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Application for membership on the Sustainability Commission

1. Prefix

(o) Ms.

2. Preferred Pronoun

(o)
She/Her/Hers

3. First and Last Name

Abigail Costello

4. E-mail

[REDACTED]

5. Home Address

[REDACTED]

6. City

Chula Vista

7. ZIP code

[REDACTED]

8. Primary Phone



9. Secondary Phone

Not answered

10. I certify that I am a resident of the City of Chula Vista and at least 18 years of age.

When applying for a Youth Advisory member: I am a resident of the City of Chula Vista and between 16 and 22 years of age.

Yes

11. How long have you been a resident of the City?

16 years

12. Please click here to view the interactive map and verify your District of residency

I am a resident of the following City Council district.

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13. Present employer

San Diego 350

14. Occupation

Chula Vista Community Liaison Intern

15. Have you ever been employed by the City of Chula Vista?

No

16. If you have worked for the City of Chula Vista please provide the department and dates of employment.

Not answered

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When applying for a Youth Advisory member: I am a resident of the City of Chula Vista and between 16 and 22 years of age.

Youth Advisory Member (non-voting) - 16 to 22 years of age.

18. Are you currently serving on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

No

19. Which one(s)?

Not answered

20. Have you previously served on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

No

21. Which ones?

Not answered

22. Per Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.25.030, I understand:

-If I am currently serving on a board or commission, I must resign from my current board or commission if I am appointed.

-I must have served at least 12 months on my current board or commission in order to be appointed to another board or commission.

(o) I have read and acknowledged the above statement.

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

(o) Yes

24. Which ones?

South Bay Sustainable Communities, Youth 4 A Sustainable Future, San Diego 350, Living Coast Discovery Center

25. What are your principal areas of interest in our City government, and what experience or special knowledge can you bring to those areas?

In our city government, I take special interest in public transportation and access to sustainable transportation and other no-emission modes of transport like biking or walking. I am also passionate about the rollout of green bins and management of as well as education about organic waste to citizens. I can bring my special experience of educating students and communities on waste separation, interacting with various communities across Chula Vista, coordinating with youth and providing a youth perspective myself.

26. What would you hope to accomplish in the role of a Sustainability Commissioner? (250 words or less)

In the role of Sustainability Commissioner, I would like to provide insight as to how the commission can work with the city and other local organizations to make our city sustainable while being ethical. It would be vital to keep in mind our most at-risk communities such as elderly, young, and BIPOC communities which I would intend to enforce in this position, especially considering that I am a first-generation Mexican youth I have a great understanding for our communities' needs. For myself, I would also like to gain experience in a more official position such as this before I enter the workplace in a sustainability field after college. Furthermore, I would provide a youth perspective. As someone who will have to deal with the worst effects of climate change and therefore knows how urgent it is, I would call for immediate and significant action towards our city's sustainability efforts.

27. You may upload a resume in addition to your application (optional).

[Resume.png](#)

28. The City understands meeting schedules and individual's availability may change. We ask that you consider the meeting schedule when submitting an application.

(o) I have reviewed the Sustainability Commission regular meeting date, time and frequency.

29.

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

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(o) I understand that this application and any documents submitted in connection with the application process are public records and may be publicly disclosed.

Thank you,
City of Chula Vista

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Abigail Costello

Chula Vista, CA

SKILLS

Quick learner, ability to collaborate with a wide range of peers, public speaking, problem-solving

EXPERIENCE

South Bay Sustainable Communities, Hilltop High School - Lead,
President of Youth for a Sustainable Future (Volunteer)

July 2023 - PRESENT

- Oversee the sorting of food waste at lunch to deter it from landfills
- Planning school/club-wide events, representing the club, organizing members, hosting meetings, tracking community service
- Speaking to public officials for important sustainability-related causes

San Diego 350, Remote - Planning events and speaking to media
(Volunteer)

August 2022 - July 2023

- Attending Zoom meetings to assist in making decisions for planning events (Global Youth Climate Strike - San Diego, 2022), such as media and scheduling
- Being a media representative, answering questions, talking about the event and its purpose
- Boothing at and coordinating community events to provide educational resources about sustainability and climate action

San Diego 350, Hybrid - Chula Vista Community Liaison Intern

July 2023 - PRESENT

- Attending Zoom meetings to assist in making decisions for planning events (Global Youth Climate Strike - San Diego, 2022), such as media and scheduling
- Being a media representative, answering questions, talking about the event and its purpose
- Boothing at and coordinating community events to provide educational resources about sustainability and climate action

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- Participating in the organization's Owner's Meetings and on the Steering Committee

Chula Vista Public Library Civic Center Branch, 365 F St, Chula Vista, CA 91910 - Volunteer

August 2022 - March 2023

- Assisting staff in day-to-day activities such as assembling crafts, handling forms for passports, and mail
- Answering questions for visitors about the workings of the location

Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Pt Dr, Chula Vista, CA 91910 - Summer Sustainability Intern

June 2023 - September 2023

- Assisting staff in day-to-day activities such as maintaining grounds for visitors
- Maintaining volunteer garden
- Removing invasive plant species
- Mixing/harvesting compost
- Teaching composting workshops to visitors
- Tracking purchases of compost bins and green waste caddies/resources
- Attending community outreaches

EDUCATION

Hilltop High School, Chula Vista, CA 91910

August 2021 - Present