

TOWN OF LOS GATOS

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Contact: Clerk Department
110 East Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030
(408) 354-6834 or Clerk@LosGatosCA.gov

General eligibility requirements: A resident of the incorporated limits of the Town of Los Gatos. Other requirements may apply to specific Boards, Commissions, or Committees.

For information about each Board, Commission, and Committee (e.g. responsibilities, meeting date, time, and frequency, agendas, and minutes) please visit [Boards, Commissions & Committees | The Los Gatos CA Official Site!](#).

If you would like to apply for more than one Board, Commission, or Committee, place a number next to the Board, Commission, or Committee, in order of your preference, for which you would like to apply. **A separate application is required to be submitted for each Board, Commission, or Committee you are applying for.** Only applications for current openings will be considered at this time. Applications for future openings will be kept on file for one year. Qualified applicants will be notified for an interview with Town Council.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arts and Culture Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Building Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Health and Senior Services Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Streets and Transportation Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | General Plan Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Historic Preservation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parks Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personnel Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Planning Commission |

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- Please note that all information provided on the application becomes a public record after it is officially filed.
- All appointed applicants are required to file the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) annually, which are also a public record.
- Applicants appointed to the Planning Commission are also required to complete Ethics Training AB 1234 every two years.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

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**Note: Only the text that shows in the boxes is visible.
Please do not go beyond the borders of the boxes.**

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ Cell Home Work EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____ Cell Home Work

EMPLOYER: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN LOS GATOS? _____

*If appointed your name, phone number, and email address will be made available to the public.

Please list what experience, education, or
volunteer positions that you have held.

Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?

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How would you define the role of a Planning Commissioner in relation to the Town Council in planning matters?

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Have you ever attended or viewed a Planning Commission meeting? If yes, please note which meeting you viewed or attended and provide a summary of your observation. If not, why not?

<https://meetings.municode.com/PublishPage/index?cid=LOSGATOS&ppid=a7cef0f9-a4a2-40e7-a6e3-056a78898413&p=1>

How will you demonstrate impartiality in your role as a Commissioner with your personal beliefs with regards to land use and planning policies?

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The Commission is expected to demonstrate knowledge of the Town Code and its land use and planning policies. What experience do you have that would be useful on the Commission?

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How would you describe your approach to planning and how it would relate to making a land use or policy determination?

The Planning Commission meets at least twice a month and requires a significant amount of homework. Are you prepared to make the commitment to spend the amount of time required to attend regular meetings, committee meetings, do site visits, and study the packet material? Yes No

You are expected to serve on at least one other Committee (General Plan Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Conceptual Development Advisory Board). Will you have the time to serve on the additional Committee? Yes No

CASE STUDY: All Planning Commission applications ***must*** include the two completed case studies (see next page). Please complete the case studies before submitting your signed application. Thank you.

PLANNING COMMISSION CASE STUDY #1 – Fictitious Location

PROPERTY LOCATION: 170 Smith Boulevard

PROPERTY OWNER: John Smith

APPLICANT: Superior Commercial Development

OVERVIEW:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
General Plan Designation	Neighborhood Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial
Zoning Designation	C-1	C-1
Existing Use	Vacant	Vacant
Property Size	15,000 Square Feet	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant proposes to construct a 10,000-square foot two-story office building with underground parking that will be 32 feet tall. The maximum height allowed by Town Code is 35 feet and the maximum lot coverage would allow a 15,000-square foot building. The surrounding area on Smith Boulevard is comprised of other commercial buildings and single-family homes are located behind the existing parcel.

NEIGHBORHOOD REACTION:

The surrounding neighborhood is divided on the issue of development. Some of the neighboring property owners are in support of the project and think it will provide needed office space, while others are opposed to the project because they feel it will create a significant traffic impact.

PROCESS:

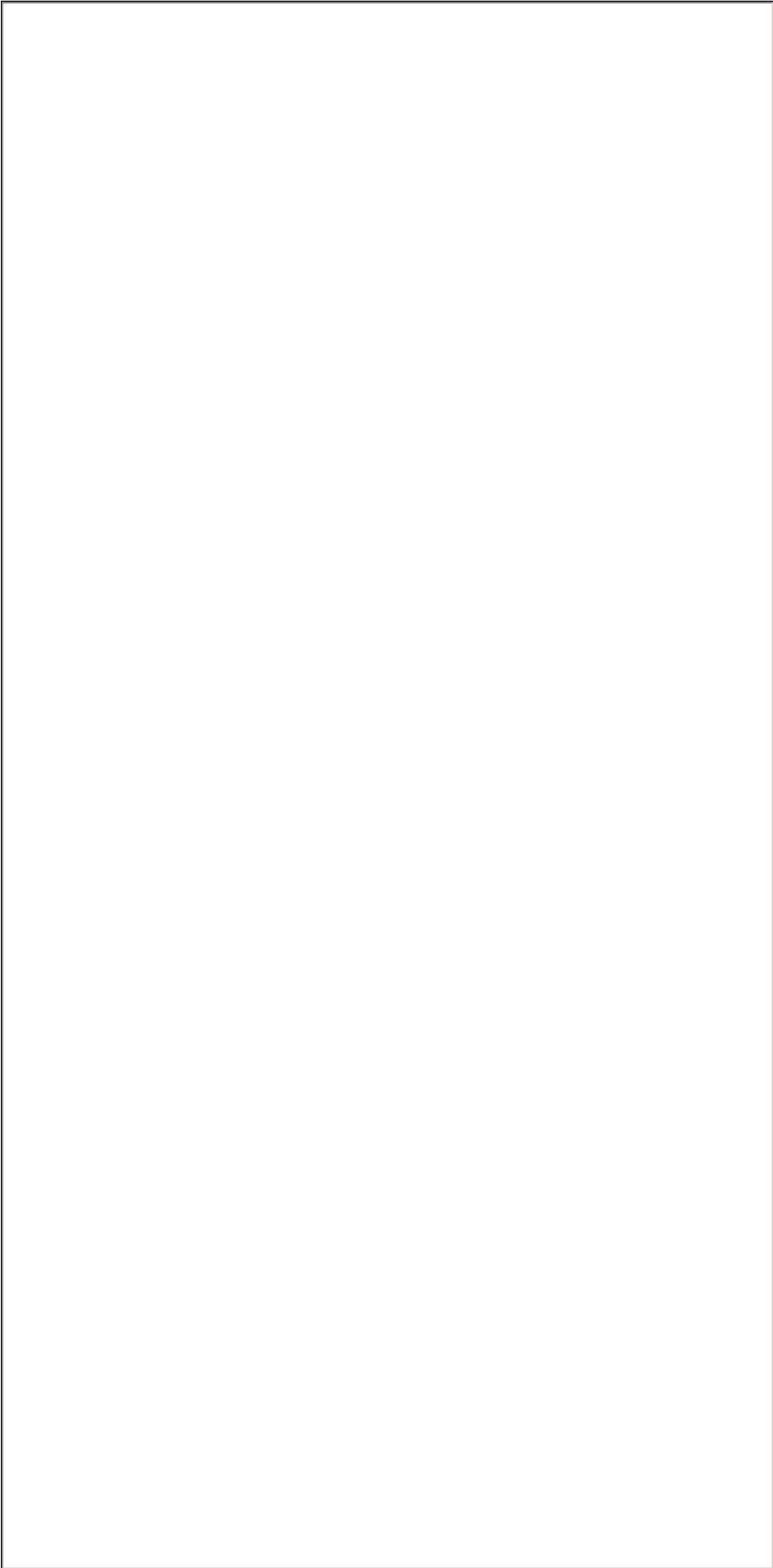
- The proposed project has been reviewed by staff and complies with all of the Town's technical requirements.
- A Traffic Impact Analysis has been prepared by the Town's Traffic Consultant.
- The Traffic Impact analysis shows that there would not be a significant traffic impact based on the Town's existing traffic policies.
- There are a number of residents at the Planning Commission meeting opposing the proposed project based on potential traffic impacts.

What is your initial reaction to the above referenced project?

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What issues do you feel will need to be investigated further?

How would you weigh your personal observations or experience regarding traffic and the professional input and recommendations of Town staff and Town consultants?



PLANNING COMMISSION CASE STUDY #2 – Fictitious Location

PROPERTY OWNER: John Smith

APPLICANT: Design, Inc.

OVERVIEW:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
General Plan Designation	Low Density Residential	Low Density Residential
Zoning Designation	R-1:8	R-1:8
Existing Use	Residential	Residential
Property Size	8,000 Square Feet	8,000 Square Feet

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant proposes to demolish an existing one-story residence and construct a new 2,500-square foot two-story residence with a 700-square foot attached garage. The proposed two-story residence will be 29 feet tall and have a lot coverage of 31 percent. The maximum allowable floor area for the home is 2,608 square feet and 733 square feet for the garage. The maximum height allowed by Town Code is 30 feet and the maximum allowable lot coverage is 40 percent. The proposed home will result in the largest home in the immediate neighborhood in terms of square footage and floor area. The surrounding area on Rose Street is comprised of one and two-story single-family residences.

NEIGHBORHOOD REACTION:

The surrounding neighborhood is divided on the issue of the construction of a new two-story residence. Some of the neighboring property owners think the proposed two-story residence will be compatible with the neighborhood, while others are opposed to the project because they feel it will not be compatible with the neighborhood in terms of bulk and mass. Additionally, privacy impacts to the adjacent one-story homes on either side have also been submitted.

PROCESS:

- The proposed project has been reviewed by staff and complies with all of the Town's objective standards.
- A report has been prepared by the Town's Consulting Architect that the project complies with the Town's Residential Design Guidelines.
- There are a number of residents at the Planning Commission meeting opposing the proposed project based on potential privacy impacts and concerns with neighborhood compatibility.

What is your initial reaction to the above referenced project?

What issues do you feel will need to be investigated further?

How would you weigh your personal observations or experience regarding neighborhood compatibility and privacy and the professional input and recommendations of Town staff and the Town consultant?

Please let us know how you heard about the recruitment:

Town Website	What's New Email Blast	Social Media
Town Newsletter	Friend / Neighbor	KCAT Ad
Los Gatos Weekly Ad	Town Meeting	Chamber of Commerce
Service Group	Incumbent	Other _____

The **application deadline is 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2022.** Applications received after the deadline will be held for the next recruitment.

Interviews will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2022, tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. You will be notified via email the week of December 5th of the interview details and be requested to **RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2022.** *All applicants are required to be interviewed to be considered for appointment as a Commissioner.*

I understand the scheduled interview date and time is Tuesday, December 13, 2022, tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK DEPARTMENT AT (408) 354-6834.

NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE TOWN TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY [28 CFR §35.102-35.104]