



CITY OF COACHELLA
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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.

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

My experience that makes me a strong candidate for city council includes five years of serve as a current Parks & Recreation and former Cultural & Arts Commissioner. In addition, I have extensive experience conducting meeting as Chair for several nonprofit organizations in California.

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?

In my opinion, the most important issue in the city is traffic accidents. To help reduce accidents, I would advocate for traffic studies to identify problem areas and prioritize improvements based on data and community input.

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

I would like to see continued investment in infrastructure improvements, traffic safety, youth and senior programs, and local business development.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

With the help of my organization, we have been providing scholarships to well deserving high school graduates for many years. We have also helped fund Christmas drives to provide support and gifts to families in need.

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

I have over 20 years of experience working as part of a team and as a team leader, ensuring that projects are completed successfully.

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

As a former District Deputy for the State of California in the nonprofit sector, I have been a go-to person for helping secure funding for worthy causes. I can bring those talents and experience to our city to help obtain funding for future city projects.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Joseph Alcon Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: Issac Ochoa Jr. Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: Issac Ochoa Sr. Phone/Email [REDACTED]

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

Knights of Columbus Coachella #3847 Council (20 Years)
Fish Food Bank (3 Years)

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:

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.

By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 5-26-2026

PRINTED NAME: Andrew Gallegos

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

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