

Citizens sought to serve on one of seven city committees or Senior Commission

The Costa Mesa City Council is seeking residents to serve on one of seven committees or the Costa Mesa Senior Commission. If you are interested in getting involved in local government, you are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is March 20.

Costa Mesa Senior Commission: This seven-member commission, which meets monthly, advises the City Council in matters related to the operation of the Costa Mesa Senior Center. It has two vacancies (one for a 4-year term; the other for a two-year term). For further information, please contact Travis Karlen at (714)754-5052.

Access, Building, Fire & Housing Board of Appeal: This seven-member committee advises on matters pertaining to building construction. The board meets and hears appeals on an as-needed basis. It has five regular member vacancies and two alternate member vacancies, all for four-year terms. For further information, please contact Khanh Nguyen at (714) 754-5604.

Bikeway & Walkability Committee: This newly established, 15-member committee will assist with the review, update and implementation of the city's Master Plan of Bikeways. The committee, which will meet monthly, will also assist in the evaluation of bikeways and pedestrian pathways in order to make recommendations for their improvement to the City Council. It has 15 regular member vacancies, all for two-year terms. For further information, please contact Raja Sethuraman at (714) 754-5032.

Cultural Arts Committee: This eleven-member committee, which meets monthly, works to promote the city's slogan, "Costa Mesa City of the Arts." The committee maintains a youth gallery in City Hall and a directory of local artists. It has seven regular member vacancies and two alternate member vacancies, all for two-year terms. For further information, please contact Justin Martin at (714) 754-5065.

Historical Preservation Committee: This eleven-member committee, which meets monthly, serves to maintain, preserve, educate and promote the city's historical resources. It has four regular member vacancies and one alternate member vacancy, all for two-year terms. For further information, please contact Justin Martin at (714) 754-5065.

Housing & Public Service Grant Committee: This ten-member committee, which meets on an as-needed basis, helps to promote community understanding of the community development process and activities funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). It has six regular member vacancies, all for two-year terms. For further information, please contact Mike Linares at (714)754-5678.

Pension Oversight Committee: This nine-member committee, which meets bi-monthly, focuses on long-term pension and financial matters as it pertains to the city's CalPERS retirement unfunded pension obligations and unfunded medical liabilities. It has nine regular member vacancies, all for two-year terms. For further information, please contact John Donlon at (714) 754-5227.

Traffic Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee: This four-member committee, which meets on an as-needed basis, assists staff on all aspects related to the updating and revision of traffic impact fees. There are four vacancies: two at-large positions representing Costa Mesa residents, one representing major developers, and one representing small developers. For further information, please contact Raja Sethuraman at (714) 754-5032.

Those interested are encouraged to complete a Commission/Committee Application Form from the City Clerk's Office or from the City's website (www.costamesaca.gov/apply). The completed application may be submitted online; mailed to Costa Mesa City Clerk at Post Office Box 1200, Costa Mesa, California, 92628-1200; faxed to (714) 754-4942; or hand-delivered to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

The deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2015. Appointments are tentatively scheduled for the April 7, 2015 City Council meeting.

For further information, please contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 754-5225 or cityclerk@costamesaca.gov.