



# CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

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## CITY COMMISSION/BOARD APPLICATION

### GENERAL / CONTACT INFORMATION

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DATE: 12/18/17

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

Length of Residency in Desert Hot Springs:  
9 months

Registered Voter in Desert Hot Springs since:  
Early 2017

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.)

1st	Planning Commission	Select One	Oversight Board to the RDA Successor Agency	→ (Members not subject to residency requirements)
Select One	Public Safety Commission	2nd	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](http://www.cityofdhs.org) for more information

Occupation and Employer: Retired in 2015 from the Federal Government - USAID

(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 am a 57 year old married gay male and retired Federal Government employee with substantial international work experience. My first five years were as an employee of the U.S. Department of State, the last twenty-eight were as an employee of the U.S. Agency for International Development where I worked in USAID's Office of Procurement and several regional bureaus. I was responsible for budgeting the use of tax dollars and overseeing the performance of contractors who implemented international programs pertaining to education and training and the processing of foreign nationals who traveled to the U.S. for short and long term education, meetings and conferences. My main role involved the development of Agency regulations. I have not yet attended an Commission meetings, although I have discussed numerous city-related issues at length with Mayor Mattis.

### Education / Training:

My beachelor's degree was earned in 1982. I graduated from Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida. My majors were Psychology, Philosophy and Religion, with a minor in English.



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:

DHS is becoming a major center for Marijuana cultivation in California. This will require peaceful coexistence between the marijuana industry and residents. We cannot exclude or lessen the need for other new businesses and the economic strength and opportunities they can bring. I am excited about being a part of the decision making process that enables DHS to fully benefit from the marijuana industry while still attracting new residents and new businesses.

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

For most of my career I was responsible for budgeting and managing and overseeing the use of tax dollars. I understand the importance of transparency, and I understand the responsibility that comes with being intrusted with tax dollars. I understand how to manage people and contractors, and I am a strong team player. I want to be on this Commission because I have a vision for what I want DHS to look and feel like, and I want to be part of decisions that maintain and increase the value of my home.

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

I believe that this Commission is tasked with the same basic goal that all commissions share, that being the creation of an environment and conditions, both visable and invisable, that result in a better social and economic sistuation for all City residents. Regardless of the Commission, we are all working towards a stronger, safer, more attractive and economically-richier living experience.

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.

James F Nindel

12/18/17

Applicant's Signature

Date

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

→	Save the application for your records	→
AND →	Submit the application electronically	→
OR →	Print and mail to: City of Desert Hot Springs Office of the City Clerk 65950 Pierson Boulevard Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240	→

December 18, 2017



Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed, my application for City Commission(s).

I am a relatively new resident of Desert Hot Springs, and California, having moved here from Florida in the spring of 2017. I was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area and worked for the Federal Government for almost thirty-three years.

Because I am a homeowner in DHS, I am interested in the economic growth of our city. I am especially interested in maintaining and increasing the value of my home, and I want to be involved in decision-making processes that will create an environment where all city homeowners see their home values rise.

I will be upfront with you when I say that I have never served on a city or county Commission or Board before. I am relatively new in this town, but I believe that I bring a perspective that I gained while living in St. Augustine, Florida for many years, and from being responsible for tax dollars while working for the Federal Government.

St. Augustine is a tourist town, relying almost entirely on tourist dollars. DHS is also a tourist town with all of its spa facilities. Over the years I watched the City of St. Augustine manage its resources and deal with situations in ways that either encouraged tourists, or discouraged tourists. I believe that I can share what worked in St. Augustine. For instance, the City of St. Augustine NEVER allowed businesses on its main streets to have boarded-up windows or security bars on storefronts. It was not acceptable because it implied that St. Augustine had a crime problem which would keep tourists away. DHS has multiple businesses on Palm Drive with boarded-up windows and security bars. I believe that DHS should demand (through code enforcement) that boarded-up windows be immediately repaired and bars taken down and replaced with electronic security systems. The trash on vacant lots between buildings on Palm Drive should be picked-up by the land owners and businesses.

What I bring to any Board or Commission:

- I bring maturity.
- I bring common sense.
- I understand money and budgeting and the effective use of tax dollars. I understand limited resources.
- I understand perception and how boarded-up windows and bars on doors can hurt home values.
- I understand how governments work. I understand bureaucracy.
- I am retired and can devote the necessary time for being on a board or commission.

Please consider my application.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]  
James F Nindel

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