



**City of Morgan Hill Application
for Appointment to
City Council Vacancy
Term ends December 2018**

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This application is a public record and will be included with the applicable City Council materials and may be posted on the City's website. Thank you for your interest in serving on the Morgan Hill City Council.

Full Name Caitlin Robinett Jachimowicz
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Home Phone [REDACTED] Cell Phone [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]
Number of years lived in Morgan Hill 19+ years
Occupation Attorney Employer Jachimowicz | Pointer Attorneys at Law

In addition to completing the applicant questionnaire, please feel free to attach your resume. In order for your application to be considered, the applicant questionnaire must be completed.

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. I legally reside in the City of Morgan Hill. I am 18 years of age or older. In compliance with State law, I understand that I will be required to file a statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to office and annually thereafter. I understand that my application and materials will be considered a public record and thus will be available for public inspection and copying. The completed applications may also be published on the City's website.

[Signature]
Applicant's Signature

January 5, 2017
Date

Civic service is a privilege and responsibility of our citizens. The value and importance of the participation of our citizens cannot be measured. Your interest in serving on the City Council of the City of Morgan Hill is greatly appreciated.

APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Why do you want to be appointed to the City of Morgan Hill City Council?

I want to be appointed to the City of Morgan Hill City Council because I have the experience, education, passion, and demeanor to serve my community in a meaningful way.

I grew up in Morgan Hill, attending Jackson Elementary, Britton Middle School, and Live Oak High School. My father has been a small business owner in Morgan Hill for as long as I can remember, and I moved my young family back here to have the same quality of life we enjoyed growing up. While the state of our national affairs continues to become more and more volatile and contentious, I feel it is my duty to do my part to protect and enrich our community. With my background, education, and experience, I feel I would best be of service on the City Council to help foster relationships with the public and provide a voice for young, working families.

2. What qualifies you to serve on the Morgan Hill City Council?

First, my 19+ years in Morgan Hill provide the most important qualification, as I know and love our town. But besides being a long-time resident, I also have ventured out to gain the education and experience I needed to come home and serve our community fully. I entered law school at Santa Clara because I was specifically interested in policy. While in law school, I clerked at the Panetta Institute for Public Policy, worked alongside County Counsel Ann Ravel, and clerked at the District Attorney's Office.

I have learned that when you work in policy, you are often required to become an expert on a wide range of issues, sometimes on a moment's notice. I have gained the experience necessary to be able to educate myself quickly and thoroughly on new challenges. My training and background give me the ability to know what questions to ask and how to research an issue to be able to competently make meaningful decisions.

My qualifications go beyond the academic. As a new lawyer, I worked as an assistant to Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, and quickly became a Commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission for Santa Clara County. While working for Congress, I was based in the local office, focused on the unique challenges of our region with daily contact with constituents. Accompanying the Congresswoman on countless meetings, interviews, speeches, and discussions - I learned what matters to people in our beautiful valley, and how to work with regional partners to address our issues.

Being a Commissioner has taught me that the most important qualification for participation on a local decision making body is the ability to listen. It is imperative that the council does not just bring their own agenda to the table, but really listens to both the public and the paid staff giving input on an issue.

Finally, I am a wife, and the mother of a young daughter. I am qualified to serve on the Morgan Hill City Council because I represent not only the history of our town, but also our future. My interest in the health, safety, and success of Morgan Hill is intensely personal, because it means the success of my friends, family, teachers, and mentors.

(resume attached as separate document)

3. What are your top three priorities for the City of Morgan Hill?

As I previously mentioned, I believe that a Councilmember's top priority should be to marry the needs and wants of the public with the expertise of staff. But as a private citizen, my top three priorities are all connected and could be best summarized the following ways:

1) Safety- Of course, my number one priority for our city is the health and safety of all of our citizens. This relates not only to reduction of crime, and safety of our large community events, but also safety in our cars and on the roads as the traffic in our region continues to worsen. The traffic we are experiencing around rush hours is a safety issue, and we need to come up with long-term solutions to the growing problem.

2) Scenery- I believe that our open spaces and our location are what make Morgan Hill the greatest city on earth. While we do have a duty to house people and do our part to make sure our children can grow up to live in our community, we can't sacrifice the environment to do so.

3) Success- In order for our town to be successful, we need to be thriving! We need businesses to be thriving, schools to be performing, and our citizens to be happy members of an active community. Morgan Hill has such a wonderful sense of community, we need to continue to support each other by helping our businesses and our schools flourish.

I believe these goals are connected, as our success depends on our safety and our ability to manage the growth of our town in a sustainable way, while developing the infrastructure needed to sustain our growth without losing the open spaces and natural resources that enrich our quality of life.

4. Why should you be appointed to serve on the Morgan Hill City Council?

I hope that it is clear from my application and resume that I am hardworking, and passionate about our home. I have dedicated my precious time away from my family to be of service to members of my community. If appointed, I will bring my education, experience, and passion to the council table. But what may not be as evident from my application is that I love people and I am great in a meeting. What I mean is that I pride myself on being able to find common ground in an appropriate and efficient way.

In Morgan Hill, our home is our uniting factor. I believe I should be appointed because I have the best interests of the common citizen in mind, because I am one. I don't have any investments or special interests. But, I can work with people I may not agree with. I intensely believe that all people should be treated with decorum and respect. Not only will I work hard, but I will do my best to make the work enjoyable for those working with me. Because I have a working knowledge of the Brown Act, I follow the rules, but I know how to quickly move through the things that can be moved through quickly, and how to dive deep into the issues that need expanding. I will always stand up for what I believe in, but will respectfully listen to other viewpoints.

In 2002 I was named the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce's Student of the Year. During our awards ceremony, I was called "The Future of Morgan Hill." I took those comments as a challenge. I have been all over the world in pursuit of education and experience, only to move my own family home so that I can raise my daughter in the community I so love. I should be appointed to serve on the Morgan Hill City Council because I do represent the future of Morgan Hill, and because I held up my end of that implicit promise by coming home to serve the very people who made me who I am today.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

CAITLIN ROBINETT JACHIMOWICZ

CALIFORNIA BAR #: 273121

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, CA May 2010

J.D., with a Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice

- SBA President (2009 – 2010)
- External Director, Journal of International Law (2009 – 2010)
- DCP Legal Scholars program founding member/teacher (2008-2010)
- Editor-In-Chief, *The Advocate* Law Student Newspaper (2008 – 2009)
- Environmental Law Society President (2008 – 2009)
- SBA Secretary (2008 – 2009)
- International Human Rights and Refugee Law Abroad Program (June – July 2008)
- International Law Student Association (2007 – 2009)
- Fresh Lifelines For Youth volunteer/teacher (2007-2008)

Honors: Oral argument before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Immigration issue; Santa Clara School of Law's 2010 Student Leader of the Year; Bannan Research Grant Recipient; Santa Clara Law Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient; Pro Bono Recognition Award Recipient-Bronze, Silver and Gold; NAACP Scholarship Recipient

Seattle University, Seattle, WA June 2006

B.A. in Communication Studies, with a minor in Philosophy

Honors: Magna Cum Laude Graduate, President's List and Dean's List

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA May 2004

Journalism Study (transfer student)

Honors: Dean's List Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year-2002; Bank of America Achievement Award in Fine Arts-First Place for CA Region 2

PUBLICATIONS

"Lessons From Haiti," Santa Clara Law Magazine, Spring 2010

"Water Song" and "Imprints" Content Magazine, Fall 2009

EXPERIENCE

Jachimowicz | Pointer, Attorneys at Law, San Jose, CA 2014-present

Associate Attorney

Criminal attorney focusing on record clearances, record reductions, probation modifications, and other post-conviction relief; specializing in in-depth research and motion writing, assisting other attorneys with persuasive opening and closing arguments, and making court appearances. Also have handled pre-litigation personal injury caseload and assisted other attorneys in research and writing for Employment, Dependency, and various other civil litigation matters. Completed supervisory roles including editing paralegal work, and managing staff.

The Marcia Effect, Morgan Hill, CA 2016-present
CEO

The Marcia Effect is a project in development that aims to provide community, education, and advocacy opportunities surrounding issues that affect women. While incorporated in Morgan Hill in 2016, The Marcia Effect is waiting for non-profit classification before official launch

The Law Office of Daniel Jensen, P.C., Santa Clara, CA 2011-2014
Attorney

Associate Attorney practicing all aspects of criminal and family law, including 1st and 2nd chair trial experience; extensive legal research and writing; lead attorney on special projects including hiring attorneys and staff, marketing, and other managerial duties

U.S. House of Representatives, San Jose, CA 2010-2011
Congressional Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren

Planning and preparation for speaking events, interviews, and Congressional activities; including speech writing and talking points

Handle constituent casework and policy issues in the following areas: Environmental Issues, Foreign Affairs, Immigration, Consumer Affairs, IRS/Tax Issues, Science & Technology, Patents & Trademarks

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, CA 2010
Recruiter

Travel to undergraduate campuses across the country meeting with potential law students, help develop and execute PR projects relating to the law school's centennial celebration

Panetta Institute for Public Policy, Monterey, CA 2009
Research Fellow

Developed, researched, and wrote briefing memoranda on public policy issues. Primary areas of focus included healthcare, national security, education policy, and youth perceptions on public service

Office of the District Attorney, Santa Clara County, CA 2009
Law Clerk

Worked in the misdemeanor unit, where responsibilities included writing and arguing numerous pretrial motions, handling preparation and trials for entire traffic calendar, and developing research memoranda for supervising attorneys

Ann Ravel, County Counsel, Santa Clara County, CA 2009
Legal Intern

Researched current legal, policy, and public relations issues affecting Santa Clara County and the Board of Supervisors and gave recommendations to County Counsel Ann Ravel.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, INTERESTS & TRAINING

- Commissioner for Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission 2011-current
- Trained as a Bar Grader for California Bar Exam, Summer 2013 cycle
- Conducted research and interviews in Haiti on the Haitian Justice System
- Completed Study Abroad at the Inter-American Court for Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Participated in a Legal Immersion Program in San Salvador, El Salvador

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
