

MAY 21 2026



City Clerk
9:40AM

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
Stephanie Virgen, Council Member
Denise Delgado, Council Member
Yadira Perez, Council Member

Application Information and Instructions for Appointment to Coachella City Council

Thank you for your interest in serving the community as an appointed member of the Coachella City Council.

The timeline for filling the City Council vacancy is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 26, 2026 Applications due to the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m.
- TBD: Interviews will be conducted at the City Council meeting.

To be considered, your application must be received and date stamped by the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2026. Late applications or additional written information after this time and date will not be accepted.

Please submit your original application to the City Clerk's Office, 53990 Enterprise Way, Coachella, CA 92236 or via emailed to cityclerk@coachella.org. The City Council reserves the right in its discretion to decline to appoint any and all persons who apply and to extend the application period.

To be eligible to be appointed to the City of Coachella City Council, you must be:

1. 18 years of age or older,
2. A resident of the incorporated area of the City of Coachella,
3. Registered to vote at their current place of residence in Coachella, and
4. Able to certify that they meet the eligibility requirements and are willing to serve as a Councilmember of the City until November 2026.

Please note that:

- The person appointed will hold office until someone is elected to the seat at the November 2026 General Municipal Election.
- Verification of voter registration will be confirmed upon submittal of an application.
- Once an application is filed with the City, all information contained therein (except applicant's telephone number(s) and birthdate) is public record.
- If appointed, you will be required by state law to file a Statement of Economic Interests – Form 700 (assuming office) with the Fair Political Practices and annually thereafter.
- In addition, in compliance with AB 1234, you will be required to take mandatory Ethics Training (biennially) and abide by the Provisions of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.
- 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.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AND DATE STAMPED BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON MAY 26, 2026.

**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: Jose LAST NAME: Torres

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

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: NTC, G4 (US ARMY)

OCCUPATION Maintenance Readiness Officer

BUSINESS ADDRESS: BLDG 988A Inner Loop RD Fort Irwin 92310
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 5

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

I wish to serve as a City Council member to serve my community in the interest of what is better for residents of Coachella. I also want to make sure that their voices are represented. I was born in Coachella and want to give back and be more active in the community that I grew up in.

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

I served 25 years in the US Army and held Leadership Positions for 22 years. I was a Maintenance manager having over 50 Soldiers work for me. I planned and budgeted yearly requirements for my units maintenance program. I made decisions to ensure my unit mission was accomplished successfully. Now in the civilian sector I served as a Deputy Director of Logistics for 4 months in the absence of my supervisor. I have an associates degree in general studies and working toward my bachelors degree in Technical Management

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?

I believe Housing affordability and shortages is one issue that is being faced. If there is state and federal funding that can help offset the cost to ensure local residents can get assistance. Also many families can't qualify for low income housing, due to them making just above the maximum income to qualify. There should be an exemption to policy to allow them to get into low income housing and then be fixed for a number of years then be reassessed.

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

The vision I see for the future of the City of Coachella is a strong partnership with the County of Riverside and State Legislature to assist in funding shortfalls. I also see the City prioritizing needed programs versus wants to ensure resources are allocated according to needs not wants.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

I currently do not have any positive contributions that I can think of besides volunteering with the Veteran of Foreign Wars, raising funds to help local Veterans in the Coachella Valley.

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

My Military background to include my Department of the Army Civilian experience working on multiple working groups by either participating or leading them.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

I know this is just a temporary position as City Council Member, but I would really like to make a difference in my community. I have given 25 years to my Country and would like to continue to be a public servant for my community as a Citizen and Veteran.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name:	Claudia Galaviz	Phone/Email:	[REDACTED]
Name:	Victoria Andrade	Phone/Email:	[REDACTED]
Name:	Priscilla Diaz	Phone/Email:	[REDACTED]

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

Veteran of Foreign Wars, Post 3699 (Life Member)
Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Fort Bliss TX (Member)
US Army Warrant Officer Association, "Painted Rock Chapter", Fort Irwin, CA (Treasurer)

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

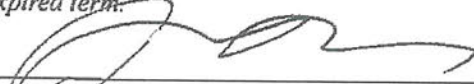
If NO, to any of the above, please explain:

It's not that I can't attend, its just the matter of being given advanced notification for me to commute from Fort Irwin, CA for any emergency meetings. I work at Fort Irwin and commute back and forth to my residence. The regular programmed meetings are a non issue.

Note: All information contained herein is a public record.

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.

TORRES.JOSE. Digitally signed by TORRES, JOSE GIL, 1164730138 Date: 2026.05.21 09:20:26 -0700



By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 5/21/26

PRINTED NAME: Jose Gil Torres

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: 5/21/26 Initials: DZ

Mirna Garcia