

**CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEREY PARK
THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE
FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE MONTEREY
PARK FINANCING AUTHORITY AND THE MONTEREY PARK GEOLOGIC HAZARD
ABATEMENT DISTRICT AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING
Monterey Park City Hall Council Chambers
320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**Wednesday
June 8, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

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You may speak up to 5 minutes on Agenda item. You may combine up to 2 minutes of time with another person's speaking. No person may speak more than a total of 10 minutes. The Mayor and City Council may change the amount of time allowed for speakers. Written Communication will be accepted up to 2 hours before the meeting via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor

ROLL CALL

Peter Chan, Hans Liang, Henry Lo, Yvonne Yiu

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the City Council to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Council may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed. Persons may, in addition to any other matter within the City Council's subject-matter jurisdiction, comment on Agenda Items at this time. If you provide public comment on a specific Agenda item at this time, however, you cannot later provide comments at the time the Agenda Item is considered.

[1.] NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Appointing one individual to fill the vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

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City Council Staff Report

DATE: June 8, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO: 1

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Diana Garcia, City Librarian
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Appointing one individual to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees; and
2. Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The second term of Library Trustee Jason Dhing will end on June 30, 2022, resulting in a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees. The upcoming vacancy was advertised and the City Clerk's office has received three applications from residents interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees: Travis Kaya, Bethelwel Wilson and Jasmine Pesantes.

BACKGROUND:

The Library Board of Trustees is a board established pursuant to the California Education Code and Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC"). MPMC Chapter 2.80 regulates the Library Board (in addition to applicable California law). The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for administering the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. The Library Board of Trustees also administers all library trust funds received by gift, bequest or devise.

Education Code § 18910 provides that:

"[t]he public library shall be managed by a board of library trustees, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the mayor ... with the consent of the legislative body of the municipality."

This is reflected in MPMC § 2.80.020 which provides that:

"[t]here is created and established a board of library trustees consisting of five members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council."

Pursuant to Education Code § 18911, the term of office for a trustee is three years. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as a member of the board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

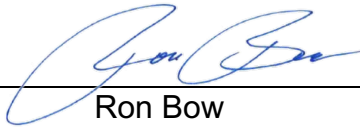
None.

Respectfully submitted by:



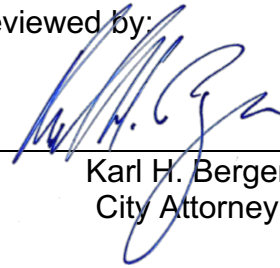
Diana Garcia
City Librarian

Approved by:



Ron Bow
City Manager

Reviewed by:



Karl H. Berger
City Attorney

ATTACHMENT:

1. Applications

Staff Report
June 8, 2022

ATTACHMENT 1

Library Board of Trustees Applications



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**Application for Civic Service
City Commissions/Boards/Committees**

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Name Travis Kaya

Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may list more than one)

- 1) _____ 3) _____
- 2) _____ 4) _____

Home Address 157 Casuda Canyon Drive, Unit B City Monterey Park

Zip Code 91754 If resident of the City of Monterey Park, how long? 5 Years

E-Mail Address travis.kaya@gmail.com Telephone (808)269-0900

Occupation Attorney

Business Name Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Business Address 865 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 2400, Los Angeles, CA

Zip Code 90017 Telephone N/A

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If so, please state the nature of offense, state and disposition on a separate sheet of paper. Convictions will not necessarily result in automatic disqualification, however, failure to give complete and accurate information may be grounds for rejection and/or removal from office.

Prior Community Involvement/Activities

Executive Secretary, Board of Governors, Asian Pacific American Bar Association;

Fundraising Committee Chair, Japanese American Bar Association Educational Foundation;

Founding Member, Loyola Law School Asian Pacific Alumni Chapter;

Member, CAUSE Leadership Network

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Name Travis Kaya

Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City
Please see addendum attached.

References: List two.

Name Hon. Henry Lo

Address 417 Mooney Drive, Apt. D, Monterey Park, CA 91755

Telephone (626) 592-0471

Name Jennifer Tang

Address 321 De La Fuente Street, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Telephone (626) 808-5761

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all statements contained in this application and any accompanying documents is true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in this application are subject to investigation and that any false or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for denial or subsequent revocation of commission.

I further acknowledge that information contained in this application is a public record and may be subject to disclosure and I may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests Form (Form 700).

Signature



Date 4/23/22

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I certified that proof of residency was verified in accordance to MPMC 2.82. I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Proof of residency: Name: Travis M Kaya

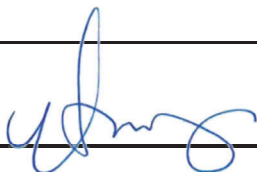
Government Issued ID

Utility Bill

Voter Registration

Other

Signature



Date

4/25/2022

Addendum to Application for Civic Service City Commissions/Boards/Committees

QUESTION: Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City.

I am a corporate real estate and finance attorney with experience reviewing, drafting and negotiating a wide variety of legal and financial documents. I also serve as Executive Secretary for the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“APABA”) and as Fundraising Committee Chair of the Japanese American Bar Association (“JABA”) Educational Foundation. In those roles, I assist with strategic planning and programming in service of our attorney members and the communities that they serve. I also assist with planning of the annual APABA Installation Dinner and JABA Gala, each raising tens of thousands of dollars in support of bar association events and scholarships for law students.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts from Pomona College in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, a Master of International Studies from the University of Sydney, where I served as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, and a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School. Prior to law school, I worked as a journalist for newspapers in Hawaii, Los Angeles and Washington, DC, and as an English teacher in Tottori, Japan with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program.

My first introduction to the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library was as a law student volunteer at APABA’s monthly pro bono clinic, where I saw firsthand the significance of the library as a critical center of support for Monterey Park’s diverse population. Since moving to Monterey Park more than five years ago, my appreciation of the library has only grown. As an avid reader and frequent library visitor, I have been consistently impressed by the staff’s diligence in providing programming that celebrates Monterey Park’s history and diversity and, over the past two years, continuing to offer library services even through the pandemic lockdowns.

Last May, I was honored to have the chance to help plan one such virtual event. Working alongside Commissioner Jennifer Tang and City Librarian Diana Garcia, I assisted with the planning of a Zoom panel in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, featuring authors from right here in the San Gabriel Valley.

As our community navigates the post-COVID world, I find it more important than ever to offer my skills and experience in service of our community in any way that I can. I see no better way of giving back than by supporting our library — a major hub of education, professional development and culture for everyone who calls Monterey Park home.



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Name Bethelwel Wilson

Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may list more than one)

- 1) Personnel Board
- 2) Planning Commission
- 3) Library Board of Trustees
- 4) Traffic Commission

Home Address 1480 Valley Vista Drive City Monterey Park

Zip Code 91754 If resident of the City of Monterey Park, how long? 1 year

E-Mail Address bethelwel@gmail.com Telephone 714-292-3730

Occupation Attorney

Business Name Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Business Address 200 N. Main Street; 8th Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90012

Zip Code 90012 Telephone 213-978-8395

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If so, please state the nature of offense, state and disposition on a separate sheet of paper. Convictions will not necessarily result in automatic disqualification, however, failure to give complete and accurate information may be grounds for rejection and/or removal from office.

Prior Community Involvement/Activities

For 5 years I served as a Neighborhood Prosecutor for the City of Los Angeles, where I worked directly with LAPD, City Council, Neighborhood Council, Community Block Clubs, LAUSD, businesses, non-profit organizations, and residents to resolve quality of life issues in South LA. I regularly attended weekend and evening community meetings/events ranging from community clean-ups, public safety meetings, resource fairs, and other miscellaneous events. My experiences make me comfortable navigating competing community interests and interacting with various personalities within government and the broader community.

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Name Bethelwel Wilson

Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City

I graduated from magna cum laude from UCLA in 2002 with a BA in Political Science and minor in Public Policy and in 2006 from UC Berkeley with a law degree.

I served almost 3 years as attorney/prosecutor for the City of Bakersfield, 3 years in the private sector where I represented school districts and medium-sized businesses in litigation disputes..

Since 2014, I have served at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office as a prosecutor and general counsel for various departments, including the Mayor, City Council, Planning, etc.

My depth of knowledge with municipal law and experience advising local governments will allow me to make instant contributions in whatever capacity City leaders deem fit for me to serve.

If there are currently no suitable vacancies I am happy to wait until a vacancy arises.

References: List two.

Name Honorable Judge Bryant Yang

Address Pomona Courthouse South; 400 Civil Center Plaza, Dept. K, Pomona, CA 91766

Telephone 909-802-1165

Name Strefan Fauble

Address 200 N. Main Street; 8th Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90012

Telephone 213-978-2068

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all statements contained in this application and any accompanying documents is true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in this application are subject to investigation and that any false or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for denial or subsequent revocation of commission.

I further acknowledge that information contained in this application is a public record and may be subject to disclosure and I may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests Form (Form 700).

Signature *Bethelwel Wilson*

Date 8/5/21

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I certified that proof of residency was verified in accordance to MPMC 2.82. I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Proof of residency: Name: Bethel Well Wilson

Government Issued ID

Utility Bill

Voter Registration

Other _____

Signature 

Date 8/6/2021



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By CTrang at 11:13 am, Feb 08, 2022

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Name Jasmine Pesantes

Commission/Committee or Board on which you want to serve (You may list more than one)

Note: Do not qualify for BIDAC

- 1) Business Improvement District Advisory Com
- 2) Library Board of Trustees
- 3) Economic Development Advisory Commission
- 4) _____

Home Address 1000 Chalet Terrace City Monterey Park

Zip Code 91754 If resident of the City of Monterey Park, how long? 14

E-Mail Address jasminehopedawson@gmail.com Telephone 626.545.9491

Occupation Chief Financial Officer

Business Name Downey Federal Credit Union

Business Address 8237 3rd Street, Downey, CA

Zip Code 90241 Telephone 562.862.8141

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If so, please state the nature of offense, state and disposition on a separate sheet of paper. Convictions will not necessarily result in automatic disqualification, however, failure to give complete and accurate information may be grounds for rejection and/or removal from office.

Prior Community Involvement/Activities

I attend the events and services put on for residents of Monterey Park.

I enjoy taking my girls to our library, participating in the holiday events, summer swimming lessons, etc.

In my professional role, I actively participate in activities Downey FCU hosts for the community in Downey such as the local parade, 5k races, financial literacy taught to k-12, trunk or treat, etc.

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Name Jasmine Pesantes

Provide a brief review of your background, qualifications, education and your interest in serving the City
In 2008 I graduated CSULA with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business
Administration with an option in Finance. I am a CFO of a \$313 million credit
union and manage an investment portfolio of \$130 million. I am a licensed
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in CA. I am active in my community and care
about the future of Monterey Park. My husband and I have 2 young daughters.

References: List two.

Name Ray Mesler

Address 8237 3rd Street, Downey, CA. 90241

Telephone 951.538.8501

Name Corrie Zupo

Address 324 Whiting Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Telephone 424.241.8959

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Signature 

Date 2/2/2022

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I certified that proof of residency was verified in accordance to MPMC 2.82. I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Proof of residency: Name: Jasmine H Pesantes

Government Issued ID

Utility Bill

Voter Registration

Other _____

Signature 

Date 2/8/22