

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

Max E Grinstein
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

max@maxgrinstein.com
Email Address

4101 Whispering Pine Loop
Home Address Suite or Apt

Reno NV 89519
City State Postal Code

What ward do you live in? *

☒ Ward 1

Home: (832) 291-9313
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

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

4 years

Are you over 18 years of age?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ No

Prison Journalism Project Editorial Intern
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Youth City Council: Submitted

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:

My background makes me well-suited for a position on the Reno Youth City Council. I have training in the areas of government, journalism, and student teaching. Through the Nevada Youth Legislature, I learned about parliamentary procedure, open meeting law requirements, effective negotiation skills, and professional communications. Former State Senator Valerie Wiener provided training about Power Presentations, Communication with the Media, and The Legislative Process in Nevada. As editor of the Davidson Academy student newspaper, Phoenix Focus, I learned how to bring a group of people together in pursuit of a common goal, the importance of journalistic writing style, and how to fundraise and budget for a print publication. I attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Summer Journalism Workshop for training about how to start a school newspaper. Through my job at the Prison Journalism Project (PJP), I learned about the legal and moral dimensions of the criminal justice system. At PJP, we have published more than 1700 articles written by incarcerated people from 35 states, including Nevada. I assist in production of stories through transcription, editing, and managing our website. Through PJP, I have also learned skills like submitting Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and attended specialized Public Records Request Training provided by The Friendly State News. Last year, I led an elective course with a peer about special topics in American history, including the historical roots of issues impacting youth. Through student-teaching, I learned about how to measure success and identify areas for self-improvement, how to stay in touch with the interests and needs of students, and how to successfully work with people of authority in the school administration.

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

I am applying for the Reno Youth City Council. When we spoke, Corinna asked me to apply through the Recreation and Parks Commission tab as the Youth City Council did not yet have its own application. Apart from my job at the Prison Journalism Project, I find my service on the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL) especially meaningful and energizing. The Nevada Legislature operates the NYL, a two-year leadership development program for high school students. Each youth legislator proposes a piece of legislation, the NYL votes on the bills, and the Nevada Legislature formally introduces the winning bill in session. My two-year term—including one year in which I was elected Vice-Chair by my peers—is ending this year and I want to take the lessons I learned from this program back to my peers in Reno. The Reno Youth City Council is the perfect way to be of further service to the community. I was excited to learn about the Reno Youth City Council just today while researching ways to be involved in my community. I called immediately for more information. While researching, I learned that this program may have been quiet for a year or two. If that is the case, I would love to be part of the team that revitalizes it, thus helping to amplify the youth voice in Reno.

Ethnicity

Gender

Sexual Orientation

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

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

EDUCATION

Davidson Academy at the University of Nevada, Reno
High School Class of 2024, GPA: 4.0/4.0

RESEARCH & WRITING

Corfu: How a Small Greek Island Helped to Define International Diplomacy in the 20th Century

- Nevada Affiliate Award (Best Nevada Entry), National History Day, Summer 2022

The Angolite: How the First and Only Uncensored Prison Newspaper Was the Key to Understanding Life Behind Bars

- Published in Best Teen Writing 2022; Publication by Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Fall 2022
- Scholastic National American Voices Medal, National Gold Medal, Spring 2022
- Nevada Affiliate Award (Best Nevada Entry), National History Day, Summer 2021
- Special Prize, National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, Spring 2021

The Fifth Circuit Four: The Unheralded Judges Who Broke Legal Barriers in the Deep South

- National Champion Paper, National History Day 2020
- Published in *The Texas Historian*, 2020-2021 Edition
- Published in The History Teacher, Volume 54, No. 20, November 2020
- Subject of interview by nationally-syndicated radio program, Our American Stories, Fall 2020

EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

Prison Journalism Project

Editorial Intern, May 2021 – Present

- Assist staff in operations of nonprofit that trains incarcerated journalists and publishes their work
- Produced web series on incarcerated youth poetry
- Authored resource page on legal and regulatory issues impacting prison journalism
- Created database of prison newspapers and geographic locations of prison journalists

Nevada Youth Legislature, State of Nevada, Carson City, NV

Youth Legislator, August 2021 – Present

Vice-Chair, August 2021 – August 2022

- Appointed to represent Senate District 15 in Youth Legislature, a two-year leadership development program unique to Nevada
- Elected Vice-Chair by fellow Youth Legislators
- Proposed legislation on prison phone rights to benefit children of incarcerated parents, currently pending in Nevada Legislature

Davidson Academy of Nevada, Reno, NV

Student Aide, “Understanding the Post 9/11 World,” August 2022 – Present

- Led student discussions, assisted with research and style questions, and graded weekly responses, bibliographies, and projects

Student Teacher, August 2021 – May 2022

- Designed and taught: “From Stonewall to Standing Rock: Analyzing Post-Reconstruction Social Justice Movements” (Fall 2021)
- Designed and taught: “Topics in US History” (Spring 2022)

Phoenix Focus, Student Newspaper, Davidson Academy, Reno, NV

Founder and Co-Editor-in-Chief, August 2022 – Present

- Recruited 12 students to establish Davidson’s first student newspaper
- Led production and printing of inaugural issue, including fundraising, editorial duties, layout, and distribution
- Attended Columbia Scholastic Press Association Summer Journalism Workshop, July 2022

World Affairs Club, Davidson Academy, Reno, NV

President, August 2021 – Present

Member, August 2020 – Present

- Promoted engagement in international affairs by organizing student participation in extra-curricular international affairs activities
- Recruited members to attend weekly club meetings focused on discussions, trivia, and social events

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Dated this 4 day of January, 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: 

By: Max Edward Grinstein
(Printed Name of Applicant)

Signature of Parent or Guardian 
If applicant is under 18: Amy Grinstein (Jan 17, 2023 16:57 PST)

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.