



# CITY OF COACHELLA

## CULTURAL AND ARTS 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

**NAME:** Jonathan Rivera

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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?

My appointment to this committee would provide diversity in the fields of art that could be explored. The city of Coachella  
has done an incredible job of creating and nurturing the visual arts and I believe I can aid in doing the same through different  
artistic mediums. I am a recent graduate of the University of California Riverside school of English and have also taken  
a variety of creative writing courses that have opened my eyes to the need for creative storytelling to be encouraged locally.

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

The goals of this commission are to continue to foster the growth of the arts among our local residents and collaboratively  
bring about even more local artistry flourishing from our city. The visual arts are booming in the city of Coachella  
and what I hope to achieve through my appointment is to explore and find ways to create a foundation for  
storytellers to be able to showcase their work and hone their skills through the written arts.

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

Growing up in Coachella, I have a sense of what resources are and have been available not only outside of schooling  
but also in more academic settings. This awareness and exposure to resources in my higher education and even in creative  
social circles have given me insight into what creative writers could benefit from having access to such as workshops.

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

This would be my first experience in terms of being a part of a commission and so it is difficult for me to formulate questions. More than anything the only comment I have is that I am eager and full of motivated curiosity to see what can be done through the collaborative work of this commission.

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

I have lived in this city my entire life and love it dearly. That being said, I know that many residents of this city have stories that are worth telling and only need the resources to be able to tell those stories. I live with the philosophy that every single person in the world has a story to tell and it would bring me immense fulfillment if I, in any way possible, am able to be a part of those stories being told.

  
Signature

04-19-2021

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](mailto:acarranza@coachella.org)

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# Jonathan Rivera

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## EDUCATION

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University of California Riverside

**Bachelor of Arts in English - GPA 3.7**

expected March 2021

College of the Desert

**Associate of Arts in English**

Completed June 2019

**Associate of Arts Liberal Arts: Arts, Humanities and Comm.**

Completed June 2019

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Coachella Valley Unified School District, Thermal, CA

September 2016 - September 2019

### ASES After School Instructor

- Led classroom instruction in K-6 curriculum while fulfilling state standards of learning.
- Began Reader's Theatre program that encouraged student social and educational growth.
- Coached variety of sports with a focus on inclusion, teamwork and leadership.

College of the Desert, Palm Desert, CA

### English Tutor

August 2016 -

- Collaborated with students to develop academic confidence in their work as well as their understanding of course curriculum.
- Peer reviewed work ensuring it met all standards in formats including but not limited to MLA and APA.
- Worked closely with instructors and developed group tutoring sessions focused on weekly course assignments and lessons.

## Volunteer Experience

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AmeriCorps with The Valley Partnership - Coachella, CA

- Worked one-on-one with low-performing students at Peter Pendleton Elementary School ranging from second to third grade.
- Led after school classes for second and third grade students.

## SKILLS

- **Communications:** Strong oral and written communication abilities.
- **Computer:** Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint
- **Language:** Bilingual in English and Spanish

## Organizational Involvement

Raices Cultura - Coachella, CA

September 2010 - July 2012