

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 *

[REDACTED]

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 *

13 years

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

General Information:

Name *

First and last name

Ellen Finan

Address *

Street Address, City, State, Zip

[Redacted Address]

Phone number *

[Redacted Phone Number]

Indicate the following Commissions/Boards in which you are most interested in serving
Number in order of preference

Community & Cultural Affairs Commission *

1st Choice



Planning Commission *

2nd Choice



Public Safety Commission *

Not Interested ▼

Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District *

Not Interested ▼

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

Retired High School Teacher

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

35 years of teaching at the secondary and university level/ artist/ former board member of Palm Springs Desert Art Center/present Vice President and Planner of Desert Weavers and Spinners / member DHS Historical Society/ member of 29 Palms Art Gallery and Borrego Springs Art Institute

Education / Training

BA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of San Francisco; MA in Curriculum Design from UC Riverside; received four National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grants and fellowships at St.John's, Holy Cross, University of Kentucky and Stanford.

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

I taught high school government classes about state and federal government. I was in student government at the high school and university levels.

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

I know how to build consensus, to create teams, and to articulate goals in writing and speech.

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

I do not know. I am an artist who lives in this city. I have seen public works projects but little beyond that. I know there are public parades and ethnic events. But I am not sure who are the various stakeholders and I do know how to find out. Consequently, I think visibility, transparency and information are our city's challenges in this arena.

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

Ellen Finan



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