



CITY OF COACHELLA

COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application deadline is 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023
Application must be received by the deadline in order to be considered

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COMMISSION: Planning Cultural and Arts Parks and Recreation UUT
(Please Circle One)

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PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

I have been a pr.
I am an artist with more than 20 years
experience, and I have a B.A. in Fine Arts.
I spear headed the Coachella Walls mural project.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

The goals of the commission should be to
elevate art and culture in the community.

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

I know a lot of talented artists and I
am familiar with the art world.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

Not at this time.

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

I had hope to continue to make art and culture a part of the city of Coachella's identity.


Signature

March 13, 23
Date

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Clara Nieblas

NAME: _____

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- Cultural and Arts**
- Parks and Recreation**
- Utility Users Tax Citizens Oversight**
- Youth Advisory (you must be enrolled in High School)**
Please provide the name of the High School you attend: _____

PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

I think I should be appointed because of my passion for community engagement in the arts. I have been a member of Raíces Culturas since I was a freshman in high school and am now the Program implementation and outreach specialist at Raices 11 years later. Throughout my time in this organization I have been involved with the planning of the cities Dia de los muertos events, experience in building large art installations, creating murals, arts and culture programming for youth, cultivated partnerships with other organizations and much more. I also have a Bachelors degree in Art Education therefore I have deep knowledge and understanding of curriculum building and implementation in multiple educational settings. On top of all of this I also have experience hosting art workshops at the Palm Springs art museum, Raíces Culturas and other organizations like C.O.F.E.M and the Migrant Education program at our school district. I believe in the power of the arts to bring people together and foster a sense of belonging and understanding among community members. I would love to continue being a part of this journey through this position.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

I see some of the goals of the arts commission as, promoting citywide appreciation and access to the arts. Develop initiatives that encourage youth involvement in the arts. Create and support opportunities for professional artists and arts organizations. Advocate for the inclusion of the arts in public spaces and the public sphere. Generate economic opportunities and support economic growth in the arts and simply just help make arts and culture more accessible to all residents. I would help achieve these objectives and goals by making sure that we have as much community involvement as possible in the decision making processes. Making sure that funds are being allocated fairly

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

My passion for the arts, creativity, and community organizing are some of my greatest assets that I can bring to an Arts Commission. I have excellent communication skills and highly enjoy working with a team to bring a collaborative vision to life. Above all, I am dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, and finding innovative ways to bring artistic and cultural enrichment to our local community.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

How much authority does the commission have towards the overall decision making within city structure? How often are objectives changed or modified if they are at all? How much control does the commission have over funding?

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

I would just like to comment that I grew up in downtown Coachella and I love all of our murals but I would love to see where I can help more local artists get these opportunities.

Signature:

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Clara Nieblas

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Irene N Rodríguez

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1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

I've worked for over 15 years in the arts to engage the community with artworks and facilitate programs for families and children to learn more about art and to be comfortable around it.

In addition, I am one of the co-director of the student exhibition county-wide, Fine Arts Spectacular, which is sponsored by the Riverside County Office of Education. With my other colleague, we review the submissions, select the jurors, and determine the theme of the student exhibition.

I have a B.A. in Arts History and Business Economics and a M.A. in Museum Studies.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

The Commission's goals and objectives are to bring art to the city created by emerging and well-known artists. These artists need to be contacted and or identified 1) from the city of Coachella; 2) from Coachella Valley; and then, 3) from outside the area. Through my various contacts, I can begin the process of identifying artists to bring more art in various forms to Coachella. At the moment, Coachella has beautiful murals and sculptures. It will be interesting what other media of art we can bring into the city.

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

I was raised Coachella and upon finishing my education, I have made my Coachella my home since 2004. I have seen its growth and would like to be part of it in bring the arts and cultural aspect to the community. Throughout my work experience, one key element is always connecting with the community. This one quality I will bring to the Commission.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

Some questions:

1. Who develops the agenda for the meeting?
2. Does the Commission have a staff liaison?
3. Does the Commission meet at any point with the City Council members and the Mayor?
4. What is the budget for the Commission?
5. How many times does the Commission meet and for how long?

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the Arts and Cultural Commission.

Signature:

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Irene M Rodriguez

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NAME: JAVIER FIGUEROA _____

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(PLEASE CIRCLE THE COMMITTEE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR TO AVOID APPLICATION DELAY OR REJECTION)

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

CULTURAL & ARTS COMMITTEE

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE **

UTILITY USERS TAX CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

I have been a commissioner for a few years and I am familiar with the process. _____

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

The Commission works for the citizens of Coachella and I am a citizen that is familiar with the issues in our city.

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

I feel I have a listening quality and am bilingual in fluent Spanish and English.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

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5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

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Javier Figueroa
Signature

Date 3-1-23

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NAME: Juan Ponce-Ramos

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TELEPHONE: (530)-230-7894 E-MAIL: juanponce89@gmail.com

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I am looking to participate more in my community and help it grow.
After leaving away for college, I came to the realization of how much I care for this
Valley that I call my home. I would like to see it grow and prosper even more than it
already is, and to be a part of that growth in a more "hands-on" role.

- 2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

The goals and objectives of the commission are to ensure that we are providing our community
with well maintained parks and open spaces as well as inclusive and innovative recreational
and community service programs for all individuals. I want to help achieve these goals by
helping the community become more aware of these programs and engaged in them.

- 3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

Critical thinking and problem solvings skills. I am able to think outside the box whenever it's
needed and I am able to be receptive when receiving feedback or hearing other's thoughts.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

No questions at this time.

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

I think I would be a great addition to the committee. I bring new perspective and ideas as well a mindset that believes in being neutral and coming to an agreement. I am looking forward to helping my community grow in any way possible.

Signature Juan Ponce

03-31-2023

Date

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CULTURAL AND ARTS COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application **deadline** is **6:00 p.m.** on **Monday, April 12, 2021**
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NAME: Oralia "Yaya" Ortiz

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1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What is there specifically in your background, training, education and interests that qualifies you as a candidate?

Since 2009 I have worked diligently to bring art programs & venues to the community of Coachella.

Beginning with the Shadly Lane Mural, Synergy Music & Arts Festival, Women Rising, Arte De Barrio etc.

Currently, a art & music center that would benefit at-risk youth and the community at large.

2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

Goals & Objectives of an Arts Commission should always have the community in mind, to be objective and fair

to every artist that submit RFP's and ideas. Art installations should also reflect the

community it's serving .

3. What special qualities can you bring to the Commission?

I believe art in an intergal part of every community. It brings vitality, socail engagement,

inspires local culture of creative thinkers. I will continue that these values are instilled

in every potential art project that is submitted.

4. Do you have any questions or comments about the Commission's structure or functions?

I would like to see the arts commission to include funding for programs and venues.

5. Other comments and/or ideas as to how you as a member of the Cultural and Arts Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

I will strive for fairness to assure every artist has an opportunity to submit art work that reflects our community.

That funds be distributed fairly so everyone has an opportunity to showcase their art work.

Oralia Ortiz
Signature

2/16/2023
Date

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