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**APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

*Provide the following information as it appears on your voter registration. Your voter registration status will be confirmed.*

Last Name Baker		First Name Karl	MI
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**INTERESTS / SKILLS / ABILITIES**

*List your skills, abilities, related volunteer community service and relevant interest to the office you are seeking.*

I was a member of the City Council, a member of the DHS Planning Commission and the DHS Parks and Recreation Commission which was morfed into the Cultural Arts Commission. Additionally I have 20+ years of management in the Electronics Industry. I have also served on the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Trustees; CVAG Housing and Public Safety Committees; The California League of Cities Community Development Committee and the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Committee. I hold a Masters Degree in Public Administration as well as a Masters degree in Education Administration. I was an educator--6th to 8th Grade ESL Science and Math at DSMS.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*To assess the expectations you have about serving on the City Council, and to understand the expectations other people will have of you as a council member, please respond to each of the following questions. If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet of paper. If desired, a resume may accompany your application.*

**1. Why do you want to be appointed to the Desert Hot Springs City Council?**

I feel that I can "hit the deck running". Further, I have an intense desire to use my education and experience to contribute to the smooth functioning of the City. Generally, I feel that the current City Council is moving the City in a positive direction and I would like to add my skills and experience to continue that progress. As can be seen from my past experience I have an intense desire to serve the City.

**2. How will your education, training, experience and history of community involvement make you a suitable candidate to serve as a member of the City Council?**

My education gives me an academic perspective into problem solving and my extensive experience as a community volunteer gives me the perspective into group solutions. I often have said that politics in the process of "Conflict vs, Compromise." I have been characterized as a good "compromiser—with the ability to bring two sides of an issue into agreement.

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**3. In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing the City of Desert Hot Springs?**

Not necessarily in priority order: Housing issues-conformance with State mandates; Adequate Park facilities to meet the needs of our residents especially on the east and far west sides of the City; Increasing the pay for our Police Officers; A new fire station; Updated General Plan; Constant monitoring of the revenue being generated by the cannabis industry and updating City policy as necessary for this business entity; Increasing the commercial tax base providing the residents with local shopping opportunities; a resolution of the RDA properties to enable commercial growth. Homeless issues.

**4. What vision do you have for the future of the City of Desert Hot Springs?**

To continue the current financial stability being ever mindful of the changing conditions affecting the tax base especially regarding the cannabis component of our City. To aggressively pursue the sales tax base by recruiting--wherever possible--revenue producing commercial entities. To provide incentives for more housing developments which, in turn, will make the City more attractive for commercial developme

**5. Use this space to provide any additional information or statements. Your comments will assist the City Council in giving your application the fullest consideration.**

In days gone by I was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce—when it was in existence. Further I am a church organist and have served two churches here in DHS. There was no room above but I also served the City—until elected to the Council—as a member of the Riverside County Flood Control District Advisory Board. I don't know the current status but there is a need for a comprehensive "flood plain" master plan before development can take place in the western part of our City.my familiarity with issues that face the City.

**CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION**

*I certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. In compliance with State law, I understand that I will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to office, and annually thereafter.*

  
Applicant's Signature

06/20/2019

Date