



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.

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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 have a BA in Theatre Arts from the University of Utah.
I served as the Chair of the Utah Stomewall Democrats, the LGBT Caucus of the party for 6 years.
I have served on the boards of Advocates for the Desert Hot Springs Library the Friends of the Desert Hot Springs Library, along with developoing the by-laws for Advocates and Diversity DHS.
I have volunteered to announce events happening in the City at Council meetings and was an administrator for DHSdaily.
I was appointed by Mayor Matas to the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission and have served as chair for two years.

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 believe my experience as chair of the various entities allow me to be able to work with others and to reach compromises that benefit all.
I had my own business for thirty two years and have the ability to communicate with people without anger and/or retribution.
I believe new blood is needed on the Council and I believe I will bring new ideas and concepts that will benefit the city and it's residents.
I am retirad and therefore have the time to devote myself full time to the Council and 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?
Refer to above.
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3. In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing the City of Desert Hot Springs?

Education of our citizens, the lack of support from the County and the PSUSD.
The rapid expansion of the Cannabis Industry and the housing situation.
Homelessness must be addressed in a level headed approach to ensure that the Citizens of DHS are safe and comfortable as we move to provide services for the homeless.
Voter apathy is critical. The city must do all it can to register citizens and explain why they MUST vote to insure that we, as a city and community, receive the funds/support we expect.
I believe we need to have a full time PR person to address the media and others when there are events/incidents here in the city.

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

I believe our city is unique from the rest of the Coachella Valley.
We must expand the work that the current administration is doing regarding the re-branding of DHS and highlight the many MANY positive people, organizations and businesses in DHS.
We must realize that we are a blue collar city with many ethnicities that must be paid attention to.
I see a City where the citizens are safe, secure and have a positive outlook on their futures here.
Communication, interaction and support from the many organizations will make everyone feel connected and working towards the betterment of the City for all.
I see us as the Gateway to the Sand to Snow Monument and this must be secured.
An immedicare facility is desperately needed for our growing population.

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.

I have very strong feelings that Desert Hot Springs has a reputation of going along to get along. I believe that DHS gets the "short end of the stick" and that must change. I believe "that this is just the way it is" is unacceptable to me and the residents of Desert Hot Springs.
I want to fight for everything I can to improve the attention and respect we deserve as a viable, vibrant, healthy and growing 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

5.23.19

Date