

**CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**65950 Pierson Boulevard, Desert Hot Springs, CA, 92240 • www.cityofdhs.org • P: (760) 329-6411 F: (760) 288-3129**CITY COMMISSION/BOARD APPLICATION****GENERAL / CONTACT INFORMATION**

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DATE: September 12, 2018

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

Length of Residency in Desert Hot Springs:

1-1/2 years

Registered Voter in Desert Hot Springs since:

April 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 for more information

Occupation and Employer: Architectural designer & general contractor, FAM-Well, LLC, rental property owner, former owner Fully Loaded
 (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:

A native of Seattle, WA, trained by architects on the job as a drafter, after obtaining a degree in Studio Art/Printmaking, at Western WA University.

Emphasis in residential and commercial urban infill projects and historical preservation. Architectural designer and drafter for Barnett Schorr Architects, Seattle, WA 1994-1998, part of a small team, during which period we designed and permitted a \$5 million spec home in Aspen, and successfully submitted a bid to restore the Capitol Building in Olympia, WA, after which the Gehry team was enlisted to complete the commission.

Spent a year in Italy (outside Rome, 1999) then relocated to Los Angeles, as Owner, MGDBuilders, Los Angeles, CA, from 2000-2010, participating in the growth and revitalization/restoration of the Echo Park Hills and Highland Park, flipping houses and working for clients on residential and commercial rehabilitation projects. Ever since that time my husband and I enjoyed coming to Desert Hot Springs, for the hot mineral waters.

During the recession the lack of work prompted me and my husband to start an organic cold pressed juice company, Fully Loaded Micro Juicery, and relocated to Encinitas where we had a property, to live for 5 years (2011-2017). During that time I became very knowledgeable about nutritional healing.

Education / Training:

My profession:
 BA, Western Washington University Fine Art (Printmaking and Photography) Minor: Art Education
 Trained on job by architects as architectural designer; CAD training (certificate), business owner

My interests:
 Italian ongoing study (3 years of classes, lived in Italy); 6 years of French
 Study of dressage / training horses - for many years / now train with Angela Paltram, trained in France
 Professional musician (violin and accordion/keyboards); original music, folk, country, bluegrass

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.

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

The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of every month, during which time they review any variances, CUP applications, and other applications such as subdivisions, as well as ongoing updates of the General Plan, and review of building codes and ordinances.

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

Thorough understanding of codes having worked in California since 2000, as well as having overseen continuously, work sites in residential and commercial projects as a code administrator. Understanding of multi-cultural urban renewal, having experienced the resurgence of Echo Park and Highland Park during the 2000's, both as a resident and a builder/developer.

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

Geographical of the city infested with drugs and crime, somewhat due to the lack of cohesive property owner attitudes, how to refresh and regenerate those areas and bring with it either home ownership or upgraded rental units, still while serving the affected population with alternatives to that lifestyle. Lack of use of the public parks due to fears of homeless and drug use in the parks. I do have many suggestions to address these issues, some of which I saw first-hand working in the neighborhoods of Echo Park where I lived, prior to and during its gentrification. Study the re-zone of the area west of Palm between 1st and 8th streets, to encourage multi-unit, taller complexes in place of substandard rental housing, maybe co-operative complexes, or subsidized in certain areas. Install sidewalks and underground street lights in residential neighborhoods without them. These projects will also provide construction jobs to the area's residents and perhaps coincide with apprenticeship programs.

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:

Jacqueline S Grad
Applicant's Signature

9/12/18
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 →