



CITY OF COACHELLA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application **deadline** is **6:00 p.m.** on **Monday, April 12, 2021**

Application must be received by the deadline in order to be considered

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To be eligible for appointment to the 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.

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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?

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

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

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

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5. What roles or involvement have you had in sports leagues? Please identify the league(s), if any, of which you have been a member or parent.

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

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Signature

04/12/2021

Date

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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.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Andrea Carranza, Deputy City Clerk
City of Coachella
53-462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

acarranza@coachella.org

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1. I think that I should be appointed to the position because I have a strong passion and commitment for my community. I have participated in past community engagement activities with Raices Cultura where I helped coordinate the annual Dia de Los Muertos Event, helped with community tabling and the Coachella Valley Arts Festival installation.
2. I really value community engagement and involvement. Before the renovation of Veterans Park I remember the parking being a center for congregation within the senior community as well as with other community members. After the renovation I have noticed a significant decrease in the amount of utilization of the park aside from community events being hosted at the park. If appointed one of my goals would be to get the community back outside, after COVID restrictions though. To achieve this I would advocate for access to heat resistant areas to bring people to avoid the desert heat.
3. I am from Coachellita, I have grown up on Ave 53 and Ave 52 and the reality is, is that visually the parks in the nearby area need greater investment. The only parks that I had access to as a child were Bagduma Park and a nameless park on Ave 53. Those two areas visually reflect a lower income area in comparison to Rancho Las Flores. If appointed I would love to advocate for the residents within those areas that have been neglected.
4. I would be interested in assuring that the commission has a real policy making role within the City Council. I want to know what are the metrics for measuring the commissions effectiveness in relation to the expectations of the City Council.
5. As a child I participated in the city of Coachella's Bronco Little League. Most of our games and practices were held at Bagduma park on Ave 52. Shortly after the Bronco league, I then aged into a different league that practiced and held games at Dateland Park.
6. My appointment to this commission will merge my passion for art and civic engagement. I love the City of Coachella and would love the opportunity to showcase my leadership skills while showing my love for this city and my passion for art.