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## **Apply for Team Beverly Hills and Learn About Your Local Government**

### ***City's Leadership Program Accepting Applications for 2018-19 Class***

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – Do you have a curiosity for how your local government works? Maybe you've been thinking about becoming a commissioner for the City's eleven commissions. Are you looking to run for City Council one day because you want to make a difference in your community? Maybe you just want the knowledge to know how things work. You can learn all about your local government through the [Team Beverly Hills](#) Program.

Team Beverly Hills provides residents with a hands-on look at how local government works. This six-month leadership and educational program which features nine class sessions and interactive experiences with many departments, highlights various City operations including public works, emergency management, information technology, the library, recreation and parks, and public safety. "Since 1996, over 640 residents have completed Team Beverly Hills. I believe the number of people who go through this program is an affirmation to its popularity among community members," says Stephanie Harris, Management Analyst and Team Beverly Hills Coordinator.

The Beverly Hills City Council will appoint 42 new members in July for the 2018-19 program which begins in the fall.

Through programs such as Team Beverly Hills, citizens each year become more involved and informed about their city and community. Currently, over 81 percent of commissioners and elected officials serving on one of the City's eleven Commissions are Team BH alumni members and over 100 members regularly volunteer their time at City events, programs and even directly assisting City Departments. Additionally, Mayor Julian Gold and two of our newest members to City Council, Councilmember Lester Friedman (Class of 2008) and Councilmember Robert Wunderlich (Class of 2010) are Team Beverly Hills alumni.

"The Team Beverly Hills program was created to encourage leadership, celebrate community and encourage civic involvement. We hope participants take the knowledge they've gained and become more involved in the community," says Larry Kohn, Team Beverly Hills Chairperson.

To learn more about Team Beverly Hills or to apply online, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills](http://www.beverlyhills.org/teambeverlyhills). Applications are now being accepted through June 15, 2018.

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