

Town of Palm Beach

**Application for Service**

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**Profile**

jorge	a	sanchez
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name

239 southland road	
Home Address	Suite or Apt

palm beach	FL	33480
City	State	Postal Code

jorge@smila.net

Email Address

Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

Question applies to multiple boards

**I am a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)**

yes      [Verified KMC 7/5/23](#)

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Upload a Voter Registration Card (Front)

Question applies to multiple boards

Upload a Voter Registration Card (Back)

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Planning and Zoning Commission: Reapplying

**In what area of town do you live?**

☒ North

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**Interests/Experience**

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Why are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission?**

I have served through the past decades on several of our architectural boards& I would like to assist in correcting the inadequacies in our building codes.

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Why are you interested in serving on the Landmarks Preservation Commission?**

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Not presently

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**How many meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee have you attended in the last year?**

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All except for one of the mandatory meetings

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Are you willing and available to attend meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission as described below? Please select all that apply. \***

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None Selected

**Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.**

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I will be able to attend all future meetings

Question applies to multiple boards

**If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance record, etc.**

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My first one was ARCOM in the late 70's (?) at the time there were no time restrictions. Since then I have served in ARCOM, Landmarks & P&Z several times each.

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Do you have any experience in requesting comprehensive plan amendments or zoning approvals from the Town of Palm Beach or other jurisdictions? (Please explain.)**

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In my discipline I am evolved in one way or another constantly.

**Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)**

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- ☒ Palm Beach Civic Association
- ☒ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
- ☒ Other

**Present Occupation**

Landscape Architecture

**No. of years**

50

**Past occupation(s)**

Cattle; sugarcane grower; banking; private investments

**No. of years**

Since the early 70's

**Please provide details regarding your educational background:**

Villanova University '71

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Do you have a degree in, or have you taken courses in, any of the following fields of study:  
(Check as many as are applicable) \***

- ☒ Landscape Architecture/Design
- ☒ Urban and Regional Planning

Upload a Resume

**Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.**

**I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.**

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Why do you feel that you are qualified to serve on the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission?**

My years of experience in the field & my knowledge of our town

Question applies to multiple boards

**In the event you are applying to be a Regular Member and you are not successful, will you accept appointment as an Alternate Member should the Town Council wish to appoint you as an Alternate Member?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

**To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.**

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All members of the extensive Phipps family; Tina Fanjul & her issue

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

### Ethnicity

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☒ Prefer not to Answer

### Gender

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☒ Male

### Physically Disabled

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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**I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.**

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☒ I Agree

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

***Please provide a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Palm Beach County Voter Registration card, which shows your Town of Palm Beach address, with your application.***

**Please note that Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.**

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

The Planning and Zoning Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in all matters relating to municipal planning and development. The Commission is required to follow the concepts and contents of the Town's comprehensive land use plan in all planning, zoning and development related deliberations and decisions. The Commission shall also have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by Ordinance. The members of the Commission must be registered voters in the Town of Palm Beach. The seven regular members serve for terms of three years. Three alternate members of the Zoning Commission may be appointed by the Town Council who serve when called upon by the Chair of the Commission in the absence of any regular member.



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

**JORGE A. SÁNCHEZ de ORTIGOSA**

*Principal and President, SMI Landscape Architecture*

***Education***

B.A., Villanova University, Pennsylvania, 1971

***ALL SMI Landscape Architecture projects - Selected Experience;***

Gibbes Museum, Charleston, South Carolina. Opening May 2016. Complete design services for the exterior landscape of the Gibbes Museum, and for a new garden connected to the museum that will function as a contemplative space, but can also be used for events.

West Palm Beach, Florida - Waterfront Park and Commons. 1.5 linear mile system of artful waterfront linking botanical parks, commons, city center green market, floating docks and pedestrian pathways. Partners with collaborative design team of ecologic-environmental, public artists and engineers. Developed an urbane aesthetic green infrastructure. Project was published in Topos International Review of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design.

The New York Botanical Garden, 'Cuba In Flower' Orchid Show....February through April 2010

The New York Botanical Garden, 'Orto Botanico'....May through September 2013

Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida – Complete site design services for major expansion of museum building and surrounding gardens. Work included design of a large expanse of land serving as key visual linking the museum to the Intracoastal Waterway.

Pan's Garden, Palm Beach, Florida: A preservation and restoration project which focused on the architectural and botanical heritage of the Town of Palm Beach. The garden collections function as an educational facility, developing awareness and appreciation of nature and South Florida plant material.

***Awards***

Arthur Ross Award Recipient, 2010, Landscape Architecture, for bringing classical themes and structure to the wild abundance of tropical gardens.

***Affiliations***

Board of Directors Member, Garden Conservancy

Former Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Commission, Town of Palm Beach

Former Commissioner Architectural Review Commission, Town of Palm Beach

Commissioner, Planning and Zoning Board, Town of Palm Beach

Former Director, Mounts Botanical Garden

Fellow, National Tropical Botanical Gardens Kauai, Hawaii

Former Director, Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin County, Florida

Former Director, Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Florida

Former Director, Downtown Action Committee, City of West Palm Beach

Director, Horticultural Society of South Florida

Former Director, WXL

Former Board Member, Hemingway Preservation Foundation, Inc.

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