



CITY OF COACHELLA

COMMISSION APPLICATION

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COMMISSION:



Planning



Cultural and Arts



Parks and Recreation



Utilities User Tax Citizen Oversight (UUT)



Youth Advisory (To be eligible for appointment to the Commission you must be enrolled in high school. Please state your age and high school you currently attend in the "other comments" in section 5.)



Social Justice & Public Safety

To be eligible for appointment to any 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?

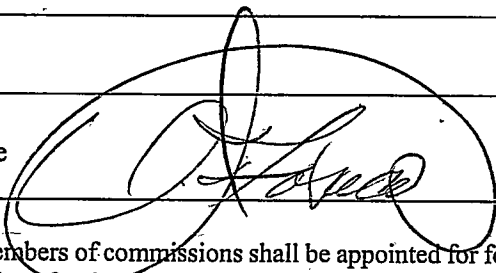
2. What do you see as the goals and objectives of the Commission? How would you help achieve these objectives and goals?

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 selected Commission could benefit the City of Coachella.

Signature



Date

12/5/24

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.

Youth Advisory Commission Note: The term of a Commissioner is one year from August to June; mirroring the local school district's school year.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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

cityclerk@coachella.org

City of Coachella Planning Commission Application

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?

Dear City Officials/Selection Committee,

It has been an honor to serve as the City of Coachella's Alternate Planning Commissioner over the past 22 months. During this time, I have gained invaluable insights into the intricacies of our city's development plans, fostering excellent and productive discussions with city staff and community members. My commitment to staying informed and proactive in fulfilling the responsibilities of this role has only deepened my appreciation for the importance of thoughtful planning in shaping our city's future.

As a Career Counselor at California State University, San Bernardino – Palm Desert Campus, I bring over 15 years of experience in building impactful community engagement programs, managing budgets with precision, and connecting young professionals with opportunities in our local industries. My dedication to fostering growth and collaboration in Coachella is evident through my roles with College of the Desert, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Desert, and as a Co-founder of OneFuture Coachella Valley.

I am deeply invested in making Coachella a gold standard for communities across California. By leveraging my strong relationships with local business, community, and civic leaders, I aim to ensure that our city continues to thrive and lead by example.

With humility and steadfast dedication, I respectfully request your support in appointing me as a Planning Commissioner. I am ready to continue addressing the critical work that lies ahead, advancing initiatives that reflect our shared vision for Coachella's success.

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

The goal must be to find ways to work collaboratively with the other commissioners in the best interests of the residents of the City of Coachella to have a transparent approach to everyday city business. My vision as a commissioner will always be to have honor and commitment to the city's residents that I will serve.

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

The qualification that I can bring to the Commission are as follows:

- Budget Analysis
- Program Development
- Strategic Planning
- Community Engagement
- Connector
- Expert Networker

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

I am more than willing to work with the rest of the commissioners for the benefit of the residents of the City of Coachella.

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

I am interested in further engaging the youth of our community to be even more connected and committed to the planning of our city. We need to find ways to make a more significant personal investment in our city's youth. Scholarships and financial literacy will work, but my vision is to find ways for our families to invest emotionally in our town.