

## Application Form

---

### Notice of Public Record

Please be advised that all information contained in this application is part of the City of Reno's public record and is available for public review. These positions are limited, in most cases, to residents of the City of Reno. The City Council makes a conscientious effort to appoint persons who represent all of the various communities within the City of Reno. Please be advised that certain boards and commissions require filing of financial statements with the Secretary of State or have special requirements. Contact the City Clerk's office at 334-2030 with any questions.

---

### Profile

Leaf V Acklin  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

leafva@gmail.com  
Email Address

1201 N Virginia St  
Home Address Suite or Apt

Reno NV 89503  
City State Postal Code

What ward do you live in? \*

☒ Ward 5

Home: (702) 931-4100  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno?

1 year and a half

Are you over 18 years of age?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno? \*

☒ Yes

ASUN Senator for the College of Liberal Arts  
Employer Job Title

---

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth City Council: Submitted

Leaf V Acklin

---

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations?**

---

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If yes, please list conviction dates and nature:**

---

---

## **Interests & Experiences**

**Education or training relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:**

---

Regarding my education, I am currently a 19-year-old sophomore attending the University of Nevada, Reno. Majoring in Political Science and International Affairs with an emphasis in Diplomacy and Law. Relating to that I may be adding a major in history next semester to try and expand my fields of study. After I get my bachelor's degree at UNR I plan on taking a gap year to join the National Guard and do my duty to my state and give back to it in service with the guard. Helping the people of Nevada with state-level emergencies, such as natural disasters, or distributing food, water, and medicine in times of crisis. Along with that, I will keep my community and state safe from social unrest. After I complete basic training I plan on attending law school in Boston to get my J.D. As for my relevant training, I am extremely involved in the Reno community along with my university community. I in fact already have constituents I represent at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am the senator for the College of Liberal Arts representing roughly 3,000 students on campus. My responsibility is to represent the students within my college and advocate for their voices and concerns at the Senate table. Additionally, I work closely with the Faculty of COLA to ensure that our students have access to new activities, events, and programs on campus. For instance, I'm currently collaborating with our COLA DEI committee to organize a majors and minors conference in the spring, allowing students to explore the various academic offerings within our college which I am super excited about! Along with that, I sit on 4 committees in the senate body along my most important task with being Chair of the Committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement. In a nutshell, our committee is responsible for five key areas: 1. Promoting civic engagement among students, faculty, and administration at the university and in the Reno community. 2. Formulating policies pertaining to local, state, and federal governance bodies, such as the Reno City Council, the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, and the Nevada State Legislature. 3. Advocating for student concerns regarding tuition and fees. 4. Supporting academic courses that encourage activism in the local and national community. 5. Collaborating with local nonprofits to provide opportunities for students to engage in community service. Our overarching goal is to ensure that students at the university are not only well-educated but also civically literate, both on campus and within their broader community. One of the critical responsibilities of our committee is to advocate for issues in the Reno community that directly impact students. For instance, during the recent legislative session, I advocated for student borrower rights and stipend increases for graduate students. I believe it's crucial to establish a more robust channel of communication with all levels of government in the Reno community to address issues that affect veterans. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, we can potentially identify areas where the Reno Youth City Council can help the citizens of Reno.

**Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission.**

I am eager to contribute my passion for civic engagement, dedication to community service, and strong advocacy skills to the Reno Youth City Council. As a sophomore majoring in Political Science and International Affairs at the University of Nevada, Reno, with an emphasis in Diplomacy and Law, I have been actively involved in both my university and local community. Serving as the senator for the College of Liberal Arts, I represent approximately 3,000 students and work diligently to address their concerns and amplify their voices within the university's Senate. My role as the Chair of the Committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement has equipped me with invaluable experience in formulating policies, advocating for student concerns, and fostering collaboration with local nonprofits to promote community service. I have successfully advocated for student borrower rights and stipend increases for graduate students during the recent legislative session, showcasing my commitment to addressing issues that directly impact students. I am particularly excited about the prospect of serving on the Reno Youth City Council because it aligns seamlessly with my commitment to civic literacy and community involvement. The opportunity to engage with local government bodies, collaborate on policies that affect our community, and actively participate in initiatives promoting activism resonates deeply with my academic background and extracurricular involvement. Moreover, my upcoming service with the National Guard during a gap year further solidifies my dedication to the well-being and safety of the people of Nevada. I believe that my multifaceted experiences and proactive approach to addressing community issues make me an ideal candidate for contributing meaningfully to the Reno Youth City Council. I look forward to leveraging my skills and knowledge to foster positive change and enhance the relationship between the youth and local government in Reno.

[Resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

---

**Open Meeting Law Waiver**

**WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1) TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE OF PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO**

The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering on a future posted agenda your appointment to a board, commission or other public body for the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice need be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions. By agreeing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting. Further, the I acknowledge that I may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Youth City Council

Signature of Parent or Guardian

If applicant is under 18:

Question applies to Youth City Council

**Parent or Guardian Name**

Michelle Hamilton

Question applies to Youth City Council

**I acknowledge that I have read the Waiver above and allow my child to participate in the Reno Youth City Council.**

☒ I Agree

**Acknowledgement**

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I provided in the application is true. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. If appointed, I agree to attend a board or commission orientation session, if applicable, within six months of my appointment. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will results in automatic removal from the board or commission.**

☒ I Agree

# Leaf Acklin

38 W 11th St, Reno, NV 89503 | 702-931-4100 | leafva@gmail.com

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### Associated Students of the University of Nevada

Reno, Nevada

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

Mar 2023 - Mar 2025

- Host office hours weekly to give the public an opportunity to comment or speak with their representatives.
- Regularly attend the convening of the Senate and its committees to which the Senator has been assigned. For instance, I am Chair of Democratic and Civic Engagement where we have planned out our ideas and goals for the coming year like student voter registration, community organizing, and civic literacy. We try and advocate for students' rights at the local, state, and federal levels, including the Reno City Council, the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, and the Nevada State Legislature.
- Work with a bipartisan Senate body to craft legislation better the lives of the students of UNR, in particular, students' safety on campus, planning of events, and funding programs on campus.
- Mentor and educate Legislative Intern(s) that may be assigned to them.
- Consistently participate in the convened sessions of the Student Advisory Board pertaining to the represented academic institution, or alternatively, proactively undertake efforts to establish a functional advisory board in cases where its existence or engagement has been lacking.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Arbor View Environmental Club

Las Vegas, Nevada

Treasurer

Aug 2020 - May 2022

- Analyzed weekly expenses to predict potential risks, mitigate losses and identify cost-cutting opportunities that enabled savings of \$5K yearly.
- Observed & monitored 3 revenue streams, totaling \$2K per quarter, enabling efficiencies in cost allocations.
- Constructed regular budget reports and executed complex financial statements for a club of 30 members.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Albertsons

Las Vegas, Nevada

Courtesy Clerk

Jun 2021 - Jul 2022

- Assisted customers daily with product selection, order accuracy, and checkout processes.
- Assisting cashiers to verify prices and other tasks throughout their shifts.
- Performed regular inventory restocks & cleanliness checks.
- Bagging customers' purchases and helping customers to their cars.
- Sweeping and mopping store floors, cleaning restrooms, washing down and organizing shopping carts.

## EDUCATION

### University of Nevada, Reno

Reno, Nevada

Political Science/History

Graduation Date: May 2026

### Arbor View High School

Las Vegas, Nevada

College and Career Ready High School Diploma, 3.6 GPA

Graduation Date: May 2022

## SKILLS

Soft skills: Responsible, Loyal, Problem Solving, Critical Thinking Skills, Flexibility, Communication. Hard skills: Research and Writing, Google Docs, Excel, Public speaking.