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CITY OF COACHELLA
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO CITY COUNCIL VACANCY
(Term begins upon appointment and ends November 2026)

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this application and return to the City Clerk's Office, 53990 Enterprise Way, Coachella, CA 92236 or via email to cityclerk@coachella.org. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (760) 398-3502. Please TYPE or PRINT clearly in ink. If you wish to submit additional information, please attach to this application. **All information herein (except applicant's telephone number(s) and birthdate) is a public record.**

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY Tuesday, May 26, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

FIRST NAME: Yavonne LAST NAME: Zavata

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () N/A

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: College of the Desert

OCCUPATION Financial Aid Specialist

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 43500 Monterey Ave Palm Desert 92260
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 40

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

City of Coachella has raised me, shaped me and has many opportunities to change lives. I understand the strengths, struggles and hopes of our residents because I have lived them personally. I believe my lived experience, education, public service and community involvement allow me to bring compassion, community centered and practical perspectives to the City Council.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pursuing my Bachelors of Arts in Social Work at Cal-State San Bernardino. I currently work as a Financial Aid Specialist at College of the Desert and gained experience from time with County of Riverside.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGETIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

Youth development, housing affordability and community awareness regarding major development projects affecting residents. Communication and transparency with outreach efforts through stronger resident engagement.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

I want residents to give back, trust, feel safe, supported, informed and proud of where they live. Coachella has incredible potential and we should continue to honor the people who build this community.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

My background in social services and resident support has allowed me to assist individuals navigating difficult situations while connecting them to resources and services. I care about people feeling heard and supported.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

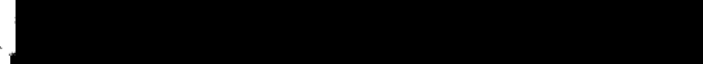
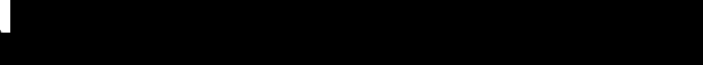

I've worked on diverse teams, community organizations, students, residents and public agencies. I have worked on projects involving public outreach, presentations, advocacy efforts, and community initiatives.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL

WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

I understand the value of growth and we have a community of working families, youth, seniors and longtime residents that deserves strong and successful leaders. I would be honored to serve my community that has given so much to me and my family.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Valentina Ramirez Phone/Email: 
Name: Bambee Rodriguez Phone/Email: 
Name: Hilda Calderon Phone/Email: 

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

College of the Desert Financial Aid Outreach and Awareness Events
California State University, San Bernardino Community Advocacy Project
Destiny Church volunteer / community support efforts.

City Council Meetings are typically held in the evening on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, a flexible work schedule is required to attend day or evening meetings (i.e. subcommittee, outside agency, special meetings, study sessions, and public workshops, etc.) and City-sponsored events (i.e. ribbon cutting or ground breaking events, holiday events, etc.)

Will you be able to attend all the types of meetings and/or events as listed above? Yes No
 Are you a registered voter (City of Coachella)? Yes No
 Are you willing to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), as required? Yes No
 Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes No
 Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes No
 Are you willing to agree to abide by the City's Code of Conduct? Yes No

If NO, to any of the above, please explain:

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: 1) be 18 years of age or older, 2) be a resident of the incorporated area of the City of Coachella, 3) be a registered voter at the applicant's current place of residence in Coachella, and 4) be able to certify that they meet the eligibility requirements and (5) are willing to serve in the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 05/15/2026

PRINTED NAME: Yavonne L. Zapata

Applicants may be required to attend in-person interviews. Applicants will be notified in the future if an interview is requested. Please note that interviews may be televised.

CITY CLERK ONLY
 Voter Registration
 Verified
 Date: 5/27/26 Initials: DZ

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