



APPLICATION

For Appointment to Fill Vacancy
SAN LEANDRO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

This application will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration to fill the vacancy in District 4, for the term ending December 31, 2012.

For Official Use	
Resident of San Leandro	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Resident of District 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Years
Registered Voter	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please type or print

Name Mr. Ms. Chohlis Dana M
Last First Middle Initial
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Address City Zip
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Work/Alternate Phone () Email dchohlis@yahoo.com

Current Employment Information

Employer Lafayette School District
Address 3755 School St Lafayette CA 94549
Position Teacher Dates of Employment 9/2005 - present
Responsibilities 4th grade teacher, negotiating committee member

Questionnaire

(A separate sheet may be attached)

Please describe your education, training, and/or any special certifications:

see attached

Please explain why you want to be appointed to the City Council:

Please list any previous City of San Leandro Board, Commission, or Committee on which you have served:

Please list any community organizations to which you belong or have belonged:

Please provide any additional information you wish which covers your qualifications, interests, or training related to this appointment:

see attached

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meeting(s) if I am appointed. I am also aware that this application is a public document. If appointed, I will file the necessary disclosure documents as required under the Political Reform Act.

Signature *Dana McChales* Date 8/8/2012

Please return your application by 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2012 to:

Office of the City Clerk
City of San Leandro
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

No application will be accepted after the deadline.

(Upon submission to the City of San Leandro, this document becomes a public record.)

Education, training:

I am a life long learner. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts from Cal State East Bay. I stayed on after graduation and earned a multiple subject and single subject teaching credential as well as an administrative credential. I earned my Master's Degree in English in 2000 and am in the middle of my doctorate work in the Educational Leadership for Social Justice Program. My dissertation is focused on gender disparity in the STEM fields as men outnumber women 75% to 25%. I am particularly interested in helping girls in public k-12 schools become more interested in mathematics and the sciences to help them qualify for science, technology, engineering or math careers.

I worked at McKinley Elementary School for nine years before being hired by the Lafayette School District where I am presently employed. I have experience as a 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teacher and have worked as an assistant principal and administrator on special assignment for the director of student services and assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. I have also taught English courses at the San Leandro Adult School for high school seniors needing to make up units in order to graduate. I've worked with adults at Laney College in Oakland teaching Speech Communication courses.

Why I want to be appointed:

I have lived in San Leandro for over 30 years. For 15 years I lived in the Davis Street area and 15 years in Washington Manor. I am interested in this short-term assignment as a way to give back to San Leandro and help for a few months guide the city in the positive direction it has been aimed over the past few years. San Leandro has been a wonderful place to raise my family and I continue to live here and enjoy being a residence long after my children have graduated from college and started their own families.

I have not served on any City of San Leandro Board, Commissions or Committees.

Community Organizations:

While a teacher in San Leandro I worked on behalf of the teachers at my site as union rep and was elected to the executive board as secretary. In my present district I represent my site on the negotiating committee, working each year with the district for a fair teacher contract as well as negotiations for salary increases.

I have belonged to the Alameda Yacht Club for over ten years. The yacht club is an all volunteer organization. I have served on the board for several years including Commodore in 2008. Our club works to help Alameda County residents in need. We hold charity dinners and events to raise money for the Alameda Women's Shelter, Head Start Programs and Food Banks.

Additional information:

As a doctorate student I have become accustomed to reading lengthy academic research papers and disseminating the information. For the short period this assignment will last, I feel I can quickly become aware of the issues before the city council and help make informed decisions that serve the best interest of all citizens.