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Commissioner/Board Member Application

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Commissioner Application
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Date of Application	3/22/2022

1. Which commission or board are you interested in? **Planning Commission.**
2. Do you live in Lake Forest Park? **Yes.**
3. How long have you lived in Lake Forest Park? **32 Years – I attended LFP Elementary, Kellogg Middle School and Shorecrest High School.**
4. What are your interests in our City and what experiences or special knowledge can you bring to the commission? **Born and raised in Horizon View / Lake Forest Park, my husband and I have been fortunate enough to establish our roots and grow our family just houses away from my childhood home. As an (almost) daily visitor of Horizon View Park, I have been able to meet and engage in meaningful conversation with hundreds of LFP community members. I often seek the opportunity to listen to various opinions, experiences, and recommendations for the future of our beloved city.**

From a professional perspective I have been a Consultant for 12+ years at a national Employee Benefits Firm. Throughout my career I have been afforded many opportunities that make me uniquely qualified for this Planning Commission position. I directly consult on a large Trust that represents over 70 counties/non-profit/government entities in Washington State, giving me an insight to government planning, budgeting, policy development and understanding the framework to effectively engage within a City Council environment.

In my Consultant role, I am principally responsible for large employers & Trusts' long-term strategic goals, legislative compliance, communication campaigns for diverse audiences, and deploying initiatives within defined budgets and timelines. Additionally, I present all throughout Washington State on

various legislative items and special interest Healthcare topics. As a result, I am comfortable in front of all sizes of audiences and will always welcome different perspectives.

Lastly, as highlighted and requested in the LFP times article, I also believe I can bring an under-represented voice to this commission position as a Peruvian Female, in my early thirties, with two young children. I deeply desire to support education and development programs that will foster and serve our youth. With my parents, in-laws and God parents all residing in LFP, I am also very attuned and understanding of the different needs from our Senior community.

5. What do you hope to accomplish as a commissioner? As a volunteer Commissioner, I hope to serve as an advocate and representative for the many diverse voices that make up this community. I have had the opportunity to be a part of Lake Forest Park the majority of my life. I have seen LFP develop and advance over the decades, and I want to commit to directly supporting the efforts for responsible and sustainable growth. I truly believe my drive to effectively contribute to a thriving and safe community that will serve this position well.
6. If you are appointed to a commission you will be required to attend monthly meetings. Are you available to attend evening meetings? Yes.
7. In addition to monthly meetings, there are often additional time commitments. Do you anticipate this being a problem for you? No, I do not anticipate this being an issue.
8. Do you have any issues that you are especially concerned about and think the commission should be addressing? Top concerns are already being addressed, such as parks, sidewalks, police/safety and residential zoning plans.
9. Do you have any additional information or comments? I love Lake Forest Park and the spirit of community that is widely expressed. It would be an honor to serve as a Planning Commissioner. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your interest in Lake Forest Park volunteer commissions.

Information on City Commissions and Boards

Thank you for your interest in becoming a commissioner. Members of all commissions and boards provide an important link between the public, City departments, the City Council and the Mayor. The information that members provide about community needs and opinions can have a profound effect on local policies and lead to improved public service. Advisory commission and board members play a very special role in creating recommendations on important societal and governmental issues.

Appointed members of an advisory commission are expected to:

- Listen carefully to community opinions, attitudes, and needs and report to the Mayor and the Council;
- Study programs and services and analyze problems and needs;
- Offer new proposals and recommend changes in programs, policies, and standards;
- Provide the public with information and interpretation of policies, programs, and budgets.

Commissions make important recommendations about policy. Commissions, however, do not create or administer policy, programs, or services. Advisory commissions do not have the authority to enforce policy or create rules, but their analysis and recommendations can play an important role in furthering the effective operation of City government.

The Volunteer Commission System is described in the Chapter 2.22 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code. It names the commissions and their responsibilities.

- A. Planning Commission.** Develops the City's comprehensive plan and updates for recommendation to the Mayor and the City Council and performs other duties as required by law.
- B. Civil Service Commission.** Police personnel as required by state law. The additional duties of this commission shall be defined in the civil service code of the City.

Boards established by City Code

Ch. 2.35.010 Tree Board. Makes policy and regulatory recommendations concerning the management of trees and forest canopy in Lake Forest Park.

Ch. 2.37.010 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Advises the city council and mayor on park master plan development, recreation program evaluation and development, and park comprehensive planning.

Commissioners and board members are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The term is three years. For more information, you can get a copy of the Commissioner's Manual on the City website or at City Hall. You can call the Mayor directly at (206) 368-5440.