

# Application for Commissions, Boards, and Committees



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME <b>Art Sripipat</b>	DATE <b>06/17/2016</b>
CITY OF RESIDENCE <b>Sierra Madre</b>	YEARS AS RESIDENT <b>Less than 1 year</b>

## COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

**Planning Commission**

Why are you interested in serving as a member of this commission / board / committee?

What initially attracted me to move to Sierra Madre was its quiet small-town feel. I believe that the Planning Commission has an important role to play in balancing growth and development while also preserving our city's unique heritage for the enjoyment of current and future generations. I grew up in nearby Arcadia but work took me abroad for the past several years; first to Basel, Switzerland, and then to San Francisco, CA. While I enjoyed my time living in both places, I feel most at home in Southern California, and it is my intention to stay in Sierra Madre for the long-term. I would like to help serve our city on the Planning Commission, where I believe my experience and background would be useful in the deliberation and decision making process that the Planning Commission undertakes.

What specific attitudes, skills, and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission / board / committee?

I take a deliberate approach to problem solving. As an attorney, I have had to negotiate difficult and complex commercial transactions, where emotions ran high between the parties. It was important for me to be able to understand the different sides and their arguments, so that I could find and propose solutions that satisfied the parties. I try to keep an open mind and not make any conclusions until I have understood all the underlying facts. In addition, my experience living abroad in Switzerland gave me valuable insight into how Swiss cities create sustainable growth by balancing the needs of development with the preservation of their historic areas and buildings. I believe that I could use my background and skills to help solve the difficult issues that come before the Planning Commission.

## SERVICE HISTORY

Are you currently, or have you ever been a member of any City of Sierra Madre Commission, Board, or Committee?

Yes     No

NAME OF COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE	DATES OF SERVICE

You are invited to attach additional information or submit supplemental information which you feel may assist the City Council in its evaluation. Supplemental information is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.