

Board and Commission Application

Your Application will be considered by the Desert Hot Springs City Council provided that a vacancy exists on a Commission/Board for which you have applied. If there is no vacancy, your application will be kept on file for 2 years to be considered when an opening does occur.

Email address *

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Requirements:

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

Length of Residency in the City of Desert Hot Springs *

Two years (since 5-27-17)

Are you a Registered Voter in the City of Desert Hot Springs: *

☒ Yes

☐ No

General Information:

Name *

First and last name

Kenneth Mitchell

Address *

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone number *

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

Number in order of preference

Community & Cultural Affairs Commission *

Not Interested ▼

Planning Commission *

Not Interested ▼

Public Safety Commission *

1st Choice ▼

Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District *

Not Interested ▼

Occupation and Employer (If retired, indicate last occupation/employer)

Firefighter (retired) Belmont Fire Dept. Belmont, CA

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

Retired Firefighter with total of 32 years of service (four years volunteer [San Francisco Fire Reserve], 28 years full-time paid [South County Fire/Belmont-San Carlos Fire Dept./Belmont Fire Dept.]). Emergency Medical Technician since 1985 (reinstatement pending). 21 years as a member of the San Mateo County Hazardous Materials Response Team. Full range of fire suppression duties as well as company inspections, apparatus operation and maintenance (25 years), fire prevention education, and hazardous materials response and EMS training.

Education / Training

Emergency Medical Technician (reinstatement pending)

Hazardous Materials Specialist (CSFM/CSTI)

Trench Rescue Operations

Rapid Intervention Crew Tactics

High/Low Angle Rescue Operations

Former CPR Instructor (American Heart Association)

Former Early Defibrillation Coordinator/Proficiency Instructor

Apparatus Operator (triple combination pumpers both straight chassis and tractor-trailer "tillered" aerial ladder trucks; September 1990 through retirement)

Prepared budget justification for Early Defibrillation Program for South County Fire

Participated in joint labor management committee which researched and recommended Fire Company ALS Program throughout San Mateo County

Acted as Liaison to the Regional HazMat Response Organization based in Martinez, CA

Certified Fire Officer (CSFM)

Certified Fire Prevention Officer (CSFM)

Provided HazMat Decontamination Training to Fire Service and Law Enforcement throughout San Mateo County

FEMA ICS Training 100, 200, 700, and 800

105.55 total semester units accumulated

Further evidence of training/experience available upon request.

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

☒ No

☐ Yes (If yes, please describe below:)

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 below:)

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

The Public Safety Committee functions in advisory capacity to the City Council on matters of public safety, particularly budgeting, within the City of Desert Hot Springs.

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

The Fire Service in California faces unique challenges as it works to maintain an adequate force to protect life and property from fires, accidents, disasters and enemy attacks. My knowledge and experience within the Fire Service, as well as my participation in developing budgets for two currently successful programs, should assist the Committee in recommending the most proficient and cost effective fire services for the City.

What specific issues or problems face the Commission/Board? Do you have suggestions to address these issues or problems?

I was made aware of a vacancy on the Public Safety Committee, particularly an absence of members with a Fire Service background; hence my interest and application.

Disclosure

Appointed Commissioners may be required to submit a Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), Statement of Economic Interests Form (Form 700) pursuant to CA Government Code § 87200 and/or Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code § 2.20.050.

As an appointed commissioner or boardmember, State law requires two hours of training in general ethical principles and ethics laws every two years. More information will be provided upon appointment.

Some or all of the content contained in this application and its attachments may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code § 6250, Et Seq.)

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

Enter Full Name

Kenneth Mitchell



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