

Growth Management Oversight Commission

Current Vacancy: (1) Environmental Representative

Last Name	First Name	Resume	App Date	Environmental Interests	Currently Serving On	Preference	Notes
Saponara	Mary Ann	X	11/21/2017	X		1	
Strong	Andrew	X	1/3/2017	X		1	
Rahimzadeh	Sassan	X	12/18/2017	X		1	

Leah Larrarte

From: Webmaster
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:36 PM
To: CityClerk; Adrianna Hernandez
Subject: City of Chula Vista: Growth Management Oversight Commission Application received

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Application for membership on the Growth Management Oversight Commission

1. **Prefix**
(o) Mr.
2. **First and Last Name**
Sassan Rahimzadeh
3. **Email**
[REDACTED]
4. **Residence Address**
[REDACTED]
5. **City**
Chula Vista
6. **ZIP Code**
91915
7. **Primary Phone**
[REDACTED]
8. **Secondary Phone**
[REDACTED]

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

Yes

11. How Long?

22 years

12. Employer

ARYA Cleaners

13. Occupation

president

14. Please select one or more of the seats below that you wish to be considered for: (select as many as applicable)

Environmental Interests Representative

Business Interests Representative

15. If you selected one of the specific interests above (Local Educational, Development, Environmental, and/or Business Interests), please describe your interest, experience or special knowledge that you would bring to the selected seat(s). (250 words or less)

I have just recently finished my two full 4-year terms on the City of Chula Vista's Sustainability Commission (former RCC). While on that commission I served 3 years as chair of the commission. During those years, I have also served as chair of the 2014-15 Climate Change Working Group, which was responsible for creating the guidelines for the city's current Climate Action Plan. Prior to that, in 2011, I had served as vice-chair of the Climate Adaptation Working Group. I have been president of ARYA Cleaners for the last 28 years, and in 2009, was the very first recipient of the city of Chula Vista's Clean Business Award. In 2010, we also won the CoolCalifornia.org's Small Business Excellence award. We proved green initiatives in business can also be good for actual business. ARYA Cleaners was the ONLY dry cleaner in southern California to receive this award.

16.

I understand if I am appointed to a seat that represents my residential quadrant, I must reside in my respective area at the time of my appointment and for the duration of my membership on the Commission to remain eligible.

17. Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Chula Vista Board, Committee or Commission

Yes

18. If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

Sustainability commission for 8+ years

19. Are you, or have you been, involved in any local, civic, service or community groups?

Yes

20. If yes, please list them

YMCA board of advisers, former member of the Chula Vista Rotary club, Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce

21. What do you hope to accomplish in the role of a Growth Management Oversight Commissioner? (250 words or less)

As a small business owner who also absolutely cares about both our local and global environment, I feel that true "environmental sustainability" must be combined with "economic sustainability" in order to be a long-term solution to our ongoing environmental challenges. I hope to further those goals by introducing those ideals to as many different interest groups as possible. And in a diverse group such as the GMOC, I think that'll be a critical point of view.

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[GMOC resume.docx](#)

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(o) I have reviewed the City of Chula Vista's Conflict of Interest Code.

25.

(o) I am familiar with the responsibilities of the Growth Management Oversight Commission. I attest that the information I have provided is accurate and true.

Thank you,
City of Chula Vista

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Sassan Rahimzadeh

Objective

To be considered for the “environmental interest” open seat on the city of Chula Vista Growth Management Oversight Commission

Education

- SDSU, San Diego, CA
- Bachelor of Arts, 1990
- Economics

Experience

1988 - To present

President- Rahimzadeh Investment Group Inc. dba ARYA Cleaners Chula Vista, CA

Director of strategic planning, operations and marketing

1983-1988

Store manager- Kay Jewelers – Fashion Valley, San Diego, CA

Awards & Acknowledgements

- Recipient of 2010 Small Business Excellence Award from CoolCalifornia.org
- FIRST recipient of Chula Vista Clean Business Award 2009
- Chair Chula Vista Sustainability Commission (formerly known as RCC)
- Chair 2014-15 Chula Vista Climate Change Working Group
- Vice-chair 2011 Chula Vista Climate Adaptation Working Group
- South Bay Family YMCA Board of Advisors

Leah Larrarte

From: Webmaster
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 9:23 PM
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1. Prefix

(o) Mrs.

2. First and Last Name

Mary Ann Saponara

3. Email

[REDACTED]

4. Residence Address

[REDACTED]

5. City

Chula Vista

6. ZIP Code

91910

7. Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

8. Secondary Phone

Not answered

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

Yes

11. How Long?

since December 1975

12. Employer

retired principal, San Ysidro School District

13. Occupation

educator

14. Please select one or more of the seats below that you wish to be considered for: (select as many as applicable)

Local Educational Interests Representative

Environmental Interests Representative

15. If you selected one of the specific interests above (Local Educational, Development, Environmental, and/or Business Interests), please describe your interest, experience or special knowledge that you would bring to the selected seat(s). (250 words or less)

Having been an educator, grant writer, docent for both the Tijuana Estuary Research Reserve, and the Living Coast Discovery Center, I feel that I have the love for preserving nature's gifts for all generational residents.

I have worked with great environmental educators including Dr. Mike McCoy, Tina Mathias, Southwestern College's photography instructor Todd Stands and a very experienced raptor educator/rehabilitator, Mrs. Nancy Conney, directress of Skyhunters in Alpine.

I am passionate about nature and preserving what we have left because only 10% of the Pacific Flyway exists.

I am very up beat! I have a very sharp learning curve. I enjoy speaking with young and old to take care of our earth.

My son, Lt. Ernie Saponara, U.S. Coast Guard, studied at the Living Coast Discovery Center. He focused upon going to the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. I have been giving back because of the great teachers he has had over the years. For a while, I was a recruiter for the academy.

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No

18. If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

Not answered

19. Are you, or have you been, involved in any local, civic, service or community groups?

Yes

20. If yes, please list them

Living Coast Discovery Center's docent program, i was a docent for the Tijuana Estuary, i was on the board of directors for Friends of the Estuary, I just rejoined Friends as a member, I am a member of the Chula Vista Elks Club supporting various projects, I wrote an article about their classic cars exhibition June 2016, I donate to schools, community groups for fund raising

events especially the Living Coast's fund raisers with my Indian jewelry etc. writer promoting community events for Southwestern College's newspaper, The Sun, I am also a photo journalist for the newspaper

21. What do you hope to accomplish in the role of a Growth Management Oversight Commissioner? (250 words or less)

I want to protect the environment! I want young and old alike to feel safe enjoying nature. I want to visit schools and share my love for nature. I want to pursue opportunities for outreach projects which the Living Coast and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Agency have.

I want the City of Chula Vista to keep on top of preserving space for parks. Keep them clean without graffiti etc.

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Resume Nov 21, 2017.docx

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Mrs. Mary Ann Saponara


Chula Vista, CA 91910

Educational Background

BA degree—1968—Major-History and Political Science, Minor-Sociology-College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale, New York

MS degree—1969---MS in teaching language minority culturally diverse children—Yeshiva University, Ferkauf Graduate School Fifth Avenue and 12th Street, Manhattan, New York I student taught in Spanish Harlem—More Effective School #146—106th Street and First Avenue, New York City—I won a fellowship representing the Italian community

Credentials: New York State-K-6-Life- California-Life-K-8, Reading Specialist, English as a Second Language Specialist, studied two years at the San Diego Museum of Art—wrote a book featuring specific artists whose works are part of the museum’s gallery—k-8 for English Language Learners

Teaching Experience

PS #23—Yonkers, New York-low-socio economic community—grade 3-students came from all over the world—English Language Learners

San Ysidro Elementary School District—K-8, 23-years as a teacher- visual arts mentor teacher, taught 8th grade environmental studies

15-years as an administrator/Vice Principal-San Ysidro Middle School, Ocean View Hills K-8, Principal-Smythe Elementary including being the district’s grant writer

Sweetwater High School District—13-years—English Language Learners--Adult Ed teacher-evenings (following subjects were taught during summer school--Reading teacher, 9th grade writing/reading, 10th grade Western/Eastern Civilizations, 12th U.S. Government)

Community Service Activities

Chula Vista Elks Club Member—I help with fund raisers, journalist/photo journalist for June 2016 classic car show

Docent for Tijuana Estuary Research Reserve – 2008-2011-gave bird walks

Docent for Living Coast Discovery Center— 2008-2017--bird walks, raptor row tours, donate hand-made Indian jewelry for fund raisers

I donate to schools, churches, organizations which have fund raisers-hand-made Indian jewelry, Navajo hand-made animals, lambs, bison, turtles, dinosaurs, ponies, rabbits, dogs, elephants, etc.

Recruiter for the Coast Guard Academy

Southwestern College's newspaper, The Sun.

I write feature stories about Julian, the Cuyamacas, Cabrillo's ship, the San Salvador, Leonardo da Vinci's hidden master piece, the Battle of Anghiari /Toscana-behind the Gorgio Vasari's master piece in the Palaccio Vecchio in Florence, Italy

Exhibitions at the Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego Museum of Art

References:

Dr. Mike McCoy—Imperial Beach Pet Hospital-I was a volunteer at the Tijuana Estuary

Dr. McCoy is responsible for the bike path which extends from Coronado into Chula Vista past the Living Coast Discovery Center

Home phone: [REDACTED] Imperial Beach Pet Hospital-619-424-3961 Fridays-2:00-5:00pm

[REDACTED]

Tina Mathias—Living Coast Discovery Center Volunteer Coordinator-

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Todd Stands-Southwestern College's photography instructor-[REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Mrs. Nancy Conney- -Skyhunters directress-raptor/rehabilitation educator

Cell: [REDACTED]

* Would like to be considered for Environmental Rep. Seat. Please see answer to Question 15 at the end of the application.

Leah Larrarte

From: Webmaster
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 9:17 PM
To: CityClerk; Adrianna Hernandez
Subject: City of Chula Vista: Growth Management Oversight Commission Application received

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1. **Prefix**

(o) Mr.

2. **First and Last Name**

Andrew

3. **Email**

[REDACTED]

4. **Residence Address**

[REDACTED]

5. **City**

Chula Vista

6. **ZIP Code**

91915

7. Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

Yes

11. How Long?

10 Years

12. Employer

County of San Diego

13. Occupation

CAO Chief of Staff

14. Please select one or more of the seats below that you wish to be considered for: (select as many as applicable)

Representative of the quadrant of the City in which you reside (SW, SE, NW, or NE)

15. If you selected one of the specific interests above (Local Educational, Development, Environmental, and/or Business Interests), please describe your interest, experience or special knowledge that you would bring to the selected seat(s). (250 words or less)

As a resident of southeastern Chula Vista, a 9 year veteran of the United States Navy, and a 9 year employee of the County of San Diego I believe that my background and experience will bring vital knowledge, skills and abilities to this Commission.

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No

18. If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

Not answered

19. Are you, or have you been, involved in any local, civic, service or community groups?

No

20. If yes, please list them

Not answered

21. What do you hope to accomplish in the role of a Growth Management Oversight Commissioner? (250 words or less)

As a Growth Management Oversight Commissioner I hope to contribute to the continued growth and development of a strong and vibrant Chula Vista community. I believe that not all communities in Chula Vista have progressed equally, thus I would like

to help to ensure that all of our communities continue to grow and be enriched through development, re-vitalization and smart growth. In the 2016 Growth Management Oversight Commission Annual Report, thresholds for Libraries and Police continue to not be met. I would like to help to ensure that all recommendations under section 3.1 and 3.2 are implemented to the best of the respective department's abilities and that the resources needed to achieve implementation are available. I believe that all Chula Vista residents should live in a healthy, safe and thriving community. This commission is a vital part of ensuring that this happens.

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Andrew Strong Resume.doc

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Please describe your interest, experience or special knowledge that you would bring to the selected seat(s). (250 words or less)

I believe it is vital for our community to continue to have smart growth while ensuring we protect our natural environment. Given our regions housing needs, it is vital for us to develop smart communities with the appropriate amount of residential, commercial, recreational and environmentally protected lands. It is important that we work to create the right balance while including the necessary infrastructure to ensure our communities are safe and have a high quality of life. I believe my work experience will provide a unique and important perspective in this roll.

I have worked for the County of San Diego for the past 10 years. I currently serve as the Chief Administrative Officer's Chief of Staff. In this capacity, I work closely with the County's Executive Team to implement policies directed by the Board of Supervisors. Prior to my current role as Chief of Staff, I served as Chief of Departmental Operations for the Department of Planning & Development Services. In this role, I oversaw the management of department administrative functions in the areas of budget and fiscal management, contract management, information technology and geographic information systems. I worked closely with our department division Chiefs to support Building, Planning and Land Development efforts; this gave me valuable knowledge of the land development process. I believe my experience will allow me to bring a unique regional perspective to this seat.

Andrew Strong

SUMMARY

Business administration leader with over 10 years of experience. Experience includes organizational development, human resources and business administration; this includes 5 years of progressive management and leadership experience.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[2016-Present]

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

San Diego, CA

Chief of Staff

- ◆ Direct and coordinate planning and project activities with County departments and other public agencies.
- ◆ Prepare detailed work plans for assigned projects including the methodology for needs assessments and allocation of resources.
- ◆ Monitor progress and evaluate the performance of projects.
- ◆ Prepare reports for the Board of Supervisors, governmental agencies, and other legislative bodies.
- ◆ Manage the day-to-day operations of the Chief Administrative Office including supervision of office staff and management of the office budget.

[2014-2016]

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

San Diego, CA

Chief of Support Services

- ◆ Oversaw the management of all department administrative functions including regulatory and operating procedures in the areas of budget and fiscal management, organizational development, contract management, facility management, supply, and information technology.
- ◆ Managed 3 business units composed of 35 employees and 4 direct reports.
- ◆ Oversaw the development and management of the department's 35 million dollar budget.
- ◆ Prepared and presented the 5-year financial forecast and quarterly reports to Executive Management.
- ◆ Oversaw the Performance Improvement Team, responsible for integrating operational improvements and information technology for continuous improvement innovations.
- ◆ Oversaw the management and performance of 40+ contracts and agreements while ensuring compliance with laws and regulations.
- ◆ Oversaw the management of 2 facilities and 40 fleet vehicles.

[2012-2014]

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
FINANCE & GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP**

San Diego, CA

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STAFF OFFICER

- ◆ Served as the primary executive office liaison to the Board of Supervisors and County departments.
- ◆ Worked with the Finance and General Government departments to establish and revise over 30 policies and administrative procedures.
- ◆ Served on the County's Strategic Planning Support Team which consisted of coordinating ongoing strategic activities (gap analysis and strategic planning) and presented results and recommendations to Executive Management.
- ◆ Provided direct support in the development and implementation of strategies to achieve Countywide and department strategic goals.
- ◆ Provided support in the development and ongoing monitoring of the County's \$4.8 billion two-year operational plan and 5 year financial forecast including quarterly operational and financial reports to the Chief Administrative Officer.

[2008-2012]

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

San Diego, CA

HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST

- ◆ Applied instructional design techniques and adult learning theory to develop and facilitate numerous training programs.
- ◆ Used various e-learning authoring programs to design, develop and implement online training.
- ◆ Conducted needs assessments.
- ◆ Served as the project lead on numerous training courses for administrative level staff, professional staff and executives
- ◆ Led the development and implementation of the County's Professional Enrichment Seminars that included the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, change management and administrative skill development courses.
- ◆ Developed and implemented the County's Diversity and Inclusion training program.
- ◆ Led the County's Workforce Academy for Youth training program (an emancipated foster youth internship/mentor program).

CERTIFICATIONS

- ◆ DISCert Certified Facilitator
- ◆ Franklin Covey Certified Client Facilitator
- ◆ International Public Management Association Certified Professional

EDUCATION

- ◆ **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**
Human Resources Management, MA
- ◆ **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
Workforce Education & Development, Emphasis in Training, BA