

**Profile**

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

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 BH since June 2012 - almost 11 years.

Question applies to multiple boards

**Occupation:**

Writer?Consultant

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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No

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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.

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#### **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.**

- Private groups' use of parks and park facilities
- Park rules and regulations
- Programs involving preschool/childcare, youth/teen activities, after-school enrichment, senior adults, health & wellness, recreation & fitness, sports activities, community programs including those with special needs, community events, free & fee-based classes and workshops, etc.
- Conservation efforts to restore historical sites

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.

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

When I lived in Aspen I served s the Chairman of the Commercial Core & Lodging Commission. The board was focused on promoting vitality and success of Aspen's downtown core for business owners, locals and visitors, and to act as liaison between City Council, City Staff, business owners and managers. I also served on a Special Housing Board focused on Affordable Housing, a major issue in Aspen for year.

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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):**

I have worked in the entertainment world owning an ad agency, the financial world owning a mortgage company, and invested in many RE projects in the USA and abroad. I currently bought into a Pickleball Events company. Overall, I am an out of the box thinker and have used that skill to successfully work on various projects. I also a researcher - which means I always have the facts on hand as opposed to an opinion on what the actually facts are.

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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?)**

Based on what is available I think this is my best fit. I will admit I am also very frustrated with the overall operation of this department as it does not seem to be very organized. Maybe now that Ms. Rodgers had departed - this will change?

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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?**

Yes. I am most interested in the Pickleball controversy and how to expand it to serve more of the community. I do not think there is a real grasp on how and when the courts are actually being used. Also, maintenance is a mess. Flooded courts not addressed properly. Bathroom when broken are not replaced with Porta Potties. It seems someone or this commission could help rectify these and other issues. i

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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.**

I will give it as much time as needed. I make my own 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?**

Pickleball is certainly a hot topic. There are solutions that other cities have adopted. The use of city funds for certain surveys (example: the noise survey) was a waste of money. The better solution was to get out there in person and open your ears. Didn't need to spend \$\$\$ on that.

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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?**

An appropriate relationship requires the ability to listen to the public, make sure the research is correct, and arbitrate to find a solution that is fair. I have voted in opposition to people I knew all the time when I lived in Aspen... so NO - not an issue for me.

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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?**

I tried to put on a Pickleball Tournament and found the process extremely frustrating. Overall, it was one of the worst experiences of my life in for something that should have been easy.