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CITY OF MILPITAS PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION RECEIVED

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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GALANG, ALEXANDER D.

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Milpitas? YES How long have you lived in Milpitas? 12 YEARS

Present Employer ALEX D. GALANG DMD. INC
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Address
Occupation DENTIST

Education:

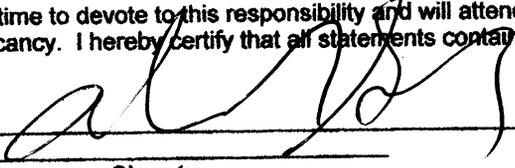
College, Professional, Vocational, or other schools attended	Major Subject	Date
CENTRO ESCOLAR UNIVERSITY	DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE	1985

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

Date	Officer / Member	Name of Organization
2006	FILIPINO DENTAL PRACTITIONER OF CA.	PRESIDENT
2007	NATIONAL ASSCX. OF FILIPINO DENTIST IN AMERICA	BOARD DIRECTOR

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

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.



Signature

Date 2-24-08

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

**CITY OF MILPITAS
PLANNING COMMISSION
SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please type or print responses to the following questions. Additional sheets may be attached. Submit responses with Application form to: City Clerk, Milpitas City Hall, 455 E Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas CA 95035.

PLEASE REFER TO SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET ATTACHED FOR ANSWERS.

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

Dr. Alex D. Galang

1. I am interested in serving on the Milpitas Planning Commission for the following reasons:

Being a member of Planning Commission for six years from year 2000 to 2006, I feel that I have made valuable contributions and have been an effective independent member of the commission.

2. The city general plan is a long term development plan. It includes all social economic and physical aspects of the city's activities. The general plan is susceptible to be more or less modified in accordance with the needs of the circumstances. Zoning ordinances and planning procedures are the two main tools for the plan to be well implemented. Zoning ordinances are destined to void incompatible land use, promote health safety standards and preserve property values. Zoning procedures are intended to chart the quality and quantity at future land division.
3. I have had opportunities to take part in several successful project management which have contributed to enlarge my experiences and consolidate my knowledge and backgrounds.
4. The two most pressing planning problems in Milpitas are:
 - How to balance the escalating growth of the city with the escalating growth of transportation?
With regard to this problem, parking and traffic flow patterns, especially the traffic congestion during rush hour must be the basic factors for the local authorities to base on to decide whether or not approve a land use proposal.
 - With regards to the problem "How to provide affordable housing...?" please refer to my response to question #6.
5. The city of Milpitas should develop in accordance with the current and approved modifications on the city general plan with the following major objectives:
 1. Slow down neighborhood traffic.
 2. Stop rush hour cut through on neighborhood streets.
 3. Neighborhood beautification plan should apply to landlords as well as residents.
6. The present shortage of affordable housing in Milpitas may be gradually resolved by:
 - Lobbying for more government assisted programs.
 - Initiating and continuing programs like "Habitat for Humanity" developments like "Terrace Garden for Elderly."

- Encouraging the business community to contribute building materials for the implementation of the projects providing low-cost housing.
- Fostering volunteerism to provide labor in building affordable housing.
- Campaigning to federal agencies to re-allocate to Milpitas housing grants that used to be granted to wealthy cities.

7. The city staff: The city staff is responsible for:

Coordinating and implementing the overall administration and operations of the city, which includes accountability in Community Development, fire management, peace and order, public works, financial and investment management of the city funds, responsibility in the enforcement of affirmative action to ensure that all qualified applicants are given a fair chance to serve the city and reliability in giving independent advise on vital policy and legal issues to the city council and city staff.

The Planning Commission:

Planning Commissioners are advisors to the City Council on issues regarding modifications to and enforcement of the Milpitas general plan.

Planning Commissioners are interpreters of ordinances who regulate development by reviewing applications for new homes, commercial, and industrial business.

Planning Commissioners are also enablers of the city's growth with social, economic, and environmental balance as their major objectives.

The City Council:

City Councilmen are elected to represent the entire community and are empowered by the general laws of the state of California to formulate:

- Citywide Policy
- Visionaries that would lead the city to the next level of logical growth.
- They are color-blind and cultural-blind public servants that welcome the diversity of the city and are open to the different interest groups, but pragmatic decision makers with the goal of finding the beneficial direction for the people and resources of the city of Milpitas.

8. The Milpitas Re-development agency and program must especially focus on the following issues:

To continue to support the creation of a permanent sport center for the youth and citizen recreation.

To continue to provide for major utility and transportation infrastructure paving the way to continued commercial growth.