

CITY OF COACHELLA  
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## 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](mailto: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.**

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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](mailto: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: Jonathan LAST NAME: Zambrano

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

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE ( ) [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_ 76

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION Employed

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 25

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

This city means everything to me. It represents everything that I am as a human. Everything and everyone in this city has shaped me into the man I am today so I want to give back my time and effort into making the beautiful city of Coachella a better place for everyone here. My highest level of education is high school so if you want someone educated, I am not your guy. If you want someone who cares about the people in this city and is going to fight for what benefits the people more, I am the man for the job.

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

Theres nothing other than wanting to give back my time and effort to this city. I never aspired to be in politics, but I want to make a difference in my community.

**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?**

The biggest challenge is balancing rapid population growth with a low-income, limited-revenue economy that struggles to keep up with infrastructure, the Data Center Project, and the education and opportunity gap.

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

The long term development of a strong community built on transparency and trust.

**WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?**

I work for a Local News Network(Daily Dunes) which helps keep the Coachella Valley informed.

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

I love working with people when we're towards the same goal.

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

**LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION**

Name: Joseph Zavala Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED] Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: Robert Martinez Phone/Email [REDACTED]

**WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?**

None

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 Yes No     

Are you a registered voter (City of Coachella)? Yes Yes No     

Are you willing to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), as required? Yes Yes No     

Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes Yes No     

Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes Yes No     

Are you willing to agree to abide by the City's Code of Conduct? Yes Yes No     

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

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**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.

*Jonathan Zambrano*



By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 05/25/2026

PRINTED NAME: Jonathan Zambrano

*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: 5/26/26 Initials: DZ

*Ngoco Santos*