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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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Recreation And Parks Commission: Submitted

Question applies to Recreation And Parks Commission

**How long have you lived in Beverly Hills?** \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant must be a resident of the City for a minimum of two years prior to filing an application, and if selected, remain a resident to serve.)

I have lived in Beverly Hills for about 15years.

Question applies to multiple boards

**Occupation:**

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Tech Recutier

Question applies to multiple boards

**Have you ever been a paid lobbyist/legislative advocate? If so, when and before which Commission(s)?:**

N/A

Question applies to multiple boards

**Have you ever applied to the Team Beverly Hills Program?**

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Yes two times

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you a member or alumnus of the Team Beverly Hills Program?**

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I am an alumnus of Team BH 2022-23

Question applies to multiple boards

**Have you applied previously for a Commission appointment? If so, which Commission(s)?**

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No i haven't.

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Completed applications may be emailed to [CityClerk@beverlyhills.org](mailto:CityClerk@beverlyhills.org) or returned to the City Clerk's Office at 455 North Rexford Drive, Suite 290, Beverly Hills, California 90210. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at telephone number 310.285.2400. Thank you.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**In order that we may preserve the integrity of the application and interview process, please direct all inquiries to the City Clerk, City Manager or the Director of Community Services. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or members of the Recreation & Parks Commission regarding the Recreation & Parks Commission vacancy.**

**SERVING ON THE RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION**

Applications for the Recreation & Parks Commission may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. It is recommended that interested candidates try to attend one or more meetings of the Commission to familiarize themselves with current issues. All applicants will be interviewed by a subcommittee of both the City Council and Recreation & Parks Commission (two members of each). Following these interviews, the subcommittee will recommend the names of one or more top candidates to the full City Council. City Councilmembers may then conduct further interviews before they make a final selection at a formal City Council meeting.

Candidates who have additional questions should feel free to contact the Director of Community Services or the City Clerk. Staff members will do their best to answer your questions and provide any additional background information that is needed.

The City Council and staff are very appreciative of the interest of all applicants.

Question applies to Recreation And Parks Commission

**1. Please list community activities/organizations with which you are currently involved and past activities/organizations in which you have participated:**

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I have been supporting different projects for about 25 years. I started at the Red Cross Madison NJ chapter and was invited to become a board member which i served for 3 years. After that i was class mom at Horace Mann and volunteered for many events such as - book fair, field trips science fair, etc In 2020 i started volunteering my time at City Greens Community Farm - i am now the board since the beginning of 2023. Its a non profit educational, hydroponic farm and community movement located at the VA in West LA

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**2. Describe any technical experience (landscape design; arboriculture; leisure services; social work) or other background experiences which would prove useful to you as a Recreation and Parks Commissioner (educational, business or personal):**

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Since i have been volunteering my time at the hydroponic community farm i am passionate about conserving water and land usage to help with the global carbon footprint. Bringing these farming experiences to the role of park and rec commissioner i feel has equipped me with valuable knowledge and skills that can contribute to a well rounded perspective on the commission.

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**3. Why do you wish to be a member of the Recreation and Parks Commission? (Specifically, why have you chosen this form of community service over the many other avenues of service available in the Beverly Hills community?)**

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I have a passion for BH community and want to contribute to its development by making smart water usage ideas. I want to be an environmental steward by a desire to protect and preserve the environment for the next generation. By joining the commission i can advocate for sustainable practices, green initiatives and the conversation of natural resources in the parks and recreation areas. Enhancing quality of life for BH residents as Parks and Recreational facilities play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for our current and future community.

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**4. Have you attended one or more Recreation and Parks Commission meetings within the past 12 months (in-person or virtually)? Please comment on your reactions. What key topics were of interest to you and why?**

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No i haven't but plan to attend the one coming up on May 23rd.

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**5. How much time do you envision giving to the Recreation and Parks Commission? What other commitments might cause conflicts in your scheduling of Commission meetings or other related activities? Meetings are currently held the 4th Tuesday of every month (except July) at 2:00 p.m.**

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Since the meetings are towards the end of the work day for me i will be able to committing to every 4th Tuesday of every month at 2pm. i can work around commission engagements if need be by collaborating with the other commissioners for meetings outside of the monthly schedule.

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**6. What do you see as the major Recreation (Leisure/Cultural Services) and/or Park planning issues currently facing Beverly Hills?**

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Climate Change and Natural Disasters- parks and recreational areas are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, such as drought, wildfire and floods that we have seen in the recent years in CA. Commissioners need to develop strategies to mitigate these risks, protect park infrastructure and promote resiliency by overcoming budget constraints to we can maintain and improve our community parks and recreational areas.

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**How would you describe the appropriate relationship amongst the Commissioners and between the Commission and community service organizations using recreation/park facilities? Would you find it difficult to vote in opposition to someone you know?**

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The appropriate relationship among commissioners should be one that balances professionalism, respect and collaboration. Commissioners are appointed to effectively carry out their responsibilities. It is important to foster an environment where differing opinions and healthy debates are encouraged. Voting in opposition to someone you know can indeed be challenging as personal relationships can sometimes influence our judgment. However , as a commissioner, it is crucial to prioritize the best interests of the BH community and the city as i am representing the needs of the community.

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**8. What past or current Recreation & Parks classes, events, or activities have you participated in? Are there any areas of service with Recreation & Parks where you think the City performs really well? Or any areas of service within Recreation and Parks that you feel are lacking, or haven't been well served?**

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Senior program - my mom was visiting from India so i enrolled her for a few classes at Roxbury park - these specialized programs such as fitness classes tailored to seniors promoted an inclusive and age-friendly community for her. We love dog carnival we attend it religiously every year. Car show for Fathers day the Art festival to name a few.