



CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

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CITY COMMISSION/BOARD APPLICATION

GENERAL / CONTACT INFORMATION

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DATE: January 8, 2017

Appointed Commissioners must be a resident and registered voter of the City (DHSMC §2.24.040)

Length of Residency in Desert Hot Springs:
6 Years

Registered Voter in Desert Hot Springs since:
2012

Indicate the following Commissions/Committees/Boards in which you are most interested in serving.

Number in order of preference (Example: #1 for 1st choice, #2 for 2nd choice, #3 for 3rd choice, etc.)

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| 1st | Planning Commission | Select One | Oversight Board to the RDA Successor Agency | → (Members not subject to residency requirements) |
| 2nd | Public Safety Commission | Select One | Architecture and Landscape Review Committee | → |
| Select One | Community & Cultural Affairs Commission (CCAC) | | | |

See attachment for Commission/Committee/Board descriptions or visit the City's website at www.cityofdhs.org for more information

Occupation and Employer: Retired Service Manager, Kaiser Permanente

(If retired, indicate last occupation/employer)

The following information consists of some of the factors used by the City Council, and/or subcommittee thereof to select final applicants: 1) Background, education, experience to demonstrate sound judgement; 2) Diversity in commission membership; and 3) attendance at commission meetings prior to interview

Background / Work Experience / Civic Involvement:

I have been a CCAC commissioner since 2013 and was chairman of the commission from 2014 through 2016. I am the President of the Desert Hot Springs Historical Society since 2015 and am the Secretary of the Desert Hot Springs Rotary Club since 2014. I have worked with the Mayor and council on various committees, currently serving on the Parks and Recreation and Sand to Snow subcommittees and the committee to bring the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Desert Hot Springs.

I worked as a manager in health care for over 35 years, 28 with Kaiser Permanente in various management, education and labor relations roles.

I have perfect attendance at CCAC meetings since 2013. I have attended several Planning Commission and Public Safety Meetings since 2011.

Education / Training:

I hold a BA in Political Science with a minor in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University, completed graduate work in Business Management from the University of California (Berkeley) through Kaiser University, certified labor/management trainer and contract negotiator from the NLRB, certified Diversity Trainer from Gardenswartz and Rowe, completed and certified as a post graduate Human Resources Specialist with an emphasis in Labor Law from California State University East Bay. Additionally, I served in the United States Air Force for 6 years, being honorably discharged in 1977.

Have you served on a City Commission or Board in Desert Hot Springs or any other City?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If yes, complete below:

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| Desert Hot Springs | CCAC member and Chairman | 2013 to Present | 3+ years |
| CITY | COMMISSION/POSITION | WHEN | LENGTH OF SERVICE |
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Have you ever attended a City Council Meeting?

☐ No ☒ Yes

Have you ever attended a City Commission Meeting?

☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, list which commissions and approximately how many.

CCAC (40), Planning (5), Public Safety (3), oversight Board (3)

Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the Commission (1st choice) on which you would like to serve:

All commission members are appointed to a fixed term, usually 2 years, by a City Council Member or Mayor. We serve as advisors to the council, and each commission has certain powers granted to them by the City Council. The Planning Commission is required to review all new development for compliance with vurtend codes and with the City's general plan.

What specific skills, attitudes, and experience do you think you have that will enhance the work of the Commission?

I have a strong knowledge of the codes and of our community. I would bring a well grounded approach with an eye to always try to reach consensus with the other commissioners.

What specific issues or problems face the commission? Do you have suggestions to address these issues or problems?

Two major issues face this commissdion:

An infrastrucuter issue, especially along the I-10 corridor and the underdeveloped west of the city.

A severe defieiciency in our retail base.

A housing inbalance (too much low income housing, poorly defined neighborhoods, etc.)

Over reliance on the Cannabis industry.

Appointed Commissioners may be required to submit a Fair Political Practices Act, Statement of Economic Interests (pursuant to Government Code §87200 and/or Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section §2.20.050

NOTE: This document is a public record and is subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act. Personal contact information will not be released without consent. Your Application will be considered by the City Council, provided that a vacancy exists on a Commission or Board for which you have applied. If there is no vacancy, your application will be kept on file for two years, to be considered when an opening does occur.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Applicant's Signature

Date

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

→ Save the application for your records →

AND

→ Submit the application to jsoriano@cityofdhs.org

OR

→ Print and mail to: City of Desert Hot Springs
Office of the City Clerk
65950 Pierson Boulevard
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 →