



City of Desert Hot Springs
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK



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	First Name	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.

During the past several years, I have had the opportunity of volunteering in many schools within the Coachella valley. I have worked at privately owned medical offices, behavioral health companies and at Desert Regional Medical center. Additionally, I have had the privilege of working with the San Bernardino county in multiple capacities. I have worked as a mental health specialist who coordinated with multidisciplinary teams to include: law enforcement, community members and non-profit organizations for the care and treatment of vulnerable populations. I also was able to be a part of the Workforce Education and Training which allowed me to sit in on meetings for the purpose of program planning and implementation, negotiations and partnering with outside agencies. My past experience demonstrates and ability to work with various types of individuals in both a personal and professional capacity. It also illustrates a dedication to the service of vulnerable populations who are often underrepresented.

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?

Having been born and raised in the city of Desert Hot Springs, I have a strong desire to contribute to the growth and development of this city. The changes that the city has undergone in recent years following the economic crisis of 2015, have given me, like many other community members a hope for a more sophisticated and innovative home town. Should I be honored with a position as a member of the city council my hopes are that we can continue to grow the local economy, strengthen our public safety, expand infrastructure to create a family oriented and visitor friendly environment.

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, training and experience have helped me prepare to work with individuals of diverse backgrounds at both a personal and professional capacity. I have a better understanding of how personal upbringing and environmental factors can influence the lives of individuals and how they work systematically to affect communal progress. I have learned to think critically about abstract issues and collaborate with multidisciplinary teams. I also have experience with program planning and development,

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

I find the most important issues facing the city of Desert Hot Springs to be financial security, economic development and public safety. As the city continues to develop, we must constantly strive for financial stability by maintaining adequate financial reserves. This can be achieved through budgeting and proper distribution of monies. We can also strive for economic development through business marketing using incentive programs in order to attract more business owners and stakeholders. Finally, we can strive to increase public safety through actively engaging the community in efforts to decrease crime and mitigate issues related to homelessness.

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

I hope that one day the city of Desert Hot Springs will be viewed as a place of innovation. That it will be held in the same regard or higher than that of surrounding cities. I desire for this city to be a place well-known and esteemed for its ability to defy the odds and transform into a welcoming place that offers: employment, recreation areas, entertainment facilities, quality healthcare and education, opportunity for personal growth and well-being and a modern quality of life.

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.

Please see attachment.

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

June 21, 2019
Date

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Education

California State University of San Bernardino, Palm Desert, CA

Master of Social Work

June 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

March 2017

College of the Desert, Palm Desert,

Associates of Science in Administration of Justice

May 2015

College of the Desert, Palm Desert, CA

Module III Basic Peace Officer Training

March 2015

Kaplan College, Palm Springs, CA

Medical Assistant Certificate

October 2008

Work Experience

San Bernardino County Dept. of Behavioral Health

Aug 2019- Present

Internship

- Conduct complex psychosocial assessments for the homeless population
- Diagnose mental health disorders according to the DSM-5 standards
- Educate and empower the mentally ill and community members about mental illness
- Advocate on client's behalf for fair housing and provided resources to clients
- Collaborate with a multidisciplinary team for the purpose of case management
- Provide case management services, frequently assess for suicide and homicidal ideation
- Medi-Cal documentation
- Engaged clients in evidence-based practices

Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs, CA

Internship

Sep 2017- June 2018

- Conduct psychosocial assessments including issues of substance abuse, mental health, homelessness, and the elderly.
- Assist with complex evaluations including 51/50's and hospice, coordinate with a multidisciplinary team, and complete associated documentation
- Make appropriate referrals for community resources in order to insure safe discharge
- Research and gather contact information including next of kin for trauma patients and those lacking mental capacity to relate personal facts
- Assist with hospice referrals and educate families about Advance Health Care Directives

California Psychcare, Palm Desert, CA

Behavioral Instructor

May 2017- Present

- Work with children diagnosed with autism to modify maladaptive behaviors and replace with socially appropriate behaviors

- Document client progress, collect data, and implement treatment plans
- Compile reports and statistical analysis for review by insurance companies

Desert Sands Unified School District, Palm Desert, CA

Elementary school student supervisor

Sep 2014 - May 2016

- Assisted students in resolving conflict to ensure personal and school safety
- Worked with teachers and school counselor in supporting students with difficulties outside of the school environment
- Kept record and reported incidents affecting children

Intermountain Healthcare, Salt Lake City, UT

Front Office Medical Assistant

Aug 2010- Feb 2011

- Scheduled appointments, gathered patient information, and maintenance of medical records
- Data entry, medical billing, and communicated with pharmaceutical companies
- Assisted the back office staff with minor surgeries

Palm Springs Women's Healthcare, Palm Springs, CA

Back Office Manager

Nov 2008 – Feb 2010

- Maintained patient medical records, scheduled appointments, and administered monies
- Worked with representatives of other agencies to ensure our office had a large variety of prescriptions and up to date equipment
- Assisted in minor surgical procedures and prepared patients for examination. Hired and trained new back office employees

Volunteer Experience

Rancho Mirage Elementary, Rancho Mirage, CA

Nov 2016- Present

- Read to children, assist with class activities, and compile homework packets
- Chaperone during school field trips and help with exam grading

James E. Carter elementary, Palm Desert, CA

Sep 2014- May 2016

- Graded exams and served as a chaperone during school field trips
- Read with children and assisted with group activities

Skills / Trainings

Fluent in Spanish language
DSM 5 Training
CPR certified

SPSS/Data entry
Microsoft Excel
Proficient in medical terminology

References available upon request