



## Advisory Board/Committee Application

<b>DATE:</b>	November 10, 2023	<b>NAME:</b>	Gary Werneer
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What is the Board/Committee of your choice?		City Council Seat No. 1	
How long have you lived in the City of Westlake?		18-months	
Are you a full-time resident? If not, how many months do you reside in City?			12 months
Are you a registered voter?		Yes	
Current occupation and employer, if retired, please list previous occupation and employer:		Retired, City Planner, Rosenheim & Associ	
Do you currently hold public office? If so, what is the office?			No
Please list any business, volunteer, community activities you have been involved in:			
FWC, Palm Beach County Shooting Sports Park, Volunteer Range Safety Officer; Cresswind HOA Men's Club Board; Cresswind HOA Club Chai, President; Cresswind HOA Golf Club; Cr			
Have you ever been convicted, plead no contest, plead guilty or had the adjudication of guilt withheld for any criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation? If yes, please explain.			
No			
Would you and/or any organization with which you are affiliated, benefit from decisions or recommendations made by this advisory board/committee? If yes, explain:			
No			
Experience. Please list experience and/or and any knowledge, skills, abilities, or qualifications that you possess and believe relevant to the board/committee for which you seek appointment:			
3-term City Councilmember, City of Diamond Bar, California; Chairman, Diamond Bar Incorporation Committee 1988; 43-years city planner; Developmentg Director (Planning, Building, Redevelopment and Economic Development Director, City of Indio, California; Planning Director, City of La Habra Heights; Planning Director, City of La Canada Flintridge; Bachelor of Science, Community Planning, University of Cincinnati; see attached resume.			

Resumes are encouraged to be attached, and any other information you feel pertinent. This application should be forwarded to the City Clerk, Zoie Burgess: [zburgess@westlakegov.com](mailto:zburgess@westlakegov.com) or by mail/in person: City of Westlake, City Clerk's Office 4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, Westlake, Florida 33470.

Thank you for volunteering to serve the citizens of Westlake.

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Mayor and City Council  
City of Westlake  
4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road  
Westlake, Florida 33470

SUBJECT: COUNCIL SEAT No. 1 – Appointment to fill vacancy

Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Gary Werner and I would appreciate it if you would consider me when you move to fill Council Seat No. 1. I understand that the term of this Seat expires in March, 2024. However, I have already qualified as an elector to the City Council for Seat No. 1, and it is my understanding that if you were to grant me this appointment, it would not prevent me from pursuing the same Seat No. 1 in the upcoming March, 2024 election.

I would like to share my background and explain why I believe I would best serve the interests of the City of Westlake. My wife Marla and I retired from our professions in Los Angeles and moved to the Cresswind PB Community of Westlake in June, 2022. I retired as a City Planner and Marla retired as a Registered Nurse. After moving to Westlake, I immediately became involved with the Cresswind community by serving on the Boards of: 1) the Cresswind Gun Club; 2) The Cresswind Men's Club; and, 3) President of Cresswind Club "Chai" Havurah. I also volunteer for Fish and Wildlife Conservation at the Loxahatchee Shooting Sports Park as a Range Safety Officer.

I have always been involved in my community. For example, in 1987 at the request of leaders of Diamond Bar, an unincorporated area in Los Angeles County, I served as Chairman of the 1988 Diamond Bar Incorporation Committee. After assembling a volunteer group of 250 residents we succeeded in the incorporation of the City of Diamond Bar, the 86<sup>th</sup> incorporated city in Los Angeles County. Upon its incorporation in 1989, I served three terms on the Diamond Bar City Council as well as serving as Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem.

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1969 and attended the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Community Planning. In 1974 I graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Planning. Subsequent to my graduation and during my city planning career I served as Planning Director/City Planner for several newly incorporated cities (La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, and Big Bear Lake); and as Planning, Building and Economic Development Director for the City of Indio, home to Coachella Fest and the annual International Tamale Festival. I also have graduate Certificates in: 1) Environmental Planning from San Francisco State University; and 2) Business Accounting from College of the Desert.

During the full term of my professional career I successfully performed many projects and tasks, including: 1) preparation of General Plans and housing elements/studies (Cities of La Mirada, Bell Gardens, Morro Bay, Norwalk, Irwindale, San Marino and others; 2) preparation of environmental impact reports for housing and commercial developments; 3) CDBG administration; 4) zoning administration; 5) ordinance preparation; 6) redevelopment planning for the City of Azusa; and, 7) developer representation; among other tasks and projects.

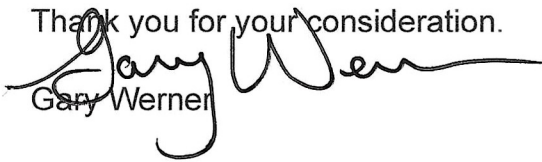
My wife and I were joined in our move to South Florida with our daughter, also a city planner, and her family.

I decided to qualify and run for Seat No. 1 of the City of Westlake City Council because I believe my “newly incorporated cities” experience along with my broad background with other cities will provide Westlake with a wealth of knowledge and experience enabling Westlake to mature into a well-planned employment and housing center with a diverse residential base and business opportunities. My experience as a three-term councilmember and professional city planner will enable me to serve as an active member of the Westlake City Council providing sound advice to guide the Westlake legislative body to reasonably resolve issues associated with residential, commercial and business growth.

I would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience.

I can be reached by phone and email at: 1) Cell (760) 485-4165; 2) home (561) 234-4197; and by email at: [ghwndo@gmail.com](mailto:ghwndo@gmail.com) or [gwerner@gary4westlake.com](mailto:gwerner@gary4westlake.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Gary Werner