



City of Gilroy Board, Committee, & Commission Application

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Board/Committee/Commission of Interest:

Youth Commission

Name: Thanmay Sarath

Phone number(s): [REDACTED] email address*: [REDACTED]

Are you a registered voter within the City limits? No

Physical Address*: 9591 Hummingbird Ln

Driver's License or ID No.: [REDACTED] Date of Birth*: [REDACTED] Last 4 of SSN: [REDACTED]

List your qualifications for this appointment:

Advanced Academic Achievement: Completed High School Geometry in 7th grade and High School Algebra 2 Honors in 8th grade, showcasing dedication and strong academic performance. Continuous Learning: Currently enrolled in a High School History course during the summer break to further enhance knowledge and education. Artistic Accomplishments: Recognized as the Youngest Artist in the Bay Area and featured in ABC News and various local channels. Conducted numerous Solo Art exhibits throughout the Bay Area and received commendation from the City of Milpitas. Intellectual Aptitude: A member of the American Mensa society, demonstrating critical thinking skills and an eagerness for intellectual exchange. Programming Skills: Proficient in multiple programming languages, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Java, Python, and NodeJS. Developed web applications for reputable organizations like Geeknasium, Koalasoft, and DonerSiliconValley. Community Engagement: Volunteer at Gilroy Veterans Memorials, running the Vets and Tech program to assist veterans with technology, showcasing commitment to community service. Entrepreneurial Spirit: Founded Garlic Shield, organizing cybersecurity seminars for kids and the elderly, and provided free vulnerability scans and penetration tests to local vendors, displaying leadership and initiative. Covid Initiatives: Developed applications like BasicSupply.us to monitor local grocery levels and LonelyList.com to list free online events globally, contributing to the community during the Covid pandemic. Fundraising Experience: Successfully organized and raised \$45,000 through a fundraiser for Kerala flooding relief in 2018, exhibiting fundraising skills for charitable causes. Diverse Interests: Enthusiast of various hobbies, including dirt biking, MX Racing, machine building, and archery (Compound Free Style), showing a well-rounded personality and interests.

List any service to the community including any prior appointments:

Volunteer at Gilroy Veterans Memorials (January 2023 - Present): Run the Vets and Tech program, providing technology assistance and support to veterans. Founder, Garlic Shield (2021-2023): Organized cybersecurity seminars for kids and the elderly, promoting cyber awareness and safety. Provided free vulnerability scans and penetration tests to local vendors to enhance cybersecurity measures. Developed BasicSupply.us (2019): Created an application during Covid to monitor local grocery levels, facilitating easy navigation for shoppers. Enabled shoppers to update the grocery list, providing real-time information to assist others in their shopping needs. Developed LonelyList.com (2019): Developed an application during Covid to list free online events worldwide, encouraging global collaboration and engagement. Fundraiser

for Kerala Flooding Relief (2018): Successfully organized a fundraiser during the Kerala flooding in 2018, raising \$45,000 for charity to aid relief efforts. 99Bridges Summer Intern (Summer 2020): Assisted in setting up Edge Devices and installing custom OS on the devices to support the organization's initiatives.

What are your goals while serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?

While serving on the City of Gilroy Youth Commission, my goals are centered on making a meaningful and positive impact on the youth and the community. I aim to bring a fresh perspective and a proactive approach to address the needs and concerns of young individuals in Gilroy. My goals include: Youth Empowerment: To advocate for the empowerment of youth in Gilroy, ensuring that their voices are heard, valued, and considered in decision-making processes that directly impact their lives. Community Engagement: To actively engage with the local youth community, encouraging their participation and involvement in civic activities, events, and initiatives. Education and Opportunities: To promote educational opportunities and support initiatives that enhance academic success, career exploration, and personal growth among the youth of Gilroy. Mental Health and Well-being: To focus on mental health awareness and resources, striving to create a supportive environment for youth facing mental health challenges. Diversity and Inclusion: To champion diversity and inclusion efforts, advocating for a welcoming and inclusive community where all youth feel accepted and celebrated. Youth Programs and Activities: To work with other commissioners and community leaders to develop and support various programs, events, and activities that cater to the interests and needs of the youth. Safety and Security: To prioritize the safety of the youth by collaborating with local authorities and organizations to address any safety concerns and promote a secure environment. Bridging the Generation Gap: To foster understanding and collaboration between different generations, promoting mutual respect and cooperation in the community. Environmental Awareness: To promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices among the youth, encouraging their active involvement in protecting and preserving the environment. Collaboration and Partnerships: To collaborate with various stakeholders, schools, non-profit organizations, and local businesses to create a unified effort in supporting the well-being and growth of the youth. By achieving these goals, I aspire to contribute to a vibrant and thriving community, where the youth of Gilroy can confidently face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Through active engagement and dedicated service on the Youth Commission, I aim to represent the best interests of the youth and contribute positively to the overall development of our city.

Why are you the most qualified to serve on this Board/Commission/Committee?

I believe I am most qualified to serve on the City of Gilroy Youth Commission due to a combination of my diverse experiences, passion for community engagement, and dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of young individuals in Gilroy. Leadership and Initiative: As an accomplished artist, web developer, and founder of community initiatives such as Garlic Shield, BasicSupply.us, and LonelyList.com, I have demonstrated leadership, creativity, and initiative. These experiences have equipped me with problem-solving skills and the ability to drive meaningful projects to fruition. Academic Excellence: Completing High School Geometry in 7th grade and High School Algebra 2 Honors in 8th grade exemplifies my commitment to academic excellence and a thirst for knowledge. I believe in applying this same drive and dedication to serving on the Youth Commission. Strong Communication Skills: My experience as an artist, programmer, and public speaker has honed my communication skills, enabling me to effectively convey ideas, advocate for causes, and engage with individuals from diverse backgrounds. Community Service: Through volunteering at Gilroy Veterans Memorials and running the Vets and Tech program, I have demonstrated a genuine commitment to giving back to my community. I have also organized fundraisers and contributed to Kerala flooding relief efforts, showcasing a dedication to helping those in need. Entrepreneurial Spirit: Founding Garlic Shield and creating applications during Covid reflects my entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to take on challenges to benefit the community. Technological Expertise: My proficiency in various programming languages and web development skills will enable me to contribute to the commission's initiatives related to technology and digital engagement. Youth Perspective: As a member of the youth community myself, I understand the unique challenges and aspirations of young individuals. This perspective will allow me to represent the youth effectively and advocate for their needs. Collaborative Approach: I believe in the power of collaboration and am eager to work alongside other commissioners and community stakeholders to achieve common goals. Dedication to Inclusion: My passion for diversity and inclusion will ensure that all voices, regardless of background or identity, are heard and represented.

on the commission. Vision for a Better Future: Above all, I have a strong vision for a more vibrant and supportive community, and I am eager to contribute my skills and dedication to bring about positive change for the youth of Gilroy. I am confident that my qualifications and dedication make me the ideal candidate to serve on the City of Gilroy Youth Commission and contribute effectively to the betterment of our community.

School: / Grade: null

✓	By clicking on this box, I declare under penalty of perjury that I am currently a registered voter within the City limits of the City of Gilroy. Furthermore, I understand that this application and any attachments are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act and must complete mandatory Open Government Ordinance Training. I further understand that members of the Planning Commission, Building Boards of Appeals, and Physically Challenged Board of Appeals are also subject to filing the Fair Political Practice Commission's Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 relating to financial disclosures.
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