



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE APPLICATION

1. Name: Ben Page

2. How long have you lived in San Clemente? 16 Years

3. What is your occupation? Project Management Office Director at SAIC

4. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Golf Course Committee.  
As a current member of the Golf Course Committee, I feel I have brought a fresh perspective to the group and would like to continue to do so. I am a frequent player at the San Clemente Municipal golf course and believe that my knowledge of golf and project management can provide a useful service to the City and the golf course. As a low handicap golfer and former college player I would like to be a part of the group that molds the future for golf in San Clemente and continues to provide some new perspectives to the Golf Course Committee. I have a strong interest in golf course design and management, and have made many strong connections to a variety of staff members/players and visitors to the golf course that can provide a useful tool for understanding how the course can improve from a playability and management perspective.

5. Please explain how your background and experience would contribute to the Golf Course Committee.  
My past year on the Golf Course Committee has really provided important experience to understanding how the course operates within the City and what it has to deal with on a day to day basis. As a former college golfer (University of California San Diego), 3 time club champion at Torrey Pines, former SC Mens Club Champion and 12 year member, I have a strong background in golf. I have seen how a world class municipal golf can operate successfully at Torrey Pines during my 12 years in their Men's Club. In particular I have played weekly at the San Clemente Municipal Golf course the past 16 years and can use that knowledge to help drive decisions that are in both the best interest for the players of the course as well as the City. My experience as a Project Manager at SAIC will provide the knowledge to help with projects at the course.

6. What is your educational background?

High School/Colleges Attended	Major Field of Study	Degree?
Torrey Pines High School - Del Mar, CA		Diploma
University of California San Diego	Management Science	Bachelor of Science

7. Please explain any experience that you have in community, governmental, charitable or educational affairs.

Over the past year, I have served the City as a member of the Golf Course Committee. My current role of Project Management Office Manager at SAIC is in support of an IT Managed Services contract with the County of Orange and have daily involvement with a variety of Agencies throughout the County. I have also previously been involved in the organization and management of golf events for charitable fund raising purposes. I have been very involved in the local community coaching soccer through AYSO for the past 5+ years and spend time supporting local schools through a variety of local events (fundraisers, local High School sporting events, etc) and my wife is a teacher at one of the local middle schools.

8. The Golf Course Committee meets the first Thursday in January, April, July and October at 6:00 p.m. Please explain any challenges, if any, you may have in meeting this commitment.

No issues meeting as scheduled

9. Please describe your views on opportunities, if any, to improve the San Clemente Municipal Golf Course.

The San Clemente Municipal Golf Course is well received within the golf community but there are still areas that can be improved. Course conditions are the biggest area where small improvements can be made with significant impact. With budgetary constraints, funding has to be carefully allocated and I believe that updating and better maintenance of the golf course grooming equipment would be money well spent. Keeping mower blades sharp and fresh is vital for good greens which provide the biggest impact on the public perception of the course for the lowest cost. There are also several opportunities to modernize the course that has become a little short for today's standard resulting in attracting better players and potentially more outside events (when time allows) to help fund the course improvements

10. Please use the space below to explain any other factors about yourself that you would like for the Councilmembers to consider as they review your application.

As currently the youngest member of the Golf Course Committee with a relatively young family (two children ages 11 and 8), I provide a different perspective to the Committee. I can relate to how the younger families/junior golfers are received/treated at the Municipal Golf Course and how we can improve the experience for them. As a low handicap player, former club champion at Torrey Pines and San Clemente, I help provide a slightly different view from the average golfer on the golf course design, play-ability and potential course updates to make the course more enjoyable and safer for the community and players while keeping the course layout true to its intended design. I am willing to ask the hard questions to do what's best for the golf course and the City, even if they might not be the most enjoyable topics (i.e. rate increase).