

**CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

Aslam Hussain Ali (408) 263-1400
Name First Middle Last Home Telephone

1800 Rocky Mountain
Address Number Street Apt.#

Are you a Registered Voter in the City of Milpitas? Yes How long have you lived in Milpitas? _____

Jerry's Market (408) 946-8050
Present Employer Business Telephone

1491 South Main Street Milpitas, CA Self employee
Address Occupation

Education:

College, Professional, Vocational or other schools attended	Major Subject	Date	Degree
<u>Aga Khan</u>	<u>Accounting</u>		

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

Date	Name of Organization	Chair? Member?
<u>2005</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>member</u>

Briefly describe the personal qualifications you possess which you feel would be an asset (additional information may be attached):

My background includes extensive experience in business management. I communicate effectively and my people skills have helped me to run a successful business. I want to contribute my knowledge and energy toward the City of Milpitas. I am open minded and a law-abiding citizen. I possess a strong need to serve the city of Milpitas.

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

12/04/07
Date

Applications not acted upon will automatically expire. Applicants desiring to have their names maintained on an interest list for one year should notify the City Clerk's Office.

NOTE: ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATIONS ARE PUBLIC RECORD
Mail directly to: City Clerk, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Why?

After growing a successful business and raising a family, I'm ready to work for the larger community. As an emigrant, I've enjoyed the opportunity of living the American dream. While I'm still vigorous, I want to give back to this wonderful state and city through public service.

2. Describe ...

The City's General Plan lays out the big-picture view of Milpitas and how we expect to develop our community resources of housing, industrial and commercial lands, roads, trails and infrastructure. Zoning Ordinances are the tools we use to structure and modify the activities in each Zone. For example, to accommodate the Farmers Market, we recently modified the rules regarding schools zones. Planning procedures include the various building codes (electrical, plumbing, fire, etc.), public notification rules, and other details that support the development of physical structures and infrastructure.

3. experience

My long history in operating a business gives me three advantages. I have direct knowledge of many of the rules mentioned above as I have worked with this City and others in locating and growing my business. Second, dealing with the challenges of budgets and changing circumstances has sharpened my problem-solving skills which could prove helpful when reviewing a good project that has a difficult obstacle. Third, as a supporter of many local organizations, I have grown to love this community and its people.

4. pressing planning problems

The obvious problems are traffic congestion and a shortage of affordable housing. Factors likely to mitigate traffic are rising energy prices, the BART extension, and developing alternative transportation options including trails and bike lanes. Affordable housing is being addressed with each housing project the Council has approved over the past few years.

An unseen problem is our aging water and sewer infrastructure. The City must work to address this soon - before repair costs start to escalate.

5. long-term vision

Any long-term vision for our City must include sustainability. For Milpitas that includes locally-generated power, alternative

transportation options, supporting local businesses, and financial prudence. We must also anticipate and start adapting to the challenges of Global Warming. Critical to addressing these challenges is supporting local self-sufficiency and thinking about the implication of our decisions upon few generations after us.

6. Affordable housing

Although the City has been successful by including affordable housing options in most recent housing developments, more can be done. A multi-pronged solution will include high-density housing, mixed use development, liberalized "granny flat" rules, and supporting multi-generational family housing.

7. Different roles

as the elected representatives of the people of Milpitas, the City Council should set the strategic direction for the City. City staff implements the strategy in accordance with regional, state and federal rules. The Planning Commission acts as a filter on specific developments to ensure their conformance with the General Plan and community standards.

8. RDA

Legally, Redevelopment Areas are intended to mitigate blight and encourage affordable housing. Practically, they also offer the opportunity to garner more tax dollars for the City. To date, the City has done a good job in all three areas. Implementing current plans for the midtown area and the transportation district will continue that success.