

Application Form

Profile

Office Use Only:

☒ Ward 2

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Budget Engagement Commission: Submitted

Community Police Review Commission: Submitted

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Ms./Mr.

Mr.

Sergio

First Name

A

Middle Initial

Robles

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Riverside

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Email Address

Center for Sustainable Energy

Employer

Project Associate

Job Title

Business Address

Business Phone

Length of residence in City of Riverside

23 years

Are you a registered voter of the City of Riverside?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have adequate time to serve?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Eligibility requirements per City Charter Article VIII Section 805.

Applications may be screened on the basis of information submitted with this form.

You are welcome to provide a resume and/or letters of endorsement.

Interests & Experiences

WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION:

With the exception of 2 years after graduating from UCR, I have been a lifelong resident of our great city. I grew up in the Eastside, studied here thru college, and worked at some of our most culturally significant places such as the Fox Theater, Municipal Auditorium, and the Citrus Park, in addition to local businesses and Riverside Public Utilities. My life's ambition is to be the Mayor of Riverside, and I am looking to not just prove my skills and dedication by joining on a board or commission, but to make actual, positive impact for all my people that call this place home.

EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO AREA(S) OF INTEREST:

For all three of these boards I have had some relevant experience through my various roles over the years. My work at Riverside Public Utilities as an intern while in college and my current role at the Center for Sustainable Energy has granted me insight to the challenges utilities will increasingly face in the future as residents begin to rely less on the grid and more on distributed energy resource technology. My work as a community advocate in the Eastside and an organizer during my time at UCR gave me the opportunity to witness first-hand the needs and challenges our community faces in terms of crime but as well as their perception and needs regarding public law enforcement our need for better collaboration between all groups in this sector. Lastly, my work on promoting fiscally prudent projects in this city, particularly my previous work in advocating for the preservation of the Downtown library at its historic site, kicked off my understanding of the need to plan responsibly so as to not decimate what should be a balanced budget for our city. My resume will speak more to my diverse experiences, as well as my own account given the opportunity for an interview.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

I graduated from the University of California, Riverside in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Italian Studies. I am fluent in English, Spanish and Italian, and have done work for UCR's Center for Economic Development and Innovation as well as research on behalf of UCR faculty for California State Park's Relevancy and History Project.

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

My experience here is incredibly diverse, as my goal since college was to become proficient in various industries to then one day as Mayor, better understand the positions and needs of various sectors and stakeholders throughout our city. Delivering on this goal, I have work experience in local Riverside small business, the public sector through work with Riverside Public Utilities and California State Parks, non-profits through work with the Citrus Park board and at the Center for Sustainable Energy, as well as international experience via teaching in Italy.

PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

During my time at UCR, I was a member of the Student Association for Latino-Spanish Affairs, the California Public Interest Research Group (CalPIRG) as well as a founding member of the UCR College Democrats.

CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

Previously I was appointed by formal vote as Intern for the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) as well as the Friends of California Citrus Park non-profit board.

COMMISSION ON AGING
AIRPORT COMMISSION *
BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD *
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
BOARD OF ETHICS
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES *
MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION *
PLANNING COMMISSION *
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES *
TRANSPORTATION BOARD *

*A Statement of Economic Interests is required. Any information listed on this application is a matter of public record and will be disclosed upon request.

Under existing California law, a member of a board or commission may not make, participate in making, or attempt to influence a governmental decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision could have a material financial effect on that member, the member's immediate family, or any of his or her financial interests. There is also a special category of conflicts of interest which strictly forbids members and/or their employers from having financial interests in city contracts. Careful consideration should be given to this issue and applicants are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office if they have any questions.

Question applies to Budget Engagement Commission

Thank you for your interest in serving on the City's Budget Engagement Commission. These supplemental questions are mandatory and will help the City determine the appropriate appointment category (resident or business member), as well as screen for relevant experience.

Please fill out supplemental [form](#).

Question applies to Community Police Review Commission

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION

CPRC applicants must undergo a limited background check by the Police Department prior to serving on the Commission due to the sensitivity and confidentiality of the materials you will review that have certain legal restrictions. The background check consists of completion of a Background Personal Information form, live scan fingerprint process through the FBI and Department of Justice, a local police records check, a records check of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and a DMV records check that includes vehicles registered to the applicant. The DMV records check relates to City liability issues since Commissioners occasionally give their personal vehicles to public outreach events. The background check takes approximately two weeks to complete.

Sergio A Robles

Question applies to Community Police Review Commission

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Community Police Review Commission

Do you have basic computer skills?

☒ Yes ☐ No

NOTICE REGARDING INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Under existing California law, no member of City boards or commissions may simultaneously hold two public offices that are incompatible. (California Government Code Section 1099)

Offices are incompatible if one of the offices has supervisory, auditory or removal power over the other, if there would be any significant clash of duties or loyalties between the offices, or if public policy considerations make it improper for one person to hold both offices.

Do you currently hold a position as an appointed or elected member of a governmental board, commission, committee, or other body?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If “Yes”, please state position:

Members of boards and commissions are covered by Workers’ Compensation insurance while serving. If appointed, completion of a LiveScan background screening is required prior to commencement of service.

Please call the City Clerk’s Office at 826-5557 or visit RiversideCA.gov/city_clerk for more information. City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 3900 Main Street, 7th floor, Riverside, CA 92522

[Sergio Robles 2021 Resume .pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

[Budget Engagement Commission Application Sergio Robles.pdf](#)

Additional document(s)

How did you learn about the Board and Commission vacancies?

☒ Other

Are you interested in being contacted by the Registrar of Voters to volunteer as a poll worker?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

Sergio A Robles

The following information will be detached from your application and used for research and statistical purposes only.

BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS APPLIED FOR:

APPLICATION DATE:

Female or Male?

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: Choose the one (ONLY ONE) ethnic group with which you most closely identify yourself.

Are you a person with a disability?

ETHNIC ORIGIN DEFINITIONS:

American Indian or Alaskan Native: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Asian or Pacific Islander: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

Black (not of Hispanic origin): All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

White (not of Hispanic origin): All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Source: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Sergio A. Robles

Profile

- Trilingual UC Riverside graduate and Eastside community advocate
- 5 years of diversified work experience in customer engagement, private and government sectors, public education and non-profit spaces.

Education

University of California, Riverside
B.A. Political Science, Italian Studies Minor

- Overall GPA: 3.4

Areas of Expertise

Spanish and Italian fluency	Project administration and coordination	Microsoft Office Suite proficiency
Multilingual project planning/development	Engagement and relationship building with partners and community members	Data Entry, Archiving, and policy research experience
Public speaking		Auditing, surveying and interviewing
Community advocacy and organizing	Training and development	Salesforce/Box, other CRM software

Work Experience

Center for Sustainable Energy, non-profit

Project Associate

2019-present

- Appointed by President to serve as Committee Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Developed operating procedure proposals to increase program capacity and customer engagement
- Matrixed on full program administration of multiple clean vehicle adoption incentives: Edison Clean Fuel Reward program, Charge Up New Jersey incentive, Charge New York Drive Clean, Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate

Lorenzo Lotto Institute, Italy

Professor, English and Spanish

2018-2019

- Collaborated with English, Spanish and Italian-speaking educators to develop and execute language lessons f
 - focus on migration movements, environment and climate change, and cultural identity
- Appointed by Institute Headmaster to develop and lead English-immersion bootcamp to prepare students for internships abroad as well as Spanish cultural immersion courses

Fellowship Experience

California State Parks, Sacramento

2016

Transformation Team Intern

- Developed proposal for statewide internship program framework

Internship Experience

Friends of California Citrus Park, non-profit

Administrative Intern

2016-2018

- Led preservation of critical projects and operations during low-yielding crop seasons by developing and coordinating annual donor program.
 - \$10,000 in annual revenue generation through management of fundraising programs
- Project Manager for backlog of maintenance projects. Led work coalition between our board, vendors and work teams to rehabilitate educational signage of varietal citrus groves and to support Relevancy & History team efforts

Riverside Public Utilities

Energy & Water Efficiency Intern

2015-2016

- Project Coordinator for city of Riverside Green Business Program. Led first conversions of green businesses in the City of Riverside
 - Collaboration with business leaders across multiple industries
- Obtained Audubon International Sustainable Communities certification for City of Riverside



BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Date Received,
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Robles

LAST NAME

Sergio

FIRST NAME

A

MIDDLE INITIAL

Thank you for your interest in serving on the City's Budget Engagement Commission. This supplemental application is mandatory, and will help the City determine the appropriate appointment category (resident or business member), as well as screen for relevant experience.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Budget Engagement Commission?

I wish to serve on this Budget Engagement Commission so that as an individual who is profoundly passionate about the future of his city, I can ensure that the City of Riverside continues delivering on its promise to promoting the general welfare for all its citizens, while balancing the need for funding of municipal programs and infrastructure as our city grows. My understanding is that this commission is currently represented well by business interests, but I would make sure that as a member of this committee, the interests of working-class and diverse Riversiders are met at the table and receive their fair bargaining potential.

APPOINTMENT CATEGORY

1. Do you currently own, operate or serve in a management capacity in a Riverside-based for-profit or non-profit business? Check all that apply.

- ☐ I currently **own** a Riverside-based for-profit or non-profit business (specify name, type, address, number of employees and ownership percentage):

N/A

- ☐ I currently **operate** a Riverside-based for-profit or non-profit business (specify name, type, address, number of employees and your position):

N/A

- ☐ I currently **serve in a management capacity** in a Riverside-based for-profit or non-profit business (specify name, type, address, number of employees and your position):

N/A

- ☒ I DO NOT currently **own, operate or serve in a management capacity** in a Riverside-based business.

RELEVANT EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

1. Do you have formal college, graduate or post-graduate degree in Finance, Accounting, Public Administration, Public Policy, Business Administration or related field?

- ☒ **Yes (provide details below):**

Bachelor's Degree:

College or University University of California, Riverside
Field of Study Political Science
Year of Graduation 2018

Master's Degree:

College or University _____
Field of Study _____
Year of Graduation _____

Post-Graduate Degree (e.g. PhD):

College or University _____
Field of Study _____
Year of Graduation _____

- ☐ **No**

2. Describe your experience with or knowledge of local government finance:
(Attach additional pages as needed.)

My experience with governmental finance in our city has not been with numbers or behind spreadsheets. Rather, my experience with finance has been first-hand advocacy and representation for working-class Riversiders in regards to the impact that large projects and construction has on the city. In 2015 and 2016 while the city was considering the development of a new library in Downtown, my brother and I believed that the construction of such a building at that time was not prudent in terms of the city's finances. The city was still coming out of a difficult time due to the great recession and we had a general understanding that if a tighter leash was not kept on municipal expenditures, our city would eventually go the way of San Bernardino. We worked tirelessly to speak with the community and urge them to help us and promote that we keep the library at its old Downtown location, not simply as a matter of historic reusability of such a great building, but as a matter of fiscal prudence; it became evident that a new building, with an appropriate budget to match, would further add to city expenditures. I believe that my experience here, and the rest I have gained since then, has cemented my judgement in analyzing what a fiscally prudent decision is for the city. There are many problems our budget currently faces, and I aim to ensure my city plans for the future.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Budget Engagement Commission
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