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**CITY OF MILPITAS
PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION**

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NOTE: Milpitas Municipal Code, Title I Chapter 500, requires "at all times during the term of office, a Planning Commissioner shall be a registered voter of the City of Milpitas and a resident of the City of Milpitas." Also, all applicants are required to complete a **SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE** in addition to this application form.

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION (in black ink)

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Milpitas? YES How long have you lived in Milpitas? 26 YEARS

XILINX, INC. Present Employer 408-879-5286 Business Telephone

2100 LOGIC DR., SAN JOSE, CA Address IT AUDIT MANAGER Occupation

Education:

College, Professional, Vocational, or other schools attended	Major Subject	Date	Degree
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, SAN JOSE	FINANCE	6/84	M.B.A.
UNIVERSITY OF PATNA, INDIA	PHYSICS	1/68	M.S.

List community organizations to which you belong or have belonged (additional information may be attached):

Date	Name of Organization	Officer / Member
1996-TODATE	CITY OF MILPITAS	CAC, PLNG. COMMISSION
1996-1998	YMCA, MILPITAS/BERRYESSA	BOARD OF MANAGERS
1985-TODATE	INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION, SILICON VALLEY CHAPTER	PAST PRESIDENT, MEMBER, ADVISOR

Briefly describe your personal qualifications that you believe would be an asset (additional information may be attached):

MY BUSINESS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, EXPERIENCE OF RAISING MY FAMILY IN MILPITAS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND WORKING WITH PEOPLE OF MILPITAS HAS PROVIDED ME BETTER APPRECIATION OF CHALLENGES FACED BY RESIDENTS OF MILPITAS AND HOW TO RESOLVE THEM.

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if I am appointed to fill a future vacancy. I hereby certify that all statements contained in this application are true.

Sudh Mandal
Signature

11/6/07
Date

Applications not acted upon **will expire after one year** from the date submitted unless renewed by the applicant.

NOTE: ALL COMMISSION APPLICATIONS ARE PUBLIC RECORD
Mail or drop off your completed application to the City Clerk, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035

PLANNING COMMISSION
SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE



(Please type or print responses on a separate paper[s] to the following questions)

(see attached pages)

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?
2. Describe your understanding of how the City's General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Planning procedures affect the development of the community.
3. In what way will your personal or work experience contribute to your role as a Planning Commissioner?
4. What do you feel are the most pressing planning problems or issues in Milpitas?
How do you think they should best be resolved?
5. Do you have a long-term vision of how you think the City should develop?
6. A major planning problem facing the entire Bay Area is the shortage of affordable housing. Do you have any thoughts on how the City should address this issue?
7. What do you see as the different roles of City staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council?
8. What do you believe should be the focus of the Milpitas Redevelopment Agency and program?

Sudhir Mandal
11/7/07

1. Why are you interested in serving on the planning commission?

My wife and I have been involved in the Schools in Milpitas since our child was going through Elementary, Junior and High Schools in Milpitas. Since my child went to College, I have been volunteering my time to the City of Milpitas to serve the residents of Milpitas over the last 10 years. I have gained some valuable experience by serving the residents of Milpitas. I believe, I can utilize this public experience as a Planning Commissioner.

2. Describe your understanding of how the City's General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Planning procedures affect the development of the community

General Plan: A blueprint of the future provides guiding principles for development in fulfilling the vision of the community. All other land use ordinances and policies flow from the general plan.

Zoning ordinance: These ordinances protect the health, safety, comfort and general welfare of the people of Milpitas and serve as an instrument for the implementation of General Plan.

Planning Procedures: City planning procedures help in conditional use, planned unit development, sub division, and variance procedures, etc.

3. In what way will your personal or work experience contribute to your role as a Planning Commissioner:

My understanding of City's General Plan, ordinances, our environment and City experience as a CAC Commissioner and Planning Commissioner for over 10 years and business experiences of over 25 years helps me understanding issues and coming up with constructive suggestions, and this would help in serving as a Planning Commissioner.

4. What do you feel are the most pressing planning problems or issues in Milpitas?

Our challenges include smart growth, redevelopment, keeping and attracting businesses in Milpitas. Need to work with developers to support a balance growth in business and housing while minimizing the traffic impact.

5. Do you have a long-term vision of how you think the City should develop?

Milpitas will have a vibrant TOD area, keeping and attracting a good mix of large, mid-size and small businesses. The quality of education in our schools would enhance substantially making this city even more attractive to live in. The traffic

impact would be alleviated with a pedestrian friendly work/live environment and BART implementation.

6. A major planning problem facing the entire Bay Area is the shortage of affordable housing. Do you have any thoughts on how the City should address this issue?

As a City we need continued attention on properly executing the TOD plan. Appropriately focus on smart growth in other parts of the City to have a good balance of affordable housing.

7. What do you see the different roles of City staff, the Planning Commission and the City Council?

From planning point of view:

City Staff:

Advance planning, current planning and geographical information systems. Work with users to formalize plans based on planning procedures in conformation with the general plan, ordinance and state laws.

Planning Commission:

Play a central role in the planning process, act as an advisory body to the City Council on all planning and development issues, assure that the general plan is implemented by reviewing development application on a case by case basis, and the commission functions as a decision making body for many proposals.

City Council:

Act upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

8. What do you believe should be the focus of the Milpitas Redevelopment Agency and programs?
 - Revitalization of the downtown
 - Economic development of the City
 - Stimulation of the overall economic climate to increase substantial investment by private sector within the City
 - Assist in housing projects