

City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board District 1 District 1 Representative	Application No: No: 20220821125944_12929
ELIGIBILITY	
PROFILE	
Prefix	Ms.
Last Name	Lara
First Name	Deniff
Middle Name	S
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Deniff Lara
Title	
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length Years	20
In which City Council District do you reside?	01
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	15
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78216
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
Address 2 Type?	Business
Address 2	
City 2	SAN ANTONIO
State 2	TX
Zip 2	78216
eMail	
Employer	City of San Antonio- Ambassador Program
Job Title	Office of the Mayor Intern

Occupation	Student Intern
Board/Commission/Committee Name	City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board~District 1~District 1 Representative~01
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	Hispanic/Latino/a
Gender:	Female
Age:	18 to 24
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	No
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No

Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	Yes
List name of employer, family member and describe contract.	My employment was through the City of San Antonio's Ambassador Program. No other member of my family has had contracts with the city.
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	Yes
Please list office, board or commission, your position in that entity and term of service	I serve for the Office of the Mayor Ron Nirenberg as a student intern under Chief of Staff, Zack Lyke. My term of service has an undetermined end date yet but about Jan 2022 Dec 2022
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization	•Presidents Student Advisory Committee at UTSA Student Representative for the College of Health, Community, and Policy, Jan. 2022 Present •Student Services Fee Committee at UTSA Student Appointee, May. 2022- Present •Texas City Management Association, Member, May 2022 Present •UTSA Honors College Member, Jan 2022- Present •TRIO Student Support Services- Member, Aug. 2022-Present
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	Yes
Please list the office, board, or commission and status of your application to that position.	I intend to perhaps pursue District 1 Councilwomen one day, but as of now it is only a thought I have no actual status to that position
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	Yes
List the department(s) and date(s):	City of San Antonio Ambassador Program, May.2022- Aug.2022 (However we are not considered official city employees since we are interns)
Reason for leaving City employment:	I have not ended my time as an intern, but my time as an Ambassador is soon coming to an end. However, I will eventually leave my position due to school and other opportunities

Describe your Educational history.	University of Texas at San Antonio- Estimated Graduation date: Spring 2024 BA- Public Administration and Policy (GPA: 3.94) BA- Sociology (GPA: 3.94) Minor: Non-Profit Management (GPA: 3.94)
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	Language Coach, Conversifi, Online International language services Sep. 2020- Present •Certified as an International Language Coach Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) Oct. 2021- Present •Certified to register eligible voters in Bexar County Soliya Connect Program Aug. 2021- Dec. 2021 •Certified in Cross-Cultural Communication
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	City Activists May. 2022- Present Working on a service-learning project through the university focused on informing high school students about the inner workings of municipal government by explaining how the City of San Antonio is structured while providing information about various city departments and how student can access them. Our long-term goal would be to reduce inequality by providing easier access to resources for our youth and eventually raise local voter turnouts through voter outreach as well. Volunteer at Churches and Laundry Mats to help provide accessible resources to the community, especially those with high immigrant populations May. 2022- Present Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) Oct. 2021- Present •Volunteered with Texas Rising doing Voter Registration Drives at UTSA to register eligible voters within Bexar County Mikes House Mar. 2021- Dec. 2022 •Volunteered every Thursday to tutor disadvantaged Elementary School children who come from low socioeconomic backgrounds and struggle to find the motivation to do well in school. Middle School Youth Camp Leader-Team-building Organizer 2016-2019 •Oversaw team-building development and transmitted a sense of unity through a group activities.
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	Growing up as a first-generation student, I endured many hardships and setbacks that lead me to believe I would not be able to break down the barriers necessary to be able to serve people. Surrounded in a world of domestic violence, trauma, lack of resources and very little support, I was socialized into thinking that people like me are not meant to take on the role of impacting decisions. I saw firsthand how hard it was to thrive and break down systematic barriers while applying to and staying in college. I made so many mistakes along my journey and desperate wish I would have had someone to be there for me when I had so many unanswered questions. That is the reason why I passionately engage to teach people about the social-economic mobility and the cultural capital to help students navigate through college. It was not until I became an intern at the mayor's office that I was then able to realize what it means to formulate policy by watching the effects it has on people. Working side by side with Mayor Ron Nirenberg and his team has enabled me to see how everything is focused on the betterment of our community in order to place value on constituents and their concerns. By examining the needs of so many people, I was able to reflect on the power policy has to achieve equity and create a better lifestyle for all. Now I am challenged to pursue educational policy to provide more access to educational reforms within societal structures. This is the reflection of my commitment to people's needs to create a more equitable environment. And as a proud student leader for the College for Health, Community and Policy and UTSA as a whole, I wish to streamline stronger paths of compromise while understanding the complexities and challenges we face to develop active solutions in magnifying equity by working with non-profits, volunteering with youth to co-fund their

	<p>dreams, raising voter turnouts, and building more transparent bridges between the needs of marginalized communities and accessible resources. I truly believe we can scale youth leadership, restorative justice, and equitable education, so that all children and youth have their voices heard, the healing supports they need, and access to the opportunities they deserve. Having someone to believe in me one day was what propelled me to keep going. And now serving on the board would be an enormous honor as I would be able to continue striving towards new ways to serve the of City of San Antonio and my community to the best of my abilities. Thank you so much for your consideration.</p>
<p>APPLICATION SIGN-OFF</p>	
<p>As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec.2-534. All board and commission members must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.</p>	
<p>I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability</p>	<p>Acknowledged</p>

whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release	
OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Deniff Lara
Date of submission.	8/21/2022
The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.	
I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	No
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information	No

I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	No
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	