

Application Form**Profile**

Ishaan

First Name

Savla

Last Name

Middle
Initial

Home Address

Suite or Apt

San Ramon

City

CA
State

94582

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)**Resident of Supervisorial District:**☒ District 2

Employer

Job Title

Length of Employment**Do you work in Contra Costa County?**☐ Yes ☐ No**If Yes, in which District do you work?****How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?****Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?**☐ Yes ☐ No**Board and Interest****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

Youth Representative

Ishaan Savla

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

☒ None of the above

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I'm applying to this committee because I believe youth perspectives can drive bold, thoughtful solutions—especially in systems that impact learning, discipline, and equity. In my role as a student board member for the Contra Costa County Board of Education, I've had the chance to listen, ask tough questions, and bring student concerns into board discussions on LEA budget plans, charter school renewals, and evaluations of county programs. This experience showed me how much untapped insight students hold, especially those in overlooked or underserved schools. I'm excited to bring that mindset to the JJCC and help push for decisions that reflect the realities young people face.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

As a student board member on the Contra Costa County Board of Education, I've had the privilege of directly engaging with school administrators, educators, and students across a wide range of educational settings, especially those serving disadvantaged populations. My work focused on elevating student voice as a catalyst for educational equity and justice. In conversations with leaders of alternative and continuation schools, I helped develop strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism and suspensions, including peer to peer peacemaking and stronger systems of teacher IEP training. These discussions highlighted how systemic barriers often silence the students most in need of support, and how authentic student input can drive more responsive policies. I also met with the principal of our county's court school to explore how student voices can be leveraged to better support students housed in the juvenile detention center. We discussed the importance of incorporating student perspectives into curriculum design and support services to ensure education remains a pathway to rehabilitation, not a continuation of punishment. Through this work, I've seen firsthand that when students—especially those historically marginalized—are included in decision-making, schools become more just, inclusive, and effective. I will bring this commitment to equity and empowerment, serving on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

[Upload a Resume](#)

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

Student Board Member, Contra Costa County Board of Education San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) - Student Senator SRVUSD - LCAP Committee Member San Ramon Teen Council - Council Member Voters of Tomorrow, California - Ballot Cure Phone Banking California Association of Student Councils - Region 4 Governmental Affairs and Policy Director Dougherty Valley Leadership - Spirit Events Committee Member Dougherty Valley Speech and Debate - Middle School Instructor San Francisco State University - Immigration and Public Policy Research Assistant

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

☒ I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

ISHAAN SAVLA

EDUCATION

DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (GPA: 3.95 UW/4.45 W)

AP Calculus BC, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Literature, AP Computer Science, Honors Spanish IV

SAN RAMON, CA

2022-2026

Diablo Valley College (GPA: 4.0)

Fundamentals of Biology with Lab, Python Programming, American Ethnic Cultures in Film

SAN RAMON, CA

2022-2026

SAT: 1550/1600 PSAT: 1520/1520

WORK EXPERIENCE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Student Board Member

PLEASANT HILL, CA

Jun. 2024 - Present

- Represent 160,000 K-12 students in the county. Engage with peers and administrators to provide input to the board of education on student programs (special education, charter, and community schools) and conduct LEA budgetary oversight.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Jun 2024 - Present

- Work with Prof. Ron Hayduk on a project examining the economic and migration impacts of foreign intervention
- Researched links between U.S. developmental initiatives in the Northern Triangle and labor market shifts/migration trends

VOTERS OF TOMORROW, CALIFORNIA

Associate, Policy Committee

CA

Jan 2024 - Present

- Met with legislative offices and CA Department of Finance as a co-sponsor for SB-1391, a bill to improve teacher pipelines
- Phone-banked voters in Arizona during the 2024 election to cure uncertified voter ballots, ensured votes were accepted

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

DOUGHERTY VALLEY SPEECH AND DEBATE

Varsity Competitor

SAN RAMON, CA

Aug 2022 - Present

- 2024 National Speech and Debate Tournament Semifinalist, 2024 California State Championship Qualifier
- 2024 Berkeley Invitational Finalist, 2023 Stanford Invitational Semifinalist, 2024 Glenbrooks Invitational Semifinalist

Middle School Debate (Bridge Program) Mentor

Sept 2023 - May 2024

- Created weekly lesson plans, presented topic analysis lectures, hosted mock rounds, and judged tournaments.

DOUGHERTY VALLEY LEADERSHIP

Spirit Events Committee Member

SAN RAMON, CA

Aug 2023 - Present

- Raised \$40,000 for the school from the 2024 Homecoming Dance through ticket sales and fundraising from local businesses
- Oversee & guide 150+ student run clubs through responsibilities, connecting them to community initiatives and partnerships

Class Treasurer

Aug 2022 - June 2023

- Fundraised, budgeted for class merchandise and events, and organized bonding events for class of 700+ students.

DOUGHERTY VALLEY FBLA (FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA)

Treasurer

SAN RAMON, CA

Aug 2024 - Present

- Raise/manage funds (\$25,000+) from BOOST middle school business mentorship program and high school memberships
- Subsidize tournaments for members, plan travel logistics, manage grants from school district and county office of education

Event Captain

Aug 2023 - Jun 2024

- Organized mock competition, guest speaker event, and study sessions, leading to 40 state qualifiers out of a 65-member team

SAN RAMON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee Member

DANVILLE, CA

Oct 2024 - Present

- Assess efficacy of a budgetary plan dictating spending on high-needs student populations; provide input on spending items

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Director, Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee

SF BAY AREA, CA

Sept 2023 - Apr 2024

- Researched for 8 delegates creating proposal to improve school safety, presented to 3 Bay Area education board members
- Organized financial literacy and civics education workshops for 20+ students at Spring Student Advisory Conference

DISTINCTION AND SKILLS

HONORS: FBLA NATIONALS 2024 — 6TH, BANKING & FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, FBLA BAY SECTION 2025 — 1ST, SECURITIES &

INVESTMENTS, SPEAKER—NATIONAL CIVICS FORUM 2025, SRVUSD STUDENT SENATOR 2024-25, SAN RAMON TEEN COUNCIL 2024-25

SKILLS: PYTHON, JAVA, POLICY RESEARCH, MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, SPANISH (LIMITED)

INTERESTS: SNOWBOARDING, BASEBALL, PERFORMANCE AUTOMOBILES, WORLD CUISINES, TRAVEL, MOUNTAIN BIKING