



## CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

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## CITY COMMISSION/BOARD APPLICATION

February 13, 2017

### GENERAL / CONTACT INFORMATION

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DATE: February 13, 2017

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

Length of Residency in Desert Hot Springs:

2 years 1 month

Registered Voter in Desert Hot Springs since:

2015

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.)

Select One Planning Commission

Select One Oversight Board to the RDA Successor Agency

(Members not subject to residency requirements)

Select One Public Safety Commission

Select One Architecture and Landscape Review Committee

1st ☒ Community & Cultural Affairs Commission (CCAC)

See attachment for Commission/Committee/Board descriptions or visit the City's website at [www.cityofdhs.org](http://www.cityofdhs.org) for more information

### Occupation and Employer:

Peer Youth Coordinator for SafeHouse of the Desert

(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 over 30 years experience in community services primarily working with children and young adults, with and without disabilities, for civic and nonprofit agencies. I owned a gymnastics, dance and cheerleading center for youth from the early 1990's until 2012. My current position with Operation SafeHouse / SafeHouse of the Desert is Peer Youth Coordinator for the Cup of Happy Program. This program is funded by a grant through Riverside County Prevention Early Intervention services. My team engages youth through outreach programs working to improve the mental health and resilience of young people ages 16 to 25 years.

Though still relatively new to the area, I feel at home in Desert Hot Springs and would like to be of service to the community. My husband and I make every effort to shop local, support the city's leadership and first responders and participate in community events when possible.

### Education / Training:

I am currently attending College of the Desert and will soon be transferring to CSUSB Palm Desert to complete my degree in Communications.

Training and experience relative to the Community & Cultural Affairs Commission include seven years working as a program director with the YMCA of San Bernardino, five years as a production resource instructor for a supported employment company for adults with developmental disabilities in Riverside, and twenty years as a business owner in children's sports and recreation.

As an artist, writer, musician and performer I also have experience in community art activities. My years spent in community service programs gave me the opportunity to plan and coordinate numerous large events ranging from simple recitals to large performances and sporting events.

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

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, complete below:

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.

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

The Community and Cultural Affairs Commission makes recommendations to the city council and assists in the planning and implementation of recreational and leisure activities for the community. Members of the commission communicate with the public to assess their need for services and ideas to express the diverse cultural identities of the community. The CCAC works closely with other agencies and entities to provide a variety of community services and activities in a coordinated effort. This includes approving the use of facilities and personnel, fees and ordinances with efficiency and appropriate attention to the highest good for the community.

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

My background in community services provides an understanding of the challenges in balancing budget with community expectations. Having worked in non-profit, civic and for-profit environments I have experienced managing funds, personnel and property with a fiduciary responsibility to shareholders and my own pocket, as well as maintain a high level of fidelity and public image. I believe that this experience provides a perspective that is beneficial to the commission because it gives me a well rounded understanding of all sides of an issue.


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

The use of city facilities is an issue that presents challenges for all sides. The community is in need of healthy activities for all ages but the fees for recreation, sports, organizations and etc. are a barrier to a large number of families in DHS. The cost of maintaining city property and running the utilities during use can become a drain on the budget necessitating the need to pass on the operational cost to usage fees. One possible solution is to allow private for-profit groups or individuals to use facilities for recreational activities such as dance or martial arts on a contracted tuition split basis. This, of course may be difficult due to the current arrangement with the Wellness Center and the Boys & Girls Club. The thought is that these small contracted programs may help to offset the maintenance costs which would allow for DHS non-profit programs to use the facilities at not charge.

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

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

 2/13/17  
Applicant's Signature Date

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Save the application for your records
- AND → Submit the application to [jsoriano@cityofdhs.org](mailto:jsoriano@cityofdhs.org)
- OR → Print and mail to: City of Desert Hot Springs  
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