

Commission/Board 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 1 year to be considered when an opening does occur.

REQUIREMENTS:

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

Residency *

Length of Residency in the City of Desert Hot Springs

12 years

(Example: 2 Years)

Registered Voter *

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

☒ *Yes*

☐ *No*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name *

Devereaux

First Name *

Jacqueline

Address *

Street Address

[REDACTED]

Address Line 2

City

Desert Hot Spring

State / Province / Region

California

Postal / Zip Code

92240

Country

United States

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

WHICH COMMISSION/BOARD ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING

Number in order of preference.

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Community & Cultural Affairs Commission

☐ 1st Choice ☐ 2nd Choice ☒ 3rd Choice ☐ Not Interested

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Planning Commission

☐ 1st Choice ☒ 2nd Choice ☐ 3rd Choice ☐ Not Interested

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Public Safety Commission

☒ 1st Choice ☐ 2nd Choice ☐ 3rd Choice ☐ Not Interested

QUESTIONS

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 consideration.

Background / Work Experience / Civic Involvement

I have been a Journalist since 1984; Screenwriter since 2009; Ghostwriter since 2016; Substitute School Teacher since 2017; Public Relations/Publicist since 1999. I co-founded the Desert Star Weekly newspaper (in DHS) in 2008 and sold it and retired in 2013, but still write for it from time to time as their Editor-in-Chief Emeritus.

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

I have been working part-time as a Substitute Teacher for the Palm Springs Unified School District since June 2017.

Education / Training

I am a graduate student (currently on a leave of absence) pursuing a Master's Degree in Education at California State University, San Bernardino. I earned a bachelor's degree in Literature and Writing from the University of California, San Diego graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors. I earned a certificate from ScreenwritingU.com. I have been studying World Religions and Literature through Ding Le Mei's Institute of Mentalphysics in Yucca Valley, California since summer 2015.

Have you served on a City Commission/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)

Public Safety Commission; Planning Commission and Arts Council.

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 Commission should provide a "safe, drug-free, crime free, and gang free" city. The commissioners should work to ensure the citizens that public safety is the most important service a city can offer. Without public trust and a sense of safety, people and businesses will move out of the city and new businesses will not even dare to come to a city that's plagued with crime.

According to your own website: "The Public Safety Commission is an ongoing public forum that ensures the public is involved in the process. Commission members serve as liaison between the community leaders, citizens and the Desert Hot Spring Police Department; and review budgets and proposal for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the area of public safety."

When I owned the Desert Star Weekly from 2008 to 2013, I was a staunch supporter of the DHS Police Department. I wrote weekly articles in support of the police department and all that it did to improve the community.

My father was in the Marines, served initially as an MP, then later in life he became a Detroit Police Officer. Needless to say, I love and admire the police. I will do everything I can to promote the police department and raise up the reputation of our city.

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

I have covered city council meetings and commission meetings since 1984 working as a journalist for: The Associated Press, County News Service, ABC, NBC, CBS, and a host of other media outlets. I wrote, reported and produced news stories for more than 30 years covering politics, crime, immigration, drugs and business in San Diego, Las Vegas and the Southwest. I worked as a public relations executive in San Diego and the San Francisco bay area for Hewlett-Packard, non-profits and businesses. I worked as the Press Secretary for two highly-controversial, yet very successful mayoral campaigns - the 1992 Susan Golding for (San Diego) Mayor and the 1999 Oscar Goodman for (Las Vegas) Mayor. Mayor Goodman won a landslide victory despite being dubbed the "Mob Lawyer from Sin City."

I know how to get things done effectively.

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

There are some areas of the city where I would not walk my dogs because of illicit drug and gang activity, such as, on Granada between Palm Drive and Verbena. I would like to see this street cleaned up.

There are non-functioning cameras at several intersections in town that need to be activated so the city can start getting revenues from photo-enforced traffic violations. Why aren't those camera working?

Speeders driving west down Hacienda Avenue from Mountain View to Palm Dr., nearly kill children walking to school everyday. There is a flasher sign at Verbena, but it's not enough. Also, the downhill slop between 8th Street and Verbena is another speeders track. Our friend and neighbor, Jim Bendis,)who owned the Anahata Springs Spa, now the O Spa) had his dog run over by a hit-and-run speeder. He sold his business because of the rough neighborhood.

The homeless encampments around our parks, behind Stater Bros., and adjacent to Two Bunch Palms resort need to be addressed. It's shameful and dangerous for everyone, including the homeless. They need help.

There's a rough group of people living in the Calle Las Tiendas circle that's is drug dealing openingly everyday. I know this because I live nearby.

I could go on and on about certain problematic areas, but won't in this forum.

I believe that Desert Hot Springs is the jewel of the desert. Yes, it may be an uncut gemstone, but a gemstone it is. We have the best water, cleaner air, no traffic, cheaper prices, and the best views of the whole Coachella Valley.


I would like to offer myself to the Public Safety Commisson to serve and represent the concerned citizens of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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.)

Signature *

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

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