

City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board District 8 District 8 Representative	Application No: No: 20230717144535_14239
ELIGIBILITY	
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mr.
Last Name	Espinoza
First Name	Jonah
Middle Name	Carmine
Suffix	
Preferred Name	
Title	
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	18
In which City Council District do you reside?	08
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	18
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78249
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
Address 2 Type?	Business
Address 2	N/A
City 2	San Antonio
State 2	TX

Zip 2	
eMail	
Employer	
Job Title	
Occupation	
Board/Commission /Committee Name	City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board~District 8~District 8 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:	Male
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?	No
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?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	No

Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Describe your Educational history.	Tom C. Clark High School (2019-2023) - Summa Cum Laude - Class Rank: 5 / 653 (Top 1 Percentile) - GPA: 104.5106 - SAT: 1470 (Top 3 Percentile) Prospective Student at the University of Texas at San Antonio (2023-2027) - UTSA Top Scholar: 1 of just 10 students from across Texas invited to participate in prestigious program - Majors: Politics and Law, Finance - Educational Goal: T-14 Law School
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	<p>INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES: 1. Voter Registration Civic Fellowship (2023): Hosted voter registration drives on behalf of TurnUp, a non-partisan, non-profit organization affiliated with Harvard College dedicated to increasing youth voter registration and turnout. 2. Independent Study Mentorship (2022-2023): Conducted an in-depth study of law under the guidance of a practicing attorney (Mr. Eduardo O'Connell "Ed" Valdes) within the environment of a law firm and Bexar County Courthouse. 3. Summer Youth Intern at Family Service Nonprofit Organization (2022): Interned in the accounting department at Family Service Nonprofit Organization that strives to achieve economic stability and equitable education for low-income residents of the San Antonio community, who are predominantly Hispanic. WORK EXPERIENCES: 1. gt.School, Content Expert (2022-2023) - Employed by gt.School, an online afterschool program built to accelerate students learning. - Actively working on a technology-based learning program intended to build subject mastery and practice skills necessary for success on College Board Advanced Placement Exams. - Currently testing and reviewing the efficacy of Artificial Intelligence to contribute toward an educational app</p> <p>CERTIFICATIONS: 1. Volunteer Deputy Registrar: Appointed by Jacquelyn F. Callanen, Voter Registrar for Bexar County, to be entrusted with the responsibility of officially registering voters in the State of Texas, specifically within Bexar County.</p>
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	<p>VOLUNTEERISM: 1. National Honor Society (2021-2023): As President of NHS, Led a community service-based organization of 245 students by creating and coordinating 20 service opportunities among various levels: local, citywide, and global. Participated over 120 hours of service toward organization. 2. San Antonio Food Bank Volunteer (2021-2023): Performed a variety of jobs within the San Antonio Food Bank Warehouse such as sorting donated food items, cleaning facilities, and preparing meals to combat food insecurity among the 100,000 individuals in need for 35 hours. 3. Haven for Hope Community Kitchen (2021-2023): Assisted with the preparation and serving of breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals for residents of Haven for Hope, which is a transformative campus for homeless civilians in San Antonio. Also performed other jobs within the kitchen such as dishwashing, sweeping, and mopping to ensure a clean</p>

environment for all for 30 hours. 4. Science National Honor Society(2021-2023): Participate in service projects such as designing mechanical lab demonstrations for elementary and middle school students to ignite their passion for science. 5. Key Club (2022-2023): Encourage personal growth and leadership through public service projects such as creating letters and gifts for hospitalized children. Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership skills. Participated in over 15 hours of service. 6. Cornerstone Vacation Bible School Volunteer (2022): Supervised a group of children in a program that sought to incorporate themed activities that entertain kids while also learning about God for a total of 18.5 hours. 7. Saint Francis Parish Festival (2021-2022): Helped set up and run an entertainment booth. All proceeds went back into the church to help serve the community. 8. Senior Housing at Aurora Apartments Volunteer (2019): Performed a variety of tasks such as mopping, sweeping, and other maintenance jobs to help ensure the safety of elderly residents. SERVICE PROJECTS: 1. Legal Awareness Initiative (2023) : Actively working on a presentation that reviews essential laws and legal concepts relevant to teenagers. Project aims to extend important legal education to youth so they can be well-informed citizens, aware of their actions consequences and how to respond appropriately in certain legal situations. Currently, this presentation will be adopted by the administration of Tom C. Clark High School and presented on a yearly basis to the student body. After presenting my project to Board Members of Northside ISD of San Antonio, discussions and efforts have started toward extending the audience of this presentation. 2. Mental Health Awareness Campaign for Newcomer Students (2023): Actively working with Mrs. Cristina McFarland, Clark High Schools Newcomer Teacher, to provide resources to Newcomer ESL (English as a Second Language) students in an ongoing effort to reduce the stigma around mental health conditions. 3. Clark NHS Partnership with UNICEF for Cte d'Ivoire Project (2022-2023): Organized a partnership with UNICEF to create a fund that will help transform plastic waste in Cte d'Ivoire, Africa into safe and sustainable building materials to help build classrooms that are urgently needed. Fundraising is ongoing and currently has over \$1,700 thus far. 4. Founder of Cougar Reading Club (2022-2023): Creator of Cougar Reading Club. Provides opportunities for ESL and non-ESL students of Clark High School to deepen their understanding of cultural diversity and the English language. 5. Clark NHS Long Term Service Project: Supporting Custodial Staff (2022-2023): Created a long-term service project to help Clarks custodial staff, which is understaffed by 8 custodians. Formatted a system that allows students (200 Monthly Participants) to sign up for shifts that help clean various areas of the campus. 6. South Texas Blood and Tissue Center Blood Drives Sponsored by Clark National Honor Society (2022-2023): Coordinated blood drives hosted at Tom C. Clark High School with a total of 180 whole blood donations and 20 platelet donations, having the potential to save and/or heal 500 lives. Actively encourage staff members and students on campus to help contribute to the cause. 7. Clark NHS Partnership with UNICEF to Create Ukrainian Relief Fund (2022): Organized a partnership with UNICEF to create a Ukrainian Relief Fund. Donations go towards ensuring

	<p>Ukraines children have access to safe water, nutrition, health care, education, and protection. Fundraised over \$1,200. 8. SAT Tutoring Fundraiser (2022): Facilitated a partnership between the Clark High School's National Honor Society and a program known as Ascent Test Prep to provide SAT tutoring to fellow Clark students. Students are required to pay a fee for the tutoring session, and 100 of proceeds go towards the UNICEF Ukrainian Relief Fun</p>
<p>Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:</p>	<p>Despite being raised by two parents struggling with drug addiction in the West Side of San Antonio, my mother's remarkable resilience propelled her beyond the burdens of childhood poverty and homelessness to obtain a college degree. Similarly, my father, who was illegally brought into this country as an infant, had to overcome not only the struggles of poverty but also the fear of deportation and a linguistic barrier to achieve a college education. Their inspiring journeys, though exceptional in their part of town, have deeply influenced me and sparked my passion for examining social inequalities within my community and seeking opportunities to address them. In a country that prides itself on equal opportunity, it is disheartening to see that Hispanics receive the least education compared to any other racial or ethnic group. Specifically, in the City of San Antonio, one in five Hispanics live below the poverty line. Academic achievement should never be compromised by racial or income inequality. Unfortunately, these implicit biases in the education system hinder the success of many students today. When Mr. Eric Cavazos, a Senior Policy Analyst with the City Council District 8 Office, invited me to apply for the City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board, I realized that this esteemed position could be a means for me to address the educational inequalities that my parents once faced and many others continue to face now. As a board member, I would focus on critical socioeconomic issues relating to education, such as the unequal distribution of academic resources, poor retention rates, and limited school funding, which disproportionately affect minority communities. By investing in future generations with an enriched education, we can pave the way for a more equitable society. My passion for public service, coupled with my aspirations to support underprivileged students and provide them with opportunities to thrive despite their circumstances, drives me to believe that I can be a valuable member of HESAB. My unique perspectives, shaped by the extraordinary individuals who raised me and my experiences as a student of San Antonio, further equip me to contribute to reimagining the educational landscape to cater to the needs of all backgrounds. Aristotle once said, "Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity." I am deeply honored to offer my services as a member of the City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board. By working collaboratively, I strive to create an environment where stories like those of my parents are no longer the exception but a living reality, just as Aristotle envisioned.</p>
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to	

<p>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 whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or</p>	<p>Acknowledged</p>

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	Jonah Carmine Espinoza
Date of submission.	7/17/2023
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.	No
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.	Yes
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	