



# CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

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## CITY COMMISSION/BOARD APPLICATION



### GENERAL / CONTACT INFORMATION

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DATE: December 20, 2017

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

Length of Residency in Desert Hot Springs:  
one year + three months

Registered Voter in Desert Hot Springs since:  
October 2016

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  
1st Public Safety Commission  
Community & Cultural  
Select One Affairs Commission (CCAC)

Select One Oversight Board to the RDA Successor Agency  
Select One Architecture and Landscape Review Committee

→ (Members not subject to residency requirements)

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: Retired Governmental Affairs Consultant  
(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 a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University, with a specialization in city management.

I was the owner and principle of GRG Government Relations -- a public policy advocacy firm in Washington state -- 1991 to 2014. I represented a number of business and civic organizations before state and local governmental bodies in Washington.

At Mayor Matas' suggestion, I volunteered with other citizens to develop and implement the campaign to pass Measures B&C in Desert Hot Springs this past fall.

### Education / Training:

Brighton High School, Salt Lake City, UT Graduated 1980  
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, BA Political Science 1984  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Master of Public Administration, 1986

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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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.

PSC one meeting, CCAC one meeting

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

The commission meets monthly and acts as the liaison between citizens and the police and fire departments, providing a way for citizens to give input to the city and the police/fire departments, and to provide feedback to the city council regarding matters of public safety.

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

I have over 30 years of experience in public policy and government affairs. I've worked with elected and appointed officials on numerous issues, representing citizens and businesses before policy making bodies at the state and local level. As a new resident of Desert Hot Springs, I can bring a fresh outside perspective to issues regarding public safety. I am objective and come with no preconceived notions or attitudes.


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

With the successful passage of Measure B&C this past fall -- a campaign I worked on -- we now have an assured and stable source of funding for public safety. That being said, the city is faced with limited financial resources that impact public safety. Our police department has done a great job with their limited resources, and crime is down, but still problematic. In addition, citizens perceptions of the effectiveness of our police force could be improved, and residents often feel they are not listened to, while many unfortunately do not trust the police department. Good objective citizen review of our public safety departments is critical to ensuring public trust in the police and fire departments. Id like to see more public involvement in the public safety commission, and would work to make sure residents know this is how they can make their voice heard and raise their concerns.

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  
12/20/17  
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  
Office of the City Clerk  
65950 Pierson Boulevard  
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 →