



CITY OF LAWDALE
CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY
CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BODIES

The City of Lawndale encourages residents to apply for appointment to city commissions, committees, and boards. Unless otherwise noted below, a) the term of all appointments began on **March 1, 2023** and will expire on **February 28, 2025**; and b) to qualify for these positions, applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have resided in the city of Lawndale for at least 30 consecutive days prior to submitting the written application. Current members are:

Planning Commission (5 members). Recommends plans for the regulation of the growth, property development and beautification of the city; takes actions or recommends actions to the City Council that are necessary to carry out the provisions of the municipal code and the Conservation and Planning Act of the state; makes decisions related to the construction of buildings, the subdivision of real property, and traffic.

On February 21, 2023, John Martinez, Madonna Sitka, Ni Kal S. Price and Scott Smith had their terms extended to February 28, 2025. Daniel Urrutia was appointed on February 21, 2023.

Parks, Recreation & Social Services Commission (5 members). Advises the City Council regarding social and leisure programs; works with others to identify gaps and areas of duplication in social services; assists with scheduling of facilities and promoting citizen participation in non-tax-supported programs; is authorized to operate a 4th of July fireworks booth and may use its profits to make purchases related to social and leisure services and events.

On February 21, 2023, Daniel Woods and Ignatius Lin had their terms extended to February 28, 2025. Ana Maria Grisales, Joanne Loeza, and Kenneth Miller were appointed on February 21, 2023. Ana Maria Grisales resigned on April 10, 2023. Uriel Gomez was appointed on November 6, 2023.

Beautification Committee (7 members). Sponsors "Clean Up Week" and a holiday decoration competition; sponsors awards programs to recognize homeowners and businesses for significantly improving building appearances; develops a beautification program in conjunction with city-sponsored community functions; and participates in the city's Art in Public Places Program.

On March 6, 2023, Blanca Cueva, Karen Escamilla, Olga Gonzalez, and Judy Oldziewski had their terms extended to February 28, 2025. Edna McQuirter was appointed on March 6, 2023. Raul Lamas-Vargas was appointed on November 6, 2023.

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (12 members). Advises the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission on matters relating to senior citizen needs and programs. Appointees must be 55 years of age or older and (a) reside within Lawndale, or (b) participate in the city's senior citizen program and reside within any of those cities commonly known as the South Bay cities.

On June 5, 2023, Adriana Heidman, Harlika O'Balles, Larry Stouch, and Ruthi Davis had their terms extended to February 28, 2025. Timothy H. Roberts was appointed on June 5, 2023. Evelyn Legarda and Louise Gomez were appointed on November 6, 2023.

Youth Advisory Committee (7 members). Advises the City Council on matters relating to youth and teen programs and activities. Appointees must be Lawndale residents in grades six through 12, who are 18 years of age or less. Applicants must submit a Youth Activity/Class Registration form in addition to the written application for appointment. A parent or legal guardian must sign both forms if the applicant is a minor. Members serve a two-year term beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of each even numbered year.

Vacant. No appointments have been made at this time.

Personnel Board (5 members). Hears appeals by employees regarding disciplinary action, dismissal, demotion, charge of discrimination or alleged violation of the municipal code or the rules and regulations of the classified service. The City Council seeks qualified professional persons with education, training, and experience in the field of labor management, personnel relations and employee discipline to serve on this board. Lawndale residency is not required.

On February 21, 2023 John Clark, George Pelzl, Marcela Paez, Mercedes Santacruz, and Golden Thrower had their terms extended to February 28, 2025.

Pursuant to the Maddy Act, California Government Code 54970, at the time that vacancies occur in any council appointed body, the city will advertise such openings by posting a notice of vacancy in City Hall at 14717 Burin Avenue and on the city's website (www.lawndalecity.org). Applications are available at City Hall and on the website. The City Clerk Department will accept applications at any time.

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