



City of East Palo Alto

CITY ADVISORY BODIES VACANCIES

A CALL TO ACTION & COMMUNITY SERVICE

RESIDENTS OF EAST PALO ALTO

- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE SHAPING AND CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CITY?**
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE AND MOTIVATIONAL IDEAS ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF YOUR CITY THAT AFFECT YOUR YOUTH, SENIORS AND NEIGHBORHOODS?**
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS GUIDING THIS ACTION?**

THE CITY ISSUES RESIDENTS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY. THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO PRESENTS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED BY INTERVIEWING FOR AND SERVING ON ONE OF ITS ADVOSYR BODIES .

INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS TO CONDUCTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

City of East Palo Alto Residents are invited to serve on the City Advisory Bodies described below that have vacancies as a result of expiring terms and/or vacant seats.

If you are interested in volunteering, (certain advisory bodies allow for stipends), to serve on one of these advisory bodies and wish to complete an application and interview by City Council process please do so before the deadline listed below. **Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 or on the City's Website and attached to this ad. You may also call for an application at 650.853.3100.**

The Deadline is: **EXTENDED AND OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. APPLICATION CAN BE PICKUP AT THE CITY CLERK;S OFFICE, ONLINE AT CITY'S WEBSITE AND IN THE EAST PALO ALTO LIBRARY.** Applicants must be residents of East Palo Alto and are required to familiarize themselves with the purpose of the advisory bodies they are interested in serving on prior to being interviewed by the City Council. The lengths of terms may vary from 1 to 3 years, beginning and ending as the advisory body policies on positions indicate.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Total Number of Positions: 8 (7 Full-time Members, 1 Alternate). **Vacancy: 1 Alternate.** The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month – 7:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers, City Hall. The Planning Commission reviews development proposals on private land for compliance with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Commission reviews all development proposals requiring a Use Permit, Design Review, Variance, Subdivision and Environmental Review associated with these projects. The Commission is the final decision-making body for these applications, unless an appeal is made to the City Council/ Redevelopment Agency.

The Commission serves as a recommending body to the City Council/ Redevelopment Agency for re-zonings, Zoning Ordinance amendments, General Plan amendments and the environmental reviews associated with those projects. In addition, the Commission works on special projects as assigned by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency.

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD – Total Number of Positions: 10 (7 Full time Members, 3 Alternates). **Vacancies: Total of 6 - - 2 Landlord Regular Representative, 2 year terms and 1 Landlord Alternate, 1 year term; 2 HomeOwner, 2 year terms; and 1 Tenant Representative Alternate, 1 year term.** The Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month – 7:00p.m. – Council Chambers, City Hall. The Rent Stabilization Board is organized according to City Ordinance as approved by the voters. Total Board Composition includes: 3 Tenant Regular Representatives; 1 Tenant Alternate Position; 2 Homeowner Representatives; 1 Homeowner Alternate Representative; 2 Landlord Representatives; 1 Landlord Alternate Representative

Roles and Responsibilities: Carry out the purpose of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance; Protect residential tenants from unreasonable and illegal rent increases; Protect residential tenants from arbitrary, discriminatory and/or retaliatory evictions pursuant to Section 13 of the Ordinance; Ensuring residential tenants a clean, safe and habitable dwelling pursuant to the Warranty of Habitability; Quasi-Judicial Role includes sitting as an Appeals Board to hear and decide Tenant and Landlord Petitions for Individual Rent Adjustments and /or hearings on a Individual Rent Adjustments or Net Operating Income Adjustments; Attend Landlord and Tenant Outreach and Education events; and Assuring Landlords both a fair and equitable return on their investment sufficient to cover costs of maintenance, operating expenses and the costs of capital improvements.

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Total Number of Positions: 9 (9 Full time members, 2 Alternates). **Upcoming Vacancies: Total of 5 -- 2 Regular-Two year terms; 2 Regular- Three year term; 1 Alternate 1-year term.** The Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each Month – 6:30p.m. – City Hall. The purpose of the Senior Advisory Committee is to encourage, foster, facilitate,

establish and propose programs and services which enhance the social, economic, recreational, cultural and personal well-being of the City's senior population. The City Council requested that the Advisory Committee (a) recommend new City programs and services which can address the needs of seniors; (b) review existing programs and services and assess the benefits that they provide to the City's senior population; and (c) provide information to the council and other boards and commissions of the City regarding matters that affect the City's senior populations.

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – Total Number of Positions: 8 (7 Full time Members, 1 Alternate). **Upcoming Vacancy: Total of 2—1 Regular 2 year term; 1 Alternate, 1 year term.** The Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month – 7:30p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall. This Commission is charged with advising the City Council on matters related to the adequacy and improvement of all types of public and private transportation within the City including: the best approaches to establishing and maintaining systems and facilities for the transport of people and goods around the City; the coordination of motor vehicle, bicycle, mass transit and pedestrian traffic facilities; the development and encouragement of the most efficient and least detrimental overall transportation systems for the City that support the goals of the General Plan; coordination with regional transportation systems; and serving as an appeals board for appeals from staff determinations concerning establishment of traffic signs, pavement markings, speed zones, parking regulations, traffic signals, bike lanes, bus stops, etc.

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Deputy City Clerk
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(650)853-3100

You may also find this ad and the Advisory Body application on line in the “In the Spotlight Section” AND ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MINUTES PAGE (Homepage, or in the City’s public library – 2415 University Avenue.



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APPLICATION FOR CITY ADVISORY BODIES

The following information will be helpful to the City Council in evaluating your interest in, and qualifications for appointment to a City Advisory Body.

Please note that the information supplied on this application can become public information

Please type or print clearly

Board or Advisory Group Applying for: _____

Date: _____

Name:

Address:

(Note: City residency is required of all Advisory Bodies appointees)

Telephone No. _____

Number of years as a City of East Palo Alto resident: _____

Occupation:

Business Address/Telephone No: (Optional)

Email address:

Education:

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other City Boards, Commissions or Committees:

Please describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Board, Commission or Committee that you are applying for and how your personal, community and/or professional experience relates or can contribute to those responsibilities:

Please describe briefly why you wish to serve on this Board, Commission or Committee and what you hope to accomplish as a member:

Information about the Procedure

The application process may take from six weeks to two months. Vacancies are advertised for approximately 30 days with a specific filing deadline. Deadlines may be extended. The City Council will review all applications and will make an appointment at a regular City Council meeting. Full terms are for a period of three (3) years. Members are limited to two consecutive full terms*.

***Full/Unexpired Term**

If a person is appointed to fill an unexpired term and serves less than two years, that time will not be considered a full term. However, if a person is appointed to fill an expired term and serves at least two years or more, that time will be considered a full term.

Time Commitments

Serving on a City Advisory Body may require one or two night meetings per month, with each meeting averaging three to four hours. You may also be asked to serve on additional subcommittees. Members are expected to attend all meetings. Attendance at less than two-thirds of scheduled meetings may result in removal from the advisory board by the City Council's directives. Information regarding the meeting times and dates of each Advisory Body is available from the City Clerk.

Signature of Applicant

**Please return to the Office of the City Clerk
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East Palo Alto, CA 94303
Tel: 650.853-3127
Fax: 650.853-3115**