

Application Form

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Landlord Tenant Mediation Board: Submitted

If you are applying for more than one body, please list those bodies in the order of preference for which you would like to be considered below.

Tenant mediation only

Donald

First Name

Cole

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years:

24

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

DPSS
Employer

Retired
Job Title

Are you a Culver City business owner/operator?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Department of Social Services for the Country of Los Angeles

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Department of Social Services/Manager

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

Lincoln University

[Upload a Resume](#)

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Help with medication for tenants rights.

Why do you seek appointment on the body(ies)? Please be specific to the body(ies)'s role.

I worked with homeless programs for the County of Los Angeles.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I was both a supervisor and manager for the Department of Social Services

How do you envision fulfilling the objectives, and/or goals of the body(ies), as established by the City Council?

My objective would be to help facilitate and meditate tenants rights.

How many meetings of the commission(s), board(s), or committee(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

Only one

How much time, on a monthly basis, can you commit to reviewing materials in preparation for attendance at meetings of the body(ies) to which you desire appointment?

Occasionally as needed

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☒ Website/Email

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First Name

Nunez

Last Name

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Suite or Apt

State

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I am a resident of Culver City who is beginning formal involvement in local civic processes. I have been following City Council and commission agendas and am making a deliberate effort to better understand how planning, housing, and infrastructure decisions are made at the municipal level. While I have not yet served on a City board or commission, I am seeking appointment as a way to contribute consistent preparation, analytical perspective, and a willingness to engage thoughtfully with staff, fellow commissioners, and the public.

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Upload a Resume

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For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s), what have you determined to be the primary role of the body?

The primary role of the Planning Commission is to review land use, zoning, and development matters and provide well-reasoned recommendations to the City Council that are consistent with the General Plan, municipal code, and applicable state law, while considering long-term impacts on the City. The primary role of the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board is to apply adopted City regulations in a structured and impartial manner by reviewing rent increase disputes and facilitating fair, consistent outcomes through an established mediation process.

Why do you seek appointment on the body(ies)? Please be specific to the body(ies)'s role.

I am seeking appointment to the Planning Commission because I am interested in contributing to careful, objective review of development and land-use decisions that affect the City's long-term functionality and livability. I value the Commission's role as an advisory body that evaluates proposals based on adopted standards, documented impacts, and consistency with long-range planning goals. With recent changes to state housing and transit-oriented development law, I am particularly interested in helping ensure that local review processes remain clear, consistent, and well-reasoned as the City adapts to evolving requirements. I believe the Commission plays an important role in supporting a smooth transition by focusing on implementation, impacts, and alignment with adopted plans. I am also interested in the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board because it plays an important role in ensuring that housing regulations are applied consistently and transparently. I believe that predictable, rules-based decision-making is essential to maintaining trust in regulatory processes.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

My professional background involves systems-level, rule-based work that requires careful compliance with established regulations, objective evaluation of constraints, and disciplined decision-making. I routinely work within defined legal, technical, and safety frameworks, where outcomes must be defensible, documented, and consistent rather than discretionary. This type of work requires balancing competing requirements, understanding second-order impacts, and identifying solutions that fit within existing constraints rather than ignoring them. I am accustomed to reviewing detailed materials, interpreting requirements, and asking clarifying questions to ensure that decisions align with governing standards and long-term objectives. These skills translate directly to commission service, where the role is not to create policy, but to apply adopted plans, codes, and regulations thoughtfully and consistently. I would bring a methodical, objective approach focused on clarity, fairness, and long-term system performance.

How do you envision fulfilling the objectives, and/or goals of the body(ies), as established by the City Council?

I would envision fulfilling the objectives of the body by thoroughly reviewing staff reports and supporting materials in advance of meetings, listening carefully to public input, and evaluating items based on the goals and policies established by the City Council. My approach would be to focus on clarity, consistency, and alignment with adopted plans, codes, and regulations, while asking questions that help surface tradeoffs, implementation considerations, and long-term impacts. I view the role of a commissioner as advisory and collaborative, with an obligation to provide well-reasoned input that supports informed decision-making by the City Council.

How many meetings of the commission(s), board(s), or committee(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

I have not yet attended meetings of the commission to which I am applying, but I have been reviewing agendas, staff reports, and publicly available materials to familiarize myself with the scope of issues and procedures. I plan to attend upcoming meetings regularly to continue building familiarity with the Commission's work.

How much time, on a monthly basis, can you commit to reviewing materials in preparation for attendance at meetings of the body(ies) to which you desire appointment?

I can commit approximately 8-12 hours per month to reviewing materials and preparing for meetings, in addition to attending meetings as scheduled.

Is there anything else you would like to add that has not been covered by your answers to the prior questions? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

I approach commission service as a responsibility that requires preparation, consistency, and respect for process. If appointed, I am committed to being a reliable and engaged member who takes the time to understand the issues before the Commission and contributes thoughtfully to its work.

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☒ Member At-Large Representative

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Christopher Nunez

EDUCATION

California State University, Long Beach

May 2025

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Power Emphasis

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

May 2027

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Senior Design Project – DC/DC Boost Converter & ±15V Power Supply

Jan 2025 - May 2025

- Designed, simulated, and validated a DC/DC Boost SMPS (17V → 80V @ 100 kHz) with custom gate drive and loop compensation, optimized for <50 mV ripple under 10 W load.
- Developed regulated ±15 V linear power rails for analog subsystems, delivering 20 W continuous load with high stability.
- Completed PCB layout in Altium with EMI-conscious grounding and high-frequency isolation, incorporating corrective actions from regulator fault analysis.

Senior Design Project – UPS Inverter System

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

- Designed a battery-backed DC/AC inverter powered by a 12 V lead-acid battery with Arduino-based Sinusoidal PWM control (50 kHz) and charging circuit integration.
- Implemented isolated gate driver circuits and executed full bring-up/validation across multiple PCB iterations, resolving MOSFET skew, grounding, and signal integrity issues.

Long Beach CubeSat Project - Electrical Power Subsystem Lead

Aug 2023 - Present

- Led the Electrical Power Subsystem for SharkSat-1, a NASA CSLI-funded CubeSat mission (\$300K, 2027 launch).
- Directed EPS trade studies (DC/DC converter topologies, solar array sizing, battery selection) and system-level power budgeting, considering radiation and thermal constraints for LEO operation.
- Developed power balance simulations in MATLAB to size arrays and set depth-of-discharge limits for mission ops
- Contributed to Preliminary Design Review with EPS documentation and system-level analysis; supporting upcoming CDR.

Thesis Project: BLE-Based Fall Detection with Domain-Adaptive Feature Processing

Feb 2024 - May 2025

- Built a low-power embedded system on Arduino Nano 33 BLE (BMI270 IMU, BLE comms), reducing transmissions by ~90% through local threshold filtering and demonstrating hardware bring-up + firmware integration
- Applied domain-adaptive feature processing and AdaBoost ML to merge human and synthetic datasets, boosting accuracy from 50% to 93% while generalizing across body types at only 24 mW power draw
- Achieved 280-day battery life on a 50 mAh coin cell with 1 ms inference latency

WORK EXPERIENCE

AMA Group | CMTA – Project Engineer (Electrical Engineer)

El Segundo, CA | Jul 2025 - Present

- Designed and analyzed power distribution and emergency backup systems for mission-critical facilities, applying NEC/Title 24 standards to ensure reliability.
- Performed load calculations, fault current analysis, and equipment sizing, including short-circuit coordination and protection studies to ensure fault tolerance and reliability in large-scale electrical infrastructure.
- Delivered designs for confidential aerospace clients under accelerated turnaround timelines, balancing speed with high-reliability standards.

SKILLS & CORE COMPETENCIES

Power & Circuit Design: DC/DC Conversion, AC/DC Rectification, DC/AC Inversion, SMPS Design, Boost Converter, SPWM, Gate Driver Integration, EMI-Aware Layout, Signal Integrity

Embedded Systems & Firmware: Arduino, BLE Communication, Low-Power Wearables, Real-Time Processing

Software & Simulation: MATLAB, LTspice, Simulink, AutoCAD, Revit

PCB Design & Tools: Full-Cycle PCB Layout, Schematic Capture, Altium Designer, KiCad, DFM/DFA, Debugging & Validation

Lab & Test: Oscilloscopes, Signal Generators, Multimeters, Soldering

PUBLICATIONS

- C. Nunez, T. Kong, A. Hedayatipour, “Multidomain Lightweight Adaboost for Real-Time Fall Detection on Low-Power BLE Sensors,” IEEE Sensors Letters, vol. 9, no. 10, pp. 1–4, Oct. 2025. doi: [10.1109/LSSENS.2025.3606290](https://doi.org/10.1109/LSSENS.2025.3606290)