



CITY OF COACHELLA

COMMISSION APPLICATION

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COMMISSION:

Youth Advisory (To be eligible for appointment to the Commission you must be enrolled in high school. Please state your age and high school you currently attend in the "other comments" in section 5.)

To be eligible for appointment to any Commission you must be a resident of the City of Coachella. Members may only serve on one commission/committee.

Note: In the event a member of the commission has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the Commission, the City Council may declare the office of such member vacant.

PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

I should be appointed because I am a very well-aware and involved student at my high school. I have lots of experience managing youth problems. As the President of the Health Academy and Team Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team, I have gained much experience in dealing with issues affecting young people. As a low-income first-generation Latin student, I can relate to most problems students have. I've helped my peers with their grades, college questions, and opportunities, and just overall listened to any issues they had. I consider myself a reliable student, having handled several incidents effectively. As someone who's lived in the city of Coachella all my life, I am incredibly grateful for all the opportunities I've been given and I want the chance to give back as much as possible.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

Everyone needs feedback and I know how much effort both the City of Coachella and the School District put into the future generation. With this being said the goals and objectives of the Commission are to build relationships and trust within the younger generation. Allowing the future Youth Advisory team to build networking will strengthen students' involvement within the community. I never miss an opportunity to grow both professionally and personally. If chosen I will help achieve these goals and objectives by promoting community service, helping organize educational workshops, maintaining an online platform to involve the students more, and mentoring any underclassmen who need help with anything. And of course, helping with any other issue the youth is facing at the time.

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

One of the special qualities I can bring to the Commission is my curiosity. This trait drives me to explore new ideas, ask questions, and come up with solutions to the challenges faced by young people today. This has helped me throughout my education and I always seek to learn new things outside of the classroom as well. Another special quality I have is my optimistic trait, I've always believed that positive thinking can have a great impact on one's life in many ways. I am committed to creating and maintaining a positive environment within the Youth Advisory by encouraging my peers to see the potential in every situation and to work collaboratively towards our goals. No problem is too small and every attempt means so much. I'd love to help the youth grow professionally and help with any issues they might have. I believe these qualities can benefit the Commission.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

- How regularly do we meet?
- Do we need letters of recommendation to apply?
- When talking about youth issues, does that extend over to elementary school or just High School?
- Who will be present at the meetings, besides the Youth Advisory?

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the selected Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

Youth Ideas

- Broadening the education on mental health at schools
- Creating a tutoring program where students can tutor other students and receive community service hours
- Creating a safer pathway to school (where the date trees are at Coachella Valley High School)
- Free SAT & ACT workshops and testing
- Access to Financial Literacy Education
- Mentorship Program

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Age: 17

Attending Coachella Valley High School

Signature Date: 08/03/2024

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Note: Members of commissions shall be appointed for four-year terms or less. The term of each commission member shall continue for the term of the nominating council member and automatically terminate when the council member's term ends. If a council member is reelected, that council member is entitled to make all new nominations or may choose to re-nominate the council member's previous nominee.

Youth Advisory Commission Note: The term of a Commissioner is one year from August to June; mirroring the local school district's school year.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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City of Coachella
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Coachella, CA 92236

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