



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

33 years

(Example: 2 Years)

Registered Voter *

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name *

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First Name *

Thomas

Address *

Street Address

[REDACTED]

Address Line 2

City

Desert Hot Springs

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 grew up in the City of Desert Hot Springs. I moved here with my parents in 1985, I was in the 8th grade. Back then there was no high school or middle school in town, we had to catch a bus to Cathedral City for middle school, and then to Palm Springs for High School. I graduated from Palm Springs High in 1990. I enlisted right out of high school into the Army for 4 years to help pay for college, so I wouldn't be a burden on my parents.

I served overseas in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, and finished my enlistment in New York at the USMA West Point. I finished my 4-year tour in 1994, and came back home and enrolled into the ITT Technical Institute out of San Bernardino.

I received my Associate in Electronic Technology in June of 1996, while commuting from Desert Hot Springs. I was set to transfer to the Irvine Campus for ITT in the Fall of 1996 to get my Bachelor's Degree, because they did not offer the Bachelor Program out of San Bernardino at the time.

I received notice in the mail that I was selected as a mail carrier in July of 1996, I had forgotten that I had applied when I was discharged out of the military, it took 2 years to get accepted. I decided to put my education on hold in order to work full time, to support a family.

I have been with the US Postal Service ever since, 24 years this coming July of 2020.

I have been married to my wife Cynthia for 27 years, we were high school sweethearts. We have 4 children, all 4 have graduated here from Desert Hot Springs High School. My wife and I participated in a lot of school activities with the children when they attended school here locally, which was very fulfilling. My youngest graduated in 2017, since then we have not really had any participation with the community at all, regarding civic duty. I now feel a calling to help the community, and think this is something I could possibly be good at. Time will tell.

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

I currently work for the US Postal Service, my current position is the Postmaster of Desert Hot Springs.

Education / Training

Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering ITT Technical Institute 1996/ Heavy Equipment Operator training in the US Army 1990/ USPS Supervisor training in 2003, Postmaster Training in 2013, USPS Advance Leadership training in 2018.

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)

Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the Commission/Board (your 1st choice) on which you would like to serve.

My knowledge of the functions of the Planning Commission is to outline the use of the current land within the City Limits to promote growth, safety, and revenue for the local population.

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

I think my analytical, and problem-solving skills will be my largest asset to the commission. This on top of my natural interest in this topic in general from a project my oldest son, Thompson, did back in 2011 that was submitted as a DIGICOM Project for school, regarding the 5 natural Vortex's that occur naturally within the City. After living here all this time, I did not realize the potential on some of the natural resources that we have within the city limits.

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

None at this time.

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



