



## Application for the Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission

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The Clark County Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission was created to provide representation to the various Asian-American Pacific Islanders communities within Clark County, whose purpose is to research and describe the history of the communities, as well as, identify the social and economic needs specific to these multiple communities and the Clark County Asian-American Pacific Islanders community in general. The Commission will have the ability to accept donations as authorized by the Board of County Commissioners to meet research needs, host a resource conference, and conduct a feasibility study regarding the development of a cultural center. The commission shall meet monthly and is to report the findings and recommendations of the commission in a detailed report to the Board of County Commissioners. The term for the position begins July 1, 2019, and will end June 30, 2021.

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### **Application Overview:**

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission, please complete and sign the application below. If you have any questions related to the Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission please email: [AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

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**Full Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):**

Fayyaz M. Raja

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**Home Street Address:**

7708 Alina Ave .

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**Home Address City/State/Zip Code:**

Las Vegas, Nevada. 89145

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**Mailing Address:**

7708 Alina Ave.

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**Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code:**

Las Vegas, Nevada. 89145

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**Employer:**

Raja Enterprises , O'Bryan Insurance Agency

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**Occupation:**

Insurance Broker

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**Email Address:**

kfraja@cox.net

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**Cell Phone:**

702-321-4512

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**Best Daytime Contact Phone:**

9 am to 5 pm Monday - Friday

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**Skills:** Please provide a brief description of your qualifications; include any special research skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Commission. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

*See Attached Sheet*

**Experience:** Please provide your involvement in the Clark County Asian American Pacific Islanders community and roles you have had in relevant organizations.

*See Attached Sheet*

A resume and letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I certify that I am a resident of Clark County and that all the information contained in this application and supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

*Jay Raja*

*8/5/2019*

Signature

Date

**Hand Deliver Application to:**

Clark County Department of Administrative Services  
6th Floor  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

**Mail Application to:**

Clark County Department of Administrative Services  
6th Floor  
Attn: Agenda Coordinator  
P.O. Box 551712  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1712

**Fax Application to:**

(702) 455-3558

**Email Scanned Copy to:**

AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov

## Application for the Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission

**Skills:** I have been a resident of Las Vegas for the last 40 years and the majority of those years it has my privilege to do volunteer work for UNLV (over 30 yrs) the Asian and Muslim community and feeding the Homeless. I have also been engaged by members of these communities to lend a hand to solve some of their problems whenever needed.

Founding member of the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration Alumni Association Board of Directors. (9 yrs)

Served as a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Use of Force Review Board. (6 yrs)

Graduated from the Citizen's Police Academy in 1992.

Graduated FBI Las Vegas Citizen Academy Alumni Association 2012.

Served on the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Citizens Review Board. (6 yrs)

Graduated from UNLV with 2 degrees - Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Hotel Administration.

1996 Mentor of the Year Award from UNLV William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration.

**EXPERIENCE:** I have been involved with the Asian American Pacific Islander since 2004. I am one of the founding board members of the Asian American Democratic Caucus and now I am serving as Chairman of Asian American Pacific Islander Democratic Caucus from 2018 - 2020. I also served on the Budget and Finance Committee and Fundraising Committee for Clark County Democratic Party. I was elected as the 2nd Vice Chair on the Clark County Democratic Party from 2015-2017.

I have been serving as the President of South Asian Political Network Alliance (SAPNA) since March 2019 - 2021.

Board Member with Nevada Peacemaker Lions Club (Treasurer).

I have spent over 25 years working in the Las Vegas Hotel & Casino industry, in a management capacity, supervising more than 2,000 employees with a budget of \$95,000.00.

I am now semi-retired and run my own insurance brokerage agency since 2007.

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COMMUNITY COMMISSION

**FAYYAZ RAJA**

**Letter of Interest**

I am interested in applying for a position on the Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission because I believe I would be an asset to the to this commission with my experience and involvement with local Asian community leadership and members in the past 40 years. I will be able to help research and describe the history of the Asian community, as well as, identify the social and economic needs specific to these multiple communities. With my experience the last 40 years. as a resident of Clark County I would be able to conduct the feasibility study regarding the development of a cultural center and develop the strategy to raise funds to build a Community Center.

I hope you will consider appointing me for this position as I feel that I have the best qualifications to serve with my knowledge and experience since I have been with the local community for so many years in so many different capacities.

**FAYYAZ RAJA**  
7708 Alina Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV.89145  
702-321-4512 (Cell)  
kfraja@cox.net

**PROFILE:** Twenty-eight years of Food and Beverage experience; Opened MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas in 1993, and Monte Carlo Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas in 1996.

**EDUCATION:** UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS  
Las Vegas, Nevada

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, August 1995.
- Bachelor of Science in Hotel Administration, December 1992.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION  
Ithaca, New York

- Courses taken: Marketing, Front Office Management, Motivation and Leadership,
- Restaurant and Beverage Management. August 1979.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
HOTEL AND MOTEL ASSOCIATION  
East Lansing, Michigan

- Diploma in Food and Beverage Cost Control. August 1978

**WORK HISTORY:**

12/00-- Present RAJA ENTERPRISES, DBA O'BRYAN INSURANCE AGENCY Las Vegas, NV  
09/16- Present O'BRYAN INSURANCE AGENCY (Broker)  
05/15- 08/16 ALLSTATE INSURANCE AGENCY (Owner/O'Bryan Insurance Agency LV,NV.)  
07/14- 05/15 RETIRED  
05/13- 07/14 NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. (Agent)  
06/10- 04/13 ALLSTATE INSURANCE (Warren Agency) LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. (Sales Rep)  
09/10- 05/12 DANNY'S MARKET (FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS) SUPERVISOR/MGR  
05/08- 06/10 EAT N RUN SANDWICH SHOP LAS VEGAS, NV. (Owner /operator)  
02/07- 05/08 RAJA'S FARMERS INSURANCE AGENCY Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **OWNER, OPERATOR**

**Buying and selling real estate properties. Purchased over 16 homes in a 4-year period. Repaired and remodeled properties by repainting homes inside and out, re-carpeted floors and/or tiled them, made all necessary repairs, and landscaped the front and backyards**

**05/98- 11/00 CHICAGO BREWING CO, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

**Key employee – Gaming License**

**Researched and helped to design the theme of the restaurant. Involved in the layout of the kitchen, dining room and the brewery, as well as putting together the menu of authentic Chicago foods. Put the management team together for a successful opening of a high-class brewpub.**

**3/97 - 3-98 CAESAR'S TAHOE HOTEL AND CASINO (ITT SHERATON/STARWOOD)**

### **DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

- Supervise over 394 employees (outlet managers, Supervisors & hourly employees)
- Remodeled: EMPRESS COURT (Chinese restaurant)

#### **CAFE ROMA (Coffee Shop)**

#### **EMPLOYEES DINING ROOM**

- Built: Roman Feast (Buffet)
- Hired a new culinary team including Executive Chef Broiler Room Chef (Gourmet Room), Italian Room Chef, and Banquet / Roman Feast Buffet Chef.
  - Changed all menus for the restaurants with the "Model of Menu Engineering."
  - Established new menu recipes
- Decreased the food and beverage cost and labor cost.
- Reduced the F.T.E. in every outlet while increasing the efficiency of employees.
- Introduced the system of I.B.U. (Independent Business Unit).
- Designed, wrote and executed a new employee's manual with job description, policies and procedures, and product knowledge.
- Created new philosophy to promote the property through major advertising programs such as: TV, radio, billboards, and direct mail.
- Helped to install and implement a new POS Micros system and Food & Beverage management Fidello system

**2/96 - 2/97 MONTE CARLO RESORT AND CASINO**

### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE:**

- Supervise over 1000 employees
- Manage over 45,000 to 50, 0000 covers per week.
- Manage Micro Brewery and production of 6 different flavored beers.
- Manage 2 wedding chapels with over 60 weddings a week.
- Handle F & B annual budget of over \$46,000,000.00.

**10/93 - 2/96 MGM GRAND HOTEL AND THEME PARK**

**SUPERVISOR / TRAINER OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE:**

- Supervise and train over 2000 employees.
- Manage over 50,000 to 60,000 covers per week.
- Handle sales more than \$2,000,000.00 during a major sporting event on weekend (during a major boxing event).
- Handle operational F & B annual budget of over \$95,000,000.00.

**ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS:**

**MENTOR OF THE YEAR WILLIAM F. HARRAH COLLEGE OF HOTEL 1996**

**FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER WILLIAM F. HARRAH HOTEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
2002—2011**

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE CIVILIAN USE OF FORCE BOARD MEMBER  
SINCE 2009**

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD 12/2011 –JAN 2015**

**FBI LAS VEGAS CITIZEN ACADEMY MEMBER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SINCE 2012**

**RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2 LAS VEGAS NEVADA 2012 AND 2013**

**RUN FOR STATE OF NEVADA ASSEMBLY DISTRICT #34 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 2014**



# Fayyaz Raja Named Mentor of the Year

By Margaret Erstad  
Hotel College Graduate Assistant

After meeting Fayyaz Raja, or Raja as he is called, it is easy to understand why he has been named Mentor of the Year. It isn't easy, however, to understand how he finds the time during his hectic schedule as Food & Beverage Assistant Director at the new Monte Carlo Resort, to dedicate to UNLV students! He has indeed, though, found the time to enhance the educational experience for five lucky students: Putnam Gibson ('94), Kathleen Keen, Lisa Shields, Brian Lobey and Jennifer Robillard.

Raja has participated in the mentor program since its inception in 1993 and wishes he would have had the opportunity to hook up with a mentor during his studies at UNLV. The mentor program was developed to allow students to get involved with a professional in the hospitality industry, and gain access to invaluable information. One of the biggest advantages of the mentor program according to Raja, however, is a renewed contact with UNLV and its students, and the opportunity he gets to learn from them. Raja enjoys the casual nature of the mentor program, its flexibility, and the way it evolves throughout the year. The program makes it a pleasure to tell students about his work and show them around the property. Raja's advice for new mentors, "...spend time with the students and benefit from their enthusiasm and input." He tries to keep in touch with past mentees as much as possible.

Raja not only has a B.S. in Hotel, which he earned in 1992, but more recently, in 1995, Raja received a degree in Political Science from UNLV also. These, added to two other degrees in Business Administration and Economics give him a grand total of four Bachelor degrees! Raja hopes to continue his studies with a Master's degree in History. In addition to being an eternal student, Raja has over 25 years experience in the food & beverage

industry. Prior to taking on his present position at the Monte Carlo, Raja worked at the MGM with a food & beverage team of 2,200. He lives and breathes work while remaining in constant contact by telephone, beeper, radio, and voice mail, with approximately 1,000 food & beverage employees.

After 25 years in the hospitality business, Raja continues to love it. He is fascinated by the opportunities and challenges arising every day that require commitment as well as creativity in order to move ahead. Considering the long work days and unpredictable schedules involved in the food & beverage industry, Raja, who has been married for 16 years, is fortunate to share his life with someone who also works in the hospitality industry.

When asked about his management style, Raja described himself as a good listener with a humanistic and fair approach. He tries to make himself accessible to his supervisors and emphasizes the importance of

communication for success in the industry. This communication needs to take place at the corporate, team, and individual employee levels.

During his days at UNLV, Raja quickly learned how to be disciplined, since working and studying left virtually no free time. The experience taught him how to use every moment of the day, and he likes to pass this lesson on to his mentees. Raja remembers certain classes from the UNLV hotel program that have been extremely useful in his career: Organizational Theory, Hotel-Motel Operations Management, Facilities Planning and Equipment, Hotel Accounting, Hotel Law, Gaming Regulations and Control, and F&B Cost Control. He feels that UNLV students have the perfect environment in which to work and study, with excellent career opportunities available upon graduation. He encourages all students to join the mentor program, and Raja is certain that the Monte Carlo Resort will be a strong participant next year.



Fayyaz Raja '92, Assistant Food and Beverage Director,  
Monte Carlo Resort