

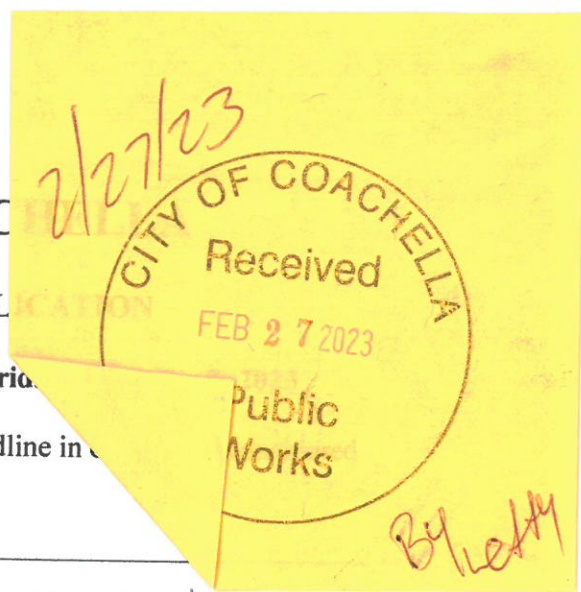


CITY OF COACHELLA

COMMISSION APPLICATION

Application deadline is 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Application must be received by the deadline in person at the City of Coachella Public Works Department.



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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

To be eligible for appointment to the Commission you must be a resident of the City of Coachella. Members may only serve on one commission/committee.

Note: In the event a member of the commission has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the Commission, the City Council may declare the office of such member vacant.

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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?

Please see attached document for application responses. Thank you for your consideration.

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

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

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

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

Signature

Date

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Note: Members of commissions shall be appointed for four year terms or less. The term of each commission member shall continue for the term of the nominating council member and automatically terminate when the council member's term ends. If a council member is reelected, that council member is entitled to make all new nominations or may choose to re-nominate the council member's previous nominee.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

City of Coachella
53-462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

cityclerk@coachella.org

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE
APPLICATION RESPONSES**

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?

As a resident of the City of Coachella, I embody the spirit and vision of the of the past, present, and future of our city. I have held advisory roles in communities across California and have returned to my community to give back and serve. For example, I was a Governor's appointee in Sacramento California, did work under Health and Human Services in Los Angeles County, and worked for the County Organized Health System in Orange County. I also hold a Master's degree from USC and have a host of certifications and an insurance license. My experience allows me to understand the complexity and demands of proper planning and advisory of organizations and government agency and municipalities like ours.

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

The Planning Commission plays a central role in the planning process in three important ways. First, it acts as an advisory board to the City Council on all planning and development issues. Second, the commission assures that the general plan is implemented by reviewing development applications on a case-by-case basis. Third, the commission functions as the decision-making body for housing and commercial project applications for new construction, remodels, conditional use permits, and other. I would help the Planning Commission achieve its goals by ensuring the voice and needs of our city are heard in all decisions and that livelihood and economic wellbeing of our community are at the forefront.

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

I have over 20 years in strategic planning, project planning/management, governance, stakeholder management, compliance with federal and state laws. I understand, housing, education, homelessness, housing, business, and healthcare issues and trends.

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

How does the Planning Commission determine the topics/issues for discussion?

What does the Planning Commission think the community needs are now and in the 3, 5 and 10 years?

What methods have been used or are currently used to allocate resources?

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

As a member of the Planning Commission, in addition to holding an advisory role and staying current on topics, I aim to empower our community by advocating for the best community infrastructure and resources. Lastly, I would recommend updating the City of Coachella website with updated information and resources that residents and business owners can use. This in turn would help spread awareness of the resources and provide the tools to help our residents and the community thrive as a whole.