

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. **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: MARTIN LAST NAME: PALLARES PEREZ

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: Eisenhower Medical Center / United Medical Group, Inc.

OCCUPATION US-International Medical Graduate, Clinical Researcher and Pulmonary Clinical Assistant

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 39000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 20+ years, with temporary absences for education and training

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

I wish to serve the City of Coachella because I believe public policy, healthcare, economic development, and community leadership directly affect the daily lives and well-being of residents. As someone with a strong interest in healthcare and public service, I believe this opportunity would allow me to contribute positively to the community while gaining valuable experience in civic leadership and public policy. I would approach this appointment with professionalism, humility and a willingness to learn.

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

I am an International Medical Graduate with experience in healthcare, clinical research, and patient care. My background has taught me teamwork, communication, professionalism, and service to the 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?

I believe Coachella should continue growing in a thoughtful and balanced way that improves quality of life for residents. Important issues include infrastructure, public safety, healthcare access, economic opportunity, youth engagement, and creating healthier neighborhoods.

I believe cities function best when they encourage community involvement, support local businesses, invest in parks and recreation, and create environments where families feel safe, active, and connected.

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

My vision is for Coachella to continue evolving into a healthier, safer, and more economically strong city while preserving its identity and sense of community. I would like to see continued investment in walkable public spaces, parks, family recreation, youth opportunities, local business growth, and community-centered development that improves everyday life for residents.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

I have contributed through healthcare, patient support, bilingual communication, research, and service-oriented work within the Valley.

My work has focused on helping patients and families navigate healthcare and improving access to compassionate, community-based care.

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

Healthcare and research require constant teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. I have experience working closely with physicians, nurses, researchers, staff, patients, and families in multidisciplinary environments where collaboration and professionalism are essential.

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

I would approach this appointment with professionalism, humility, and a collaborative mindset.

My goal would be to listen, contribute thoughtfully, and support the City and community in a positive and respectful manner.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Meagan Beaman-Jacinto, J.D. Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: Maximiliano Felipe Ochoa Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: Conchita Pozar Phone/Email [REDACTED]

Name: Oscar Armijo, CPA Phone/Email: [REDACTED]

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

I served on the Círculos Restaurativos (Restorative Circles) initiative from 2022–2023 in partnership with University of California, Riverside working alongside Dr. Evelyn Vázquez, Purépecha community advocate Conchita Pozar, and other community leaders in the Eastern Coachella Valley to support mental health awareness, community healing, and outreach efforts for underserved immigrant, farmworker, and Purépecha Indigenous communities. <https://healingtheacademy.com/>

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.

Martin Pallares Perez

By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 5-25-2020

PRINTED NAME: Martin Pallares Perez

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: 5/24/2020 Initials: dy

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MARTIN PALLARES PEREZ, MD

U.S. International Medical Graduate

Greater Coachella Valley, CA | [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[linkedin.com/in/martinpallaresmd](https://www.linkedin.com/in/martinpallaresmd)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- International Medical Graduate with U.S.-based supervised clinical training and longitudinal experience across outpatient and inpatient settings.
- Completed a full-time clinical training year in Houston, Texas, with multidisciplinary exposure to Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Psychiatry, and Nephrology.
- Clinical research experience spanning urologic Phase II–III trials, remote eligibility screening and data tracking, and subsequent support of nephrology and orthopedic interventional studies; experienced with IRB documentation and ICH-GCP–aligned processes.
- Currently supporting outpatient pulmonology and clinical research activities under physician supervision, with ongoing interests in primary care, community-based practice, and academic clinical research.

CORE SKILLS: Primary care support • Chronic disease management • Patient screening & informed consent • Care coordination • EMR/EHR documentation • Spirometry & EKG acquisition • REDCap • IRB/regulatory files • ICH-GCP • Clinical trial operations • Perioperative workflow exposure (GI endoscopy; surgical skills training) • Urology clinical trials • Anesthesia/critical care research exposure (publications) • Bilingual (English/Spanish)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine (MD Equivalent)

Centro de Estudios Universitarios Xochicalco, México

U.S. degree equivalency verified by [World Education Services \(WES\)](https://www.worldeducation.com)

2025

Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Coursework

Southern California University of Health Sciences

2012 – 2017

Completed coursework in Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Microbiology.

Bachelor of Science — Anthropology

University of California, Riverside

Medical Scholars Program

2011



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & RESEARCH

Clinical Research Coordinator (Per Diem)

Eisenhower Desert Orthopedic Center — Rancho Mirage, CA

Principal Investigator: Erik A. Schnaser, MD | Sub-Investigator: Ghassan Boghosian, DO
Mar 2026 – Present

- Coordinate IRB-approved orthopedic clinical trials, including **Phase III multicenter interventional studies** evaluating anticoagulation strategies following total knee arthroplasty.
- Support day-to-day study operations for randomized trials assessing postoperative pain control and patient-reported outcomes.
- Conduct patient screening, informed consent, and protocol-driven follow-up in accordance with FDA regulations and ICH-GCP standards.
- Maintain regulatory files (IRB correspondence, essential documents) and ensure source documentation quality; manage REDCap data entry and query resolution as assigned.
- Coordinate with investigators and study monitors during site visits and ongoing implementation activities.

Clinical Assistant – Pulmonology (Per Diem)

Shahriyar Tavakoli, MD, FCCP, MHA (Board-Certified Pulmonary, Critical Care & Internal Medicine)

United Medical Group — Rancho Mirage, CA

Mar 2025 – Present

- Assist with outpatient evaluation and longitudinal follow-up of patients with chronic respiratory disease under physician supervision.
- Perform spirometry testing and support basic interpretation workflows.
- Obtain EKGs and support documentation within an internal medicine context.
- Support oxygen therapy monitoring, medication reconciliation, and care coordination workflows.
- Prepare clinical documentation and facilitate interdisciplinary communication across outpatient and hospital settings.
- Contribute to chronic disease management within a broader primary care framework.

Physician Intern (Clinical Training Year — MD Graduation Requirement)

San José Clinic — Houston, TX

Clinical Director: Lee Rodriguez, PhD

Supervising Physicians: Jan McGregor, MD (Internal Medicine); Mark McGregor, MD (Geriatrics); Esteban Romano, MD (Urology)

Jan 2023 – Dec 2023 (Full-Time Clinical Training)

- Completed a **full-time, 12-month supervised clinical internship** required for medical degree completion.
- Provided **direct patient care** within a community-based outpatient primary care setting serving underserved populations.
- Performed comprehensive patient evaluation (history and physical examination) and clinical documentation.
- Contributed to differential diagnoses and management planning under physician supervision.
- Completed structured, multidisciplinary exposure across Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Psychiatry, and Nephrology.
- Supported longitudinal care including preventive medicine and chronic disease management.

- Developed familiarity with U.S. clinical workflows, interdisciplinary coordination, and continuity of care practices.

Clinical Research Coordinator (In-Person → Remote Progression)

Houston Metro Urology — Houston, TX / Remote (Mexico)

Principal Investigator: Zvi Schiffman, MD

Jul 2023 – Dec 2024

- Coordinated Phase II–III urologic trials focused on bladder and prostate disease (including LIBERTAS, INTIVIA, and SUNRISE II–IV programs).
- Supported patient-facing research activities including screening, informed consent, study visits, and protocol-driven laboratory testing coordination.
- Supported trial workflows, regulatory documentation, and cross-functional coordination within a U.S. research setting.
- Transitioned to a remote role, independently screening patients against protocol eligibility criteria across ongoing studies.
- Conducted remote eligibility reviews using electronic medical records and structured tracking tools (e.g., Excel) to maintain screening logs.
- Maintained longitudinal participant tracking and supported enrollment pipeline management in coordination with the study team.
- Delivered independent, data-driven research support across international settings with accuracy, consistency, and protocol adherence.

Physician Intern — Research Track (Servicio Social)

Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada (CICESE), México

Feb 2024 – Feb 2025

- Selected through a nationally competitive program for research-focused physician training.
- Expanded clinical research experience through participation in biomedical and public health studies.
- Contributed to study design, data analysis, and scientific dissemination under PhD-level supervision.

Clinical Research Intern

Balboa Nephrology / California Institute of Renal Research — San Diego, CA

Sep 2024 – Nov 2024

- Supported chronic kidney disease and hypertension trials within a U.S. specialty setting.
- Assisted with patient visits, data collection, and regulatory documentation.
- Contributed to protocol adherence and multi-site coordination.

GI Technician — Surgical Services (Training Rotation)

Desert Regional Medical Center — Palm Springs, CA

Dec 2024 – Mar 2025

- Supported endoscopic procedures (EGD, colonoscopy, ERCP, EUS) during training rotation.
- Maintained sterile technique and supported peri-procedural patient safety.
- Assisted procedural workflows within a high-volume surgical setting.

Clinical Rotation Coordinator (Jefe de Grupo) — Student Leadership

Centro de Estudios Universitarios Xochicalco, México

2021 – 2022

- Elected by peers to coordinate clinical rotations across multiple healthcare systems.
- Managed scheduling, attendance, and communication between students and attending physicians.

- Facilitated continuity of clinical education across specialties.

Eisenhower Health — Progressive Clinical Roles

Rancho Mirage, CA

2006 – 2018

- Progressively advanced through multiple roles within a high-acuity healthcare system.
- Provided direct patient care and clinical support in inpatient and outpatient settings.
- Assisted physicians in emergency department and ICU environments, including procedural support and phlebotomy.
- Supported care in a **geriatric psychiatry unit**, assisting patients with medical and psychiatric comorbidities.
- Contributed to documentation and interdisciplinary coordination.

EARLY CLINICAL EXPERIENCE — BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Worker / Rehabilitation Therapist Aide

Oasis Rehabilitation Center / Riverside County Behavioral Health — CA

Supervising Physician: Anthony Bassanelli, MD (Psychiatry)

2005 – 2010

- Provided direct patient support in a behavioral health setting serving individuals with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and substance use disorders.
- Facilitated structured psychosocial group sessions focused on rehabilitation and coping strategies.
- Participated in multidisciplinary care alongside psychiatry teams.
- Developed foundational skills in therapeutic communication and behavioral health assessment.

PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY WORK

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Pallares Peñez M, Tang DH, Gavriely N. Hemodynamic effects of arterial versus venous leg compression in normal volunteers. *J Anesth Intensive Care Med.* 2025;14(1):555876. DOI: [10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555876](https://doi.org/10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555876)
2. Pallares Perez M, Tang DH, Gavriely N. Auto-transfusion tourniquet reanimation in cardiac arrest patients: A retrospective chart review. *J Cardiol Cardiovasc Ther.* 2024;19(4):556019. DOI: [10.19080/JOCCT.2024.19.556019](https://doi.org/10.19080/JOCCT.2024.19.556019)
3. Pallares Perez M, Tang DH, Gavriely N. Postpartum hemorrhagic shock successfully treated with auto-transfusion tourniquet: A case report with shock index analysis. *J Anesth Intensive Care Med.* 2025;14(3):555888. DOI: [10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555888](https://doi.org/10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555888)
4. Vázquez E, Cheney A, Pozar C, Marmolejo C, Casamayor M, Pallares Perez M, et al. Healing Together: Advocating for community mental health through restorative circles in low-income Latinx communities. *J Health Care Poor Underserved.* 2026. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/hpu.2026.a982961>.

Conference Presentations & Posters

5. Ostovar-Kermani TG, Olvera A, Gutierrez JA, Broussard M, Pallares Perez M, Akhter Z, Mejia MC, Zoorob RJ, Hirth JM. Contraceptive use and perceived access among immigrant populations in a large metropolitan area: A community health survey. Poster presented at: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; June 29–July 1, 2024; Baltimore, MD.
6. Pallares Perez M, et al. Oral disorders and nutrition in schoolchildren. Oral and poster presentations at university- and state-level research symposia; 2019–2023; Ensenada, Mexico.

7. Pallares Perez M, et al. Estado nutricional y salud bucal en niños escolares en Ensenada. Poster presented at: CEU Xochicalco Student Research Symposium; 2019; Ensenada, Mexico.

Community Reports

8. Vázquez E, Zimmer A, Marmolejo C, Avalos D, Ayala Duarte AG, Bautista L, Pallares Perez M, et al. Improving mental health in the Eastern Coachella Valley. Community report; 2023. Available at: <https://healingtheacademy.com/>

SURGICAL SKILLS & OPERATIVE EXPOSURE

Unidad de Especialidades Médicas de Baja California — Ensenada, Mexico
Jan 2021 – Aug 2021

- Completed ≥100 hours of formal surgical skills training, including aseptic technique, suturing, knot-tying, and instrumentation handling.
- Participated in supervised operative exposure in general surgery and obstetrics/gynecology.
- Assisted perioperative workflows, maintaining sterile field integrity and procedural efficiency.

Clinical & Licensure Certifications

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
- Certified Phlebotomy Technician I (CPT I), California Department of Public Health — Active (2024–2026)
- Basic Life Support (BLS), American Heart Association — Active (2024–2026)
- Qualified Medical Spanish Interpreter — Bilingual Fluency Assessment for Clinicians (eBFAC), LanguageLine Solutions / Eisenhower Health — Outstanding Rating (Valid through 2028)

Clinical Research & Regulatory Certifications (CITI Program)

- Good Clinical Practice (GCP, U.S. FDA Focus; ICH E6 Compliant) — Valid through 2027
- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) Foundations — Valid through 2029
- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) Advanced — Valid through 2029
- Biomedical Research, HIPAA, Conflict of Interest, and Responsible Conduct of Research

Laboratory & Clinical Trial Operations

- IATA Category A & B Biological Substance Shipping Certification, Mayo Clinic — Valid through 2026
- Dangerous Goods Transport Training, Mayo Clinic Laboratories — Completed 2024

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Programa Nacional de Servicio Social en Investigación en Salud (CIFRHS) — Government of Mexico (2024)

- Selected through a nationally competitive process for placement in a research-focused physician service program.
- Officially recognized by Secretaría de Salud (published national selection list).
- Assigned to an advanced biomedical research institution (CICESE).