



PRESS RELEASE

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Committees, Commissions, Boards and Task Force: Recreation Committee, Design Review Board, Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee, Heritage Committee, Environmental Sustainability Committee, View Restoration Committee and Affordable Housing Task Force.

Interviews and appointments will be conducted on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., by the City Council in the City Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California. All applicants will be interviewed. Applicants may be contacted by City Council members prior to the interviews and appointments so please be prepared to make a brief statement about your desire to serve on a committee.

Laguna Beach residents who are interested in serving on one of these committees should obtain an application from the City Clerk's office or on-line from the City's website, www.lagunabeachcity.net and file by **Monday, January 22, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.** Questions may be directed to the City Clerk's office at 497-0705. **Applications will not be accepted after the January 22, 2018 deadline.**

Number of positions that will be open and details for the following Committees, Commissions and Boards: (* The City Council may reduce or increase the number of committee members at their discretion.)

- **(2) two-year terms on the Recreation Committee** with terms beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2020. The Recreation Committee is a seven-member body that directs their efforts in the area of providing for the recreation and park needs of the community. Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month.
- **(2) two-year term on the Board of Adjustment/Design Review Board** with terms beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2020. The Board of Adjustment/Design Review Board is a five-member body appointed by the City Council for the purpose of considering requests for variances from the zoning code. The members also sit as the City's Design Review Board. Board members serve a two-year term and are compensated in the amount of \$357.00 per month. The Board meets bi-monthly generally on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.
- A substantial time commitment of approximately 10 hours per week is necessary to be a Board member. In addition to the bi-monthly meetings, Board members are expected to visit the sites and review the plans of projects prior to the meeting. The Board acts on an average of 14 items per meeting. It is desirable to have or be able to acquire certain skills or aptitudes, such as the ability to understand and conceptualize architectural drawings, and to visualize building mass and volumes based upon on-site staking plans. Experience in the building trades, architecture, historic preservation, landscaping, planning and/or real estate would be an asset.

- **(3) two-year terms on the Parking, Traffic & Circulation Committee** with terms beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2020. The Parking, Traffic & Circulation Committee is a seven-member body that acts in an advisory capacity on matters pertaining to parking, traffic, circulation, transit, the Parking Management Plan, and traffic complaints. Meetings are generally held on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **(4) two-year terms on the Heritage Committee** with terms beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2020. The Heritage Committee is currently a seven-member body that acts in an advisory capacity to the Design Review Board, Planning Commission and City Council on matters pertaining to historic preservation such as the review of modifications to a historic structure, placement of a structure on the Historic Register; and creation of a special designation plaque program. Meetings are generally held on the third Monday of the month.
- **(3) terms on the Environmental Sustainability Committee** with terms beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2020. The Environmental Sustainability Committee is a seven-member advisory body to the City Council. The purpose for the Committee is researching, reviewing and advising the Council on items related to protecting the environment and improving the community's future sustainability. The Committee receives its work assignments from the City Council. Committee members typically work in subcommittees to research issues and policies and prepare recommendations for approval by the Committee for submission to the City Council. A personal time commitment of 10-15 hours per month may be necessary to accomplish tasks. Regular meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Meetings may be two or more hours, and often require a great deal of preparation time.
- **(2) two-year terms on the View Restoration Committee** with terms beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2020. Members of the View Restoration Committee adjudicate view claims submitted by property owners to restore pre-existing views that are alleged to be significantly impaired by vegetation. The five-member committee of local residents appointed by the City Council conduct public hearings to review claims, hear testimony and determine significant view impairment. The Committee may approve a view restoration order and establish a maintenance schedule for the subject vegetation on the property. The View Restoration Committee generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- **(5) positions to serve on the Affordable Housing Task Force** to research and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding a dedicated funding source for affordable housing.

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