

Costa Mesa Residents Can Apply Now to Serve on Various City Commissions

The Costa Mesa City Council is currently seeking residents to serve on the following City Commissions:

Arts Commission: This Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month. With a motto of “City of the Arts”, the City holds in highest regard the vital role of the arts in the community. The general objectives of the arts commission shall be to ensure that the City of Costa Mesa is a place where creativity and creative people can flourish; imagination, inspiration and innovation are held in high regard, arts education is essential to all and that arts and culture promotes civic pride and enriches the daily lives of Costa Mesa residents. Four members must be residents of Costa Mesa and up to three non-residents that are affiliated with the Arts. The City is recruiting for four members (Appointments by Mayor Stephens, Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, and Council Member Pettis), each for a term expiration of January 2029. For further information, contact Executive Assistant Laura Fautua at (714) 754-5009.

Parks and Community Services Commission: This Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month. The Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and works with various City departments on issues pertaining to parks, parkways, recreation, and community services. The City is recruiting for four members (Appointments by Mayor Stephens, Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, and Council Member Pettis), each for a term expiration of January 2029 and one member (Appointment by Council Member Marr), for a term expiration of January 2027. For further information, contact Executive Assistant Laura Fautua at (714) 754-5009.

Planning Commission: This Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The Commission functions as an advisory body to the City Council on issues related to the long-term growth and development of the community, on requests for general plan amendments, rezones, specific plans, environmental impact reports and amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission has authority to take final action on a variety of planning applications, including conditional use permits, variances, planned development projects, and tentative tract and parcel maps. Appeals of the Planning Commission's decisions are considered by the City Council. The City is recruiting for four members (Appointments by Mayor Stephens, Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, and Council Member Pettis), each for a term expiration of January 2029. For further information, contact Administrative Assistant Anna Partida at (714) 754-5612.

Application Process – Residents who are interested in getting involved in local government are encouraged to complete a Commission 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; emailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov; or hand-delivered to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 10, 2025. The appointments are tentatively scheduled for the Jan. 21, 2025 City Council meeting.