CITY OF COACHELLA

COMMISSION APPLICATION

NAME: Javier Figueroa

ADDRESS: [redacted]

TELEPHONE: [redacted] **E-MAIL:** [redacted]

COMMISSION:

- ☐ **Planning**
- ☒ **Cultural and Arts**
- ☐ **Parks and Recreation**
- ☐ **Utilities User Tax Citizen Oversight (UUT)**
- ☐ **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.)
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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?

   I have served as a Commissioner for a few years and I am familiar with the process.

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

   The Commission works for the citizens of Coachella and I am a citizen that is familiar with the issues in our city.

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

I feel I have a listening quality and am bilingual in fluent Spanish and English

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

None

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

None

Signature Javier Figueroa Date 12/03/2024

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NAME: IreneN. Rodríguez

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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 have over 16 years of art education and museum experience with an emphasis of community engagement. In addition, I served on the Commission last year, and would like to continue my service. I have a B.A. in Art History and Business Economics and a M.A. in Museum Studies.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals? The Commission's goals and objectives are to bring art to the city created by emerging and well-known artist. Thses artists need to be contacted and/or identifies 1) from the city of Coachella;2) from the Coachella VAlley:, and then, 3) from outside of the area. In addition, the Commision's goal will be creating opportunities for the residents of Coachela to make art.

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NAME: Diana Ramirez

ADDRESS: [redacted]

TELEPHONE [redacted] **E-MAIL:** [redacted]

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   Please see responses attached to this application.

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

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

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

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Signature Date

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PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE
APPLICATION RESPONSES

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?**

As a resident, community member, and business owner in the City of Coachella, I represent the past, present, and future of our community. I was recently honored to complete a partial term as a Planning Commissioner for 2023-2024, which provided me with valuable insights into the challenges, successes, and opportunities facing our city. Throughout my time in this role, I attended all commission meetings and study sessions, and actively engaged in my duties, as well as in the workshops and events organized by the city. I am eager to complete a full term and continue contributing to the positive work we've started. In addition to my local experience, I have held advisory roles in communities across California, bringing a wealth of experience to the table. With a background in public service and a genuine commitment to giving back to my community, I am passionate about serving and being part of a larger purpose. Lastly, I hold a Master's degree from USC, along with various certifications and a Life and Health insurance license. This diverse experience has equipped me with a deep understanding of the complexities of planning, as well as the advisory needs of organizations, government agencies, and municipalities like ours.

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

The Planning Commission plays a central role in the planning process in three important ways. First, it acts as an advisory board to the City Council on all planning and development issues. Second, the commission assures that the general plan is implemented by reviewing development applications on a case-by-case basis. Third, the commission functions as the decision-making body for housing and commercial project applications for new construction, remodels, conditional use permits, and other. I would continue to help the Planning Commission achieve its goals by ensuring the voice and needs of our city are heard in all decisions and that the livelihood and economic wellbeing of our community are at the forefront.

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

I recently completed a partial term as a Planning Commissioner with the City of Coachella, an experience that allowed me to make a meaningful impact, address complex issues, and offer thoughtful leadership, insights, and recommendations. I am eager to serve a full term and continue the work I began during my previous tenure. With over 20 years of experience in strategic planning, project management, governance, stakeholder engagement, and compliance with federal and state laws, I bring a broad skill set to the table. Additionally, I have expertise in housing, education, development, business, insurance, and healthcare, which further enhances my ability to contribute effectively to the community's growth and development.

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

I do not have questions or comments, however I want to provide commendations to the City staff and commission members for their active role and participation in planning issues. They have done splendid work in being visionary, asking tough questions and tackling difficult community topics and issues.

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

As a member of the Planning Commission, I aim to continue to empower our community by advocating for the best community infrastructure and resources. Lastly, I still recommend for the City of Coachella's website be updated and be more user friendly so that residents, business owners, visitors and investors have the most updated information and we as a community can thrive.

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

I was raised in Coachella and upon finsing my education, I have made Coachella my home since 2004. Throughout my work experience, one key element is always connecting with the community. This is one quality I will bring to the Commission.

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

Some questions I have for the Commission are: 1) What is the budget for arts and cultural city of Coachella; and 2) does the Commission meeth with City Council and/or Mayor to understand the priorities of the city better?

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

I have enjoyed being on the Commission and learning more about the process and accomplishments of the city. I and wish to continue to serve my city as a Commissioner for the Arts and Cultural.

Signature Irene Rodriguez Date January 6, 2025

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