which may be important to operate well.

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Applicant: I, Jonathan Xia (print applicant name) verify that the information I have provided on this application is accurate. All information provided is subject to verification. False, inaccurate, or ineligible applications will be disqualified.

Parent/Guardian: I,  (parent/guardian signature) understand that my child has applied for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission and has my express permission.