



**Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 6, 2017**

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
CITY COUNCIL
APPOINTMENT APPLICATION**

Submit signed original application and letters of recommendation to the City Clerk's Office by the deadline. No late applications, postmarks, copies, electronic submissions, or faxes accepted.

PLEASE ATTACH THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO THIS APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME BRENT A. BRAUN	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
EMAIL ADDRESS		
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: 1. Are you a registered voter? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Applicant must be a registered voter residing in the City of Santa Clarita at time of appointment.) 2. Are you now or have you ever served on a City Commission / Committee? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If so, which one(s)?		
EDUCATION: Indicate the highest year completed and degrees received: BA, JURIS DOCTOR		
EMPLOYMENT: Employer's name, address, phone and your position or title: BRAUN CONSULTING GROUP, INC. OWNER, (310) 871-6431, # 400, 16654 SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD, SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91387		
YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE (Additional information may be attached to application.) I believe I will bring responsible leadership to the Santa Clarita City Council embracing the sound fiscal policies, quality of life issues, respect for all points of view, and cooperation that has been the hallmark of the City Council. I have a life-long commitment to public service, retiring after 25 years as as Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI in charge of the White Collar Crime Division in Los Angeles with nine supervisory special agents and 185 special agents reporting to me. I served as in-house legal counsel for the Galpin Motors family of automobile dealerships and related businesses and six years as the General Manager for Southern California Edison Corporate Security and Business Resiliency. I have been a licensed attorney in the State of California since 1988 and am admitted to practice law before the United States District Court for the Central District of California (Los Angeles) and the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. I am also a designated Master Police Instructor by the FBI and hold life-time teaching credentials in Law and Public Administration from the California Community Colleges. Since 2007, I have operated my own consulting business doing security audits, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures examinations and legal consulting and have served as the Trustee for two private estates. This broad areas of experience provides me with extensive experience and knowledge for both the public and private sectors. I have a dedicated track record in non-profit community volunteer work such as the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Committee on Aging (the Santa Clarita Senior Citizens Committee and the Board of Governors and the Chancellors of the City of Hope. Santa Clarita is a community I love and respect, I will work hard to sustain all that is good about our city and support new ideas and initiatives that make Santa Clarita a world-class, family friendly, business friendly community.		

Application and entire application package become public record upon receipt.

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QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE (As applicable to the purpose and subject matter of the City Council, and additional information may be attached to application.)

Please see attached resume/bio.

I have extensive experience as a commissioner with various boards in LA County dating back to 1974, as outlined in my attached resume.

Prior to appointment, voter registration status will be verified.

Upon appointment, a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) is required.

DAYTIME AND EVENING AVAILABILITY IS REQUIRED

I declare that the information furnished herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



APPLICANT SIGNATURE

January 3, 2017

DATE

Brent A. Braun

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

APPLICANT NAME (PRINTED)

FOR CITY USE ONLY

Received by / date

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CITY CLERKS OFFICE

OK voter in city limits on 1/5/17

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BRENT A. BRAUN, Esq.
BRAUN CONSULTING GROUP, INC.
Santa Clarita, California 91387

Management – Professional Experience

2003-Present: Braun Consulting Group, Inc., Owner.

Own, operate and manage a security and legal consulting firm specializing in White Collar Crime matters, Workplace Violence/Active Shooter incidents, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM), Physical Security, Threat Assessments, and Security Assessments. Clients include Fortune 100 level multinational corporations, law firms, governmental entities and high net worth individuals. Served as an expert consultant and investigative supervisor for the Rampart Blue Ribbon Review Committee which conducted a management and supervision “autopsy” regarding the Los Angeles Police Department Rampart Division corruption scandal.

2008-2015: Principal Manager/General Manager, Southern California Edison Corporate Security and Business Resiliency.

Lead a staff of 60 proprietary corporate security professionals and over 300 contract security officers to deliver providing comprehensive security services including access controls, alarm systems, emergency operations centers, physical security, executive protection, and asset protection. Managed contract security officer contracts to produce a \$20 million savings over previous contracts. Led the expansion of security officer coverage for critical infrastructure facilities by over 30% and completed the project within six months. Served as the on-site commander/senior manager for an Active Shooter incident that resulted in three deaths and two serious gunshot victims. Restored order and reconfigured impacted work space, returned over 450 staff to work within 72 hours.

2003-2008: Galpin Motors, Inc., Legal Counsel.

Supervise regulatory compliance programs (including California Prop 65 and Graham-Leach-Bliley Act matters) provide legal counsel for transactional, employment law, risk management and insurance matters. Supervise and conduct internal loss investigations. Galpin is the largest Ford dealership in the world, along with eleven other dealerships, a wholesale parts and fleet service operation, a vehicle customization facility, a full-service restaurant, a Starbucks facility and employs over 1,200 personnel. Provide legal counsel for the owner’s personal needs.

2002-2003: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles White Collar Crime Division.

Managed all White-Collar Crime and Civil Rights investigative programs for the seven-county territory of the Los Angeles FBI Regional Field Office. Responsible for the supervision and management of nine FBI Supervisory Special Agents, over 185 FBI Special Agents and assigned technical support personnel. Responsible for establishing goals and objectives within the FBI's national priority framework, budget matters, undercover operations, use of sensitive investigative techniques and technical support services. Initiated and supervised some of the largest investigations in the FBI involving corporate fraud, securities fraud, financial institutions fraud, government program frauds, health care frauds, computer crimes, public corruption and civil rights violations. During this tenure, the Los Angeles White Collar Crime program also achieved the highest level of asset seizures and forfeitures of any FBI field office in the United States (one squad alone seized and forfeited over \$33 million in cash and property annually) in addition to achieving outstanding criminal investigative results.

2000-2002: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Supervisory Special Agent, Los Angeles White Collar Crime Division.

Supervised a Corporate/Securities and Telemarketing Fraud squad consisting of eighteen special agents and two support staff. During this tenure, the squad brought to successful conclusion some of the most serious financial crimes in the world including the Emulex case, which resulted in the company losing \$2.5 Billion in market capitalization and \$110 Million in shareholder losses, the Reed Slatkin investment fraud with over \$600 million in investor losses and many other cases. Supervised a Financial Institutions Fraud squad with responsibility for investigations involving crimes committed against and by employees of saving and loan associations, credit unions, and thrift institutions as well as all non-drug related money-laundering investigations.

In addition, simultaneously supervised ten special agents assigned to the "Garrity team" investigating the Los Angeles Police Department Rampart Public Corruption scandal. Set goals and objectives for each squad and ensured achievement as a dual supervisory assignment.

2001-2002: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Supervisory Special Agent, Special Assignments, Las Vegas and FBI Headquarters.

Las Vegas, Nevada September-October 2001. Supervised a special team of ten FBI Special Agents from Los Angeles to assist the Las Vegas Office of the FBI in its investigation of six of the hijackers responsible for terrorism perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001. Within ten days reduced the backlog of

investigative leads by over eighty percent and discovered key evidence regarding the activities of the hijackers while they were in Las Vegas.

Served on a "Users Committee" at FBI Headquarters to assist in the design and evaluation of new information technology systems under consideration for procurement and integration by the FBI.

1999-2000: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Supervisory Special Agent, Los Angeles Administrative Division.

Supervised a diverse number of FBI personnel and administrative functions including FBI Special Agents, Professional and Technical Support Staff. Oversight and management of the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, Photographic Surveillance operations, Evidence Response Team, Employee Assistance Program, Polygraph Examiners, and served as the Secretary to the Los Angeles FBI Special Agent Career Board (the body responsible for evaluation of and promotional recommendations for Los Angeles FBI Special Agents). Established squad goals and objectives and ensured achievement. Established budget for technical equipment and supplies procurement. In addition, conducted Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) internal misconduct investigations.

1995-1999: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Principal Relief Supervisor - Special Assistant to the Assistant Director in Charge, Los Angeles.

As a Special Agent, reported directly to the Assistant Director in Charge of the Los Angeles Division of the FBI. Responsible for the supervision and management of Congressional and Public Affairs matters for the Los Angeles Division of the FBI, liaison matters with other federal, state and local law enforcement, prosecutorial, governmental and private sector organizations and the design and implementation of management training conferences for the management staff of the Los Angeles FBI. Served as a voting member of the Los Angeles County-Wide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee. In addition, supervised and managed the squad at the direction of and in the absence of the Administrative Squad Supervisor.

1994-2002: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Team Leader FBI International Training and Assistance Matters, FBI Headquarters.

Served as the Team Leader/Manager for teams of four FBI Special Agents and one Assistant United States Attorney conducting training and investigative assistance programs under the United States Department of State Support to Emerging Eastern European Democracies program (SEED Act) in Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Moldova, Russia, as well as other similar programs in Bangkok, Thailand and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Assigned Special Agents to specific assignments, reviewed instructional materials, goals and objectives.

1990-1994: Federal Bureau of Investigation Relief Supervisor, Special Agent, Los Angeles.

Administrative Squad Relief Supervisor Special Agent responsible for community outreach, the Drug Demand Reduction Program/Drug Free Work Place Programs, police training, legal advisor, special projects and congressional liaison.

1981-1990: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Relief Supervisor Special Agent, Los Angeles FBI.

Initiated and conducted complex White Collar Crime investigations, including corporate and securities fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, copyright and intellectual property rights frauds. Drafted and executed search and arrest warrants, provided testimony before grand juries, trial courts and magistrates. Supervised and managed the squad at the direction of and in the absence of the Supervisory Special Agent.

1979-1981: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent, Seattle FBI.

Investigated general property crimes, bank robberies, National Security matters, kidnappings, airplane hijackings, extortion, civil rights violations and White Collar Crimes. Secured the first successful civil rights convictions for racial hate crimes (cross burnings) and successfully reopened a murder investigation resulting in a guilty plea to first degree murder twelve years after the crime was committed

1972-1978: Los Angeles Police Department, Police Reserve Officer.

Served as a Los Angeles Police Reserve Officer while attending undergraduate and law school. Assignments included patrol, vice, Public Disorder and Intelligence Division and homicide. Awarded the Outstanding Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations Valley Bureau and North Hollywood Division.

1973-1977: Los Angeles County Institutional Inspection Commission, Commissioner.

Appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Baxter Ward to a four-year term. Advised the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the efficient and economical administration and operation of all Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Probation Department's Custody facilities. Proposed, managed and marshaled legislation through the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the California State Legislature.

FBI Police Training and Legal Advisor Experience

1980 to 2003:

Designated FBI General Police Instructor and FBI Legal Advisor. Conducted numerous courses pertaining to law enforcement matters before FBI and other federal, Indian tribal, state and local police agencies. Crafted lesson plans, goals and objectives for the International Law Enforcement Academy in Bangkok and the Volgograd Law Institute in Volgograd, Russia.

1997:

Designated an FBI Master Police Instructor. A designation awarded based on quality of instruction, tenure, education and instructional programs created and conducted.

Education

Juris Doctor. Southwestern University School of Law, 1976

Bachelor of Arts. California State University at Northridge, 1973

FEMA NIMS Incident Command Certifications/Training, 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800.

Professional licenses and Bar admissions

1988: California State Bar Admitted to all courts in California

1988: United States Court of Appeals - Ninth Circuit

1988: United States District Court for the Central District of California

1976: Lifetime Teaching Credential California Community Colleges

1970: U.S. Federal Communications Commission First Class Radio

Telephone Engineering License (Lifetime)

Law Enforcement and Related Training

1978-2003: Various FBI sponsored or provided In-Service Training Programs

1988: National Security Forum, United States Air War College

1978: FBI Academy New Agents Training

1972: Los Angeles Police Reserve Academy (380 hours) Level 1

Specialized Training

FBI Academy, Investigative Techniques of Computer Related Crime

General Police Instructor

Advanced Instructor Development

International Training and Assistance Instructors/Coordinators

TSCM (Technical Surveillance Countermeasures – Technically Trained Agent)

Supervisory Special Agent Training Program

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Seminar

Corporate/Securities Frauds

Ethics Training Coordinators Seminar

Various FBI White Collar Crime Programs

Military Service

1969-1975: California Air National Guard-United States Air Force
Honorable Discharge, E-5.

Awards and Recognition

2002: United States Attorney's Award for Excellence in Investigations

1996: California National Guard Medal of Merit

1991-2003: Numerous FBI Exceptional Performance Awards

1984: FBI Director's Commendation for Service during the 1984 Olympics

1984: CIA Commendation for Exceptional Investigative Achievements

1975: Reserve Officer of the Year, Operations Valley Bureau, LAPD

1975: Reserve Officer of the Year, North Hollywood Area, LAPD

Speaking and Instructional Engagements (Highlights)

Speaker before numerous professional, civic and community organizations such as:

Regional United States Securities and Exchange Commission conferences
National Association of Securities Dealers Regional Conferences
National Regulatory Services Compliance Seminars
Financial Executives International
Los Angeles County Bar Association Annual Securities Regulation Conference
National Advocacy Center U. S. Department of Justice
LA County Superior Court Seminar on Judicial Elections
Financial Administrators and Managers in the Entertainment Industry
International Creative Management, Inc.
Lido Financial Advisors
Wachovia Financial Management Conference
International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Bangkok, Thailand
California Specialized Training Institute
National Interagency Counterdrug Institute – National Guard Bureau
National Center for State Courts
Los Angeles County Superior Court Judges Election Seminar
Ventura County Sheriff's Academy
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy
United States Department of State (SEED Act International Program)

Professional and Community Service Memberships and Leadership Positions

Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI National 2003 to the Present
Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI Los Angeles Chapter 2003 to the Present
FBI Agents Association Life Member
Executive Committee member and Board member, Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County, 1975 to the Present. Membership Committee Chair, By-Laws Committee Chair
Commissioner, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Inmate Welfare Commission, 2015 to present.
Appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor/Mayor Michael D. Antonovich to the Working Group to establish "Charter" recommendations for the proposed LA County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission. January 2015 to July 2015
Member, Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
Member, American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS)

Member, Secretary of the Air Force Civic Leader Advisory Board, Western Region 1987-2000

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Chair Judicial Elections Evaluations Committee 2005-2009

Vice Chair 1996-2005

Member Outstanding Jurist of the Year Selection Committee 2005-Present

City Attorney Transition Committee member, LA City Attorney's Office 2008

Advisor to Head of School. The Culver Academies, Culver, Indiana regarding Campus Safety and Security measures

Board of Directors, Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (Santa Clarita Valley Senior Citizens Center), Chair, Board Development Committee 2016-Present

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Foundation, Past Member Board of Directors,

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Los Angeles, Past Chairman of the Board

Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, Past Director, Past Chair Justice Committee

President, Coalition for Justice (a non-profit corporation dedicated to an independent and fully funded judiciary)

Executive Committee, Board of Governors, City of Hope 2007-Present

Founder, City of Hope Chancellors support group 2016-Present

Board of Governors, Member of the Executive Committee, Secretary of the Board, Shrine Hospital for Children, Los Angeles, California 2001-2005

Van Nuys Lodge Number 450 F & A. M., Chair, Oversight Committee 2006-2007

St. Johns Lodge Number 9 F & A. M. Seattle, Washington 1979-Present

Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles 1982 to the Present

Al Malaikah Shrine, 1982 to the Present - Life Member

Permanent Contributing Member Shriners Hospitals for Children 1988 to the Present

Royal Order of Jesters, Los Angeles Court Number 84, 1996 to the Present

References:

Available on request



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KATHRYN BARGER
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

January 5, 2017

Ms. Mary Cusick, MMC
City Clerk
City of Santa Clarita
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 120
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

RE: Support for the Application of Brent A. Braun for Appointment to the Santa Clarita City Council

Dear Ms. Cusick:

This letter is to express my strong recommendation of Brent A. Braun for appointment to the Santa Clarita City Council.

In addition to his integrity, sound judgment and character, Mr. Braun's vast experience and dedication to public service give him the necessary qualifications to this fill this vital position. If appointed, he will fulfill the duties of the seat with honor and enthusiasm as well as run for the seat in 2018.

Mr. Braun has been a dedicated public servant since 1969 when he joined the California Air National Guard. He was honorably discharged in 1975. From 1973 to 1977, he served on the Los Angeles County Institutional Inspection Commission as an appointee of then-Supervisor Baxter Ward. While on the Commission, he worked with state and local officials on legislation impacting the county's custody facilities operated by the Sheriff's and Probation Departments. During this time, he also served as a Reserve Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department.

From 1979 to 2003, Mr. Braun served in the Federal Bureau of Investigation rising from the position of Special Agent to Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles White Collar Crime Division. From 2003 through the present, Mr. Braun has ventured into the private sector serving as Legal Counsel at Galpin Motors, Inc., Principal Manager/General Manager for Southern California Edison Corporate Security and Business Resiliency and as an entrepreneur and owner of Braun Consulting Group, Inc.

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In 2015, Mr. Braun was appointed to the Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission's Working Group by then Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. This year-long commitment included town hall meetings across our vast county, to ensure transparency and community input on a highly sensitive and complex policy matter. His outstanding contribution on the working group was instrumental for advancing numerous key recommendations that were subsequently adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Braun is a member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Citizens Committee on Aging and serves on the Sheriff's Inmate Welfare Commission which oversees the prudent allocation of millions of dollars for programs aimed at rehabilitating inmates and reducing recidivism.

Additionally, he is married to Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Daviann L. Mitchell (Braun) assigned to long-cause complex felony trials at the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse, another great public servant.

Again, I strongly recommend Mr. Braun for this appointment and thank you for your consideration of his application. I am confident that he will be a very positive and constructive addition to the City Council who will serve admirably in this important capacity.

Sincerely,



KATHRYN BARGER
Supervisor, Fifth District

c: Members of the City Council

STEVE ARKLIN
RANCHO DELUXE
SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA
91387

December 29, 2016

Ms. Mary Cusick, MMC
City Clerk
City Council Members
Suite 120, 23920 Valencia Blvd.
Santa Clarita, California

Re: City Council Vacancy – Recommendation for Brent A. Braun

Dear Ms. Cusick:

I am pleased to recommend Brent A. Braun for appointment by the City Council to the vacancy created by the election of former member Dante Acosta to the State Assembly.

I have known Brent as a neighbor and involved citizen of Santa Clarita who cares deeply about our city and its citizens. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (Santa Clarita Valley Senior Citizens Center), serves as an appointee of Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell on the Inmate Welfare Commission and was appointed by former Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich to the Working Group established by the Board of Supervisors to recommend qualifications, roles, responsibilities for the newly formed Civilian Oversight Commission for the Sheriff's Department.

In short, Brent is a consensus builder, a fast learner and will be an excellent addition to the City Council. I recommend his appointment.

Sincerely,



Steve Arklin

Rancho Deluxe

Dr Dennis K Ostrom & Susan R Ostrom

January 2, 2017

Mayor Cameron Smyth,
Mayor Pro Tem Laurene Weste,
Councilmember Bob Kellar,
Councilmember Marsha McLean

Both Sue and I recommend that you appointment Brent Braun to the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita.

We have known Brent for a number of years. Over this time, we have learned to consider his views on issues dealing with legal, political and security matters.

From our observations, Brent is a solid family man and a popular member of our community. He really cares about the community. He is affable, fun loving, has great people skills, and natural leadership talents. He listens.

We feel he has a strong moral compass, a good temperament and the problem solving skills for this important job. We believe that he would be a great addition to our City Council.



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Dr. Dennis K. Ostrom, featuring a large, stylized 'D' and 'K'. The bottom signature is for Susan R. Ostrom, written in a more cursive, flowing script.