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**Profile**

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

Planning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

**How long have you resided 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.)**

24 years

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Occupation:**

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Retired attorney

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Do you work in Beverly Hills?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

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Traffic and Parking - served 6 years Rent Stabilization - served 3 years

Question applies to Planning Commission

**1. Please list community activities in which you are presently involved, and relevant activities in which you have participated in the past (including years of service):**

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Rent Stabilization Commission Chair (3 years, present chair) Beverly Hills Active Adult Club Vice-President and Treasurer (6 years) Prior - General Plan Topic Committee for 2 years with Mark Scott

Question applies to Planning Commission

**2. Please describe any technical expertise (building, architectural, construction management, development, planning, or landscape design), or other background information (education, business, or personal) that might be useful to you as a Planning Commissioner:**

My legal background, past experience working with City staff, and observing how our planning commissioners have analyzed issues and questioned applicants, gives me the background to carry forward the job of these talented individuals. In a prior jurisdiction, I served on the zoning board of adjustment (an adjunct to the planning commission dedicated to variance applications. Serving on the rent stabilization commission, I have the experience of reviewing BH ordinances in relation to county and state law.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**3. Have you observed one or more full Planning Commission meetings within the last 12 months? Please comment on your reactions.**

I was invited to an early community outreach for Cheval Blanc. Since then, I have watched every PC meeting on TV.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**4. Please rate your ability to read and interpret architectural plans: \***

Proficient

Question applies to Planning Commission

**5. The Planning Commission regularly meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in the afternoon. How much time do you envision giving to the Planning Commission? How often are you out of town? What other commitments might cause conflicts in your attendance at Commission meetings or activities?**

As I am retired, I would devote as much time as needed, as I have done with TPC and RSC. I would surmise 15 hours a month, sometimes more. I am never out of town, and I would have no conflicts.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**6. Are you familiar with the City's General Plan? What do you see as significant planning issues currently facing Beverly Hills?**

Yes, I spent two years as a member of the general plan sub-committee on community involvement, where I began appreciating the need for community members to be heard. Current planning issues are the state mandated increase in rental housing, development within the business triangle, outdoor dining and historical housing retention.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**7. How do you view the balance between the rights of property owners (business and residential) to develop their properties versus the rights of neighbors who may be impacted by such development? You may wish to reference a recent issue as an example.**

More recently, 332 South Doheny, where a developer wishes to replace a single family house with nine apartment units.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**8. How would you describe an appropriate relationship between the Commissioners and applicants? Would you find it difficult to vote against a friend? Would you find it difficult to vote differently than fellow Commissioners?**

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Going back to my general plan days on the community processes sub-committee, Commissioners should encourage applicants to present all relevant information as to their position. I have had no problem voting against a friend in the past, and hope those that I did, know that I did so after carefully reviewing all sides of an issue. I have always expressed and voted for what I felt was in the best interest for Beverly Hills, regardless of what my fellow commissioners stood.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**9. Why do you wish to be a member of the Planning Commission? Specifically, why have you chosen this form of community service over the many other avenues of community service available in our community?**

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I truly believe that my devotion to our City through all of my past activities, my legal training and past commission experience, as well as having viewed every commission meeting since Cheval Blanc was presented, puts me in an excellent position to carry forward the outstanding jobs done by our current and past planning commissioners. Additionally, in another jurisdiction, I sat on the zoning board of adjustment, which was an adjunct to the planning commission solely dedicated to hearing variance applications.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**Completed applications may be returned to the City Clerk's Office, Room 290, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 310.285.2400.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**So 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 Development. Please DO NOT contact the City Councilmembers or the members of the Planning Commission regarding the Planning Commission vacancies.**

**Serving on the Beverly Hills Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustments and Planning Agency**

The Planning Commission is one of twelve (12) Commissions appointed by the City Council to carry out a variety of delegated functions. The City Manager, Department Heads, and other City staff who work for the City Council provide staff support to the Commissions. The Community Development Department provides primary staff support to the Planning Commission, although depending on the issues, other Departments occasionally provide support as well. The Community Development Department also provides primary support to the City's Architectural Commission, Design Review Commission, Cultural Heritage Commission, and Rent Stabilization Commission. As with the other Departments, Community Development staff also provides support to other Commissions and to the City Council.

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There are five Planning Commission positions, serving a staggered first term of two years, with a single four-year reappointment possible. Commissioners generally serve until their replacements are appointed. It is recommended that those seeking appointment attend a few Planning Commission meetings to familiarize themselves with some of the current issues and to see how the meetings are conducted.