

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

Brendan D Zankowski
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

brendiesel5@gmail.com
Email Address

5437 Side Saddle Trail
Home Address Suite or Apt

Reno NV 89511
City State Postal Code

What ward do you live in? *

☒ Unsure

Home: (408) 603-1152 Home: (408) 628-2310
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

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

14 months

Are you over 18 years of age?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ No

Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth City Council: Submitted

Brendan D Zankowski

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:

Have held previous leadership and volunteer roles, have diverse interests, try to be a great listener and take initiative, and am a straight-A student. I'm also fairly proficient with technology and have some programming background that I feel could be useful.

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

I've lived in one place my whole life, and then I moved to Reno, and it has been fun exploring this city as my new home. I'm also very social and enjoy bringing people together, and I think it would be fun to do both of these under the umbrella of the youth city council. As you can see in my resume, I'm a self-starter and good at getting projects and events moving.

[Brendan_Zankowski_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

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☒ 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

Madison Lee-Zankowski

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

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EDUCATION

Damonte Ranch High School, Nevada

Expected graduation: June 2025

GPA: 4.0 (unweighted), 4.8 (weighted)

AP Tests: Calculus AB (5), Statistics (4), Chemistry (4), Computer Science A (5), Psychology (5), Physics C (4), Calculus BC (5), Human Geography (5), English Language (pending), Biology (pending), U.S. History (pending)

College Coursework:

- **University of Nevada, Reno,** *Multivariable Calculus* (Fall 2023): Grade: pending
- **Western Nevada College,** *Calculus II* (Fall 2022): Grade: A
- **University of Michigan,** *Game Design and Development with Unity Specialization* (June 2023)
- **Harvard University,** *Technomusicology* (Summer 2022)
- **Berklee College of Music,** *Music Production with Logic Pro* (Summer 2021)

Additional Programs:

- **Carnegie Mellon Pre-College:** *Game Development* (Summer 2023)
- **Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institute:** *Game Design for Good* (Summer 2023)
- **Digital Humanities Summer Institute:** *Digitizing and Encoding Music* (Summer 2023)
- **Cornell Bird Academy:** *Recording Bird Sounds* (Summer 2023)
- **Interlochen School of Music,** *Music Production and Engineering* (Summer 2022)
- **Inspirt AI,** *AI using python: linear regression, logistic regression, and NLP* (Summer, 2021)

HONORS

NYTimes Multimedia Contest Winner (Jan 5, 2022)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/04/learning/coming-of-age-in-2021-a-multimedia-contest-for-teenagers.html>

AP Scholar with Distinction (July 2022)

Environmental Justice Zine Contest Honorable Mention (September 2022)

AIME Qualifier (top 2.5% of AMC10 test takers) (November 2022)

USACO Silver Qualifier (February 2021)

PROJECTS & PUBLICATIONS

“Exploring Authoritarian Political Systems’ Effect on Ethical Refugees” Summer 2023

- Abstract and short paper submitted to the “Digital Humanities South African Journal” for publication review. Included a story map that identifies refugee camps, location, description, and type of governance.

UNR Internship in Share History Program

Feb -June 2023

- Created a GIS story map on refugees to contribute a digital supplement to the refugee exhibit in the History building
- Map included locations of refugee camps, images, data, and descriptions of living conditions
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/32c423445920465d88a6c7ac7a905405>

Kanye Samples Website (kanyesamples.com)

Dec 2021 - Present

- Created a website detailing and analyzing all of Kanye’s samples used in his discography.

- Entailed API integration, HTML, Javascript, and CSS coding, front-end design, data gathering, and embedding media players into a website.

Teen INK+ Publications

- New Heights, New Lights April 15, 2022
- https://www.teenink.com/poetry/song_lyrics/article/1156073/New-Heights-New-Lights
- Stomping Out Cyberbullying August 19, 2022
- <https://www.teenink.com/opinion/discrimination/article/1165171/Stomping-Out-Cyberbullying>

Teens STREAM+

Summer 2022

- Collaborated with Santa Clara Country Public Library to make a two-part series tutorial video teaching “producing music with FL Studio”.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvefa-sx0TM&list=PLUE_KnEgbGeVA3MoDY3YUEw3hzBDcgqrr&index=11
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjU-ZYpCYG0&list=PLUE_KnEgbGeVA3MoDY3YUEw3hzBDcgqrr&index=12

The Mindshare Helmet

June 22, 2021

- Published Science Fiction short story
<https://writetheworld.org/groups/1/shared/239558/version/510419>

LEADERSHIP and VOLUNTEER

Global Digital Humanities Symposium - *Social Media Herald*

March 2023

- Volunteered services as a social media herald to bring awareness and publicize digital humanities research at the 3-day Symposium

Music Creation Club – *Creator and President*

Sep 2022 - Present

- Founded a club at Galena High School to collaborate with and join student musicians together

Wushu Kung Fu – *Instructor*

March 2021 - Jan 2022

- Taught online and in-person kung fu classes to kids ages 5-12, and a class for those on the Autism Spectrum

ATHLETICS

Fencing Enthusiast – Currently D ranked epee fencer

Aug 2017 – Current

Galena Tennis Team – *Member*

Aug 2022 – Nov 2022

Silverstate Volleyball Team – Member

Nov 2022 – Jan 2022

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

Java Programming, C++ Programming, HTML, CSS, Javascript

- I have studied Java for 5 years, C++ for 3 years, and HTML/CSS/Javascript for 2 years

Violin and Piano

- I have played the violin for 5 years and the piano for 7 years

Music Production and Engineering

- I have been producing music for approximately 3 years and have created and released 3 original songs on all streaming platforms (as Keno Kaizo on Spotify, Apple Music, etc).

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Dated this 22 day of October, 2023.

Name of Board, Commission or Other Public Body to which the undersigned is seeking

City Council's consideration: Youth City Council
(Board/Commission/Public Body)

Signature of Applicant:  eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Key: 03289f6016fd221da8c8337fbab46065

By: Brendan Diesel Zankowski
(Printed Name of Applicant)

Signature of Parent or Guardian
If applicant is under 18:  eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Key: c556eb1c2306a5e018a60b027174ed26

If you are applying and are under 18 years of age, please complete the form by signing your name. Once you have signed, enter the email address of your parent or legal guardian when prompted. An email will automatically be sent to your parent or legal guardian asking for their signature. Once they have signed, your application will automatically be sent to our offices for review. Applications without parent or legal guardian signature will be denied.