



**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH  
BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION**

Name of Board/Commission

Name  Phone Number

Address

Email

Occupation/Profession

Employer Name & Address

**REFERENCES (Please List Three References)**

Personal:

Professional:

Other:

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE (Past and Present)**

Why do you wish to serve on the Board/Commission?

I am a current Parks and Recreation Commissioner. I'd like to continue to serve the community in this role. I approach this responsibility thoughtfully on behalf of the entire community. It would be an honor to continue to use my deep experience on this Commission and in the arts, culture, events, parks, recreation, and more for the benefit of Hermosa Beach.

Which duties and responsibilities of the Board/Commission are important to you and why?

They are all important.

First, the obvious. In my advisory role to the Council, I come to the meetings prepared. Particularly when a new policy/event will be reviewed, I will go beyond what is sent in the staff report to obtain additional background so I can make a more fully informed and fair decision on an issue. I attend each meeting with an open mind welcoming the opportunity to respectfully engage with residents, businesses, event producers, non-profits, my fellow commissioners and staff.

To better serve community uses of our parks and public facilities, the Commission has been advocating for more communication between the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Public Works Commission and staff, in compliance with Brown Act, in areas of overlap. I think this is a critical part of planning. Our city has a tremendous amount of deferred maintenance. We are making progress. The Clark Building is about to reopen as an improved and beautiful venue. I served on the Clark subcommittee. This project benefitted from the joint planning and communication between Parks and Public Works Commission members, and both city departments.

An example of a current project that could have benefitted by more Parks Commission engagement is CIP 603 South Park Slope and Irrigation project.

Another duty I feel is important is balance. We have limited space and resources. We need to ensure we are making decisions that offer a variety of events and cultural experiences that are inclusive of all ages and interests.

Included in the mission of the Community Resources Department is a call out to "promote preservation and interpretation of historical, cultural resources, the natural environment and human resources." Our city does not have an Arts and Culture Commission. I think we can do a better job in uplifting, promoting, and supporting arts and cultural resources in our city. Working on the renovation of the Clark Building was important. I also served on our subcommittee, with Commissioner Lange, on the Community Theatre assessment. We really should prioritize renovation of our theatre. You have expertise on the Parks and Recreation Commission that can work on furthering an arts/public arts master plan. Why wasn't our Commission brought into the mix regarding the utility box arts project as a partner with Public Works?

Do you have any current or past obligations or responsibilities, which could be construed as a conflict of interest with the position you are applying for?      NO     

If yes, please explain below:

Please add your education, employment, memberships, past activities, or other experience you feel qualifies you to serve on the Board/Commission.

In my current employment position, I serve as the Consultant to the Joint Committee on the Arts for the CA State Legislature, working directly for Senator Ben Allen, who is the chair of this committee.

Senator Allen and I have been part of our state’ s Creative Economy Workgroup, developing a statewide plan in support of the arts and creative industries/workforce.

He also chairs the Senate Special Committee on International Sporting Events: Olympics and World Cup Soccer. I am part of our staff working group for this committee. I have worked on prior Olympics and with the IOC. I’ d like our Commission to work, at the direction of the City Council, in exploring ways we can engage with LA28. I recently met with the French Consul General for a debriefing on the Paris Games. As we’ ve seen, as event venues are announced, there are ways to activate areas outside the host city can be engaged. This was done very successfully for the Paris Games.

I serve as Senator Allen’ s surrogate to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and represent him at the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board meetings.

I have experience in event planning - from small to 10,000 person events, in advocating for educational arts programs (volunteered at Valley School, appointed to educational working groups, was a co-founder of Hermosa Beach Youth Music, a non - profit to bring music education back into Hermosa Beach schools), have been a consultant for and worked with other local non-profits (served on board of the Hermosa Beach Fine Arts Festival).

My experience aligns with the duties of this Commission.

<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Meeting Schedule</u>
Building Board of Appeals	City Council Chambers	Second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

This five-member board provides reasonable interpretations of the Building Code [HBMC 15.04.020]

Civil Service Board	City Council Chambers	Third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.
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This five-member board serves as the City's Review Board pertaining to personnel functions and Civil Service Rules and Regulations, including review and approval of job specifications and eligibility lists [HBMC 2.76.060-2.76.090].

Parks, Recreation & Community Advisory Commission	City Council Chambers	First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
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This five-member commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Community Resources Department; cooperates with other governmental agencies and civic groups on the advancement of sound leisure, cultural, social services and educational programming; provides guidance and approvals for City special events; and formulates policies on the services, programs and lease agreements of the Department, subject to approval of the City Council [HBMC 2.28].

Planning Commission	City Council Chambers	Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (in December meeting is on the second Monday)
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This five-member commission is governed in all respects and performs duties as prescribed by applicable state and local laws. The primary purpose of the Commission is to maintain and enhance the environment of the community, which entails advance or long-range planning (updating of the General Plan and specific elements), current planning (short-range projects), and land use controls (administering to the code and review of all subdivisions and zoning petitions). The Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council on all matters pertaining to zoning, conditional use permit process, etc. [HBMC 2.32].

Public Works Commission	City Council Chambers	Third Wednesday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November) at 7 p.m.
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The duties of this five-member commission are to review and make recommendations to the City Council on all capital improvement program projects, assist with developing and updating design guidelines for public improvements and other matters referred to the Commission by the City Council [HBMC 2.80].

Do you foresee any scheduling problems that might cause you to miss meetings? NO

How long have you lived in Hermosa Beach?

Additional comments:

I have read the roles and responsibilities of the Board/Commission I am applying for. If required, I will submit proof of my voter registration status at the time I submit my application (voterstatus.sos.ca.gov).

I understand a resume must be submitted to the city clerk's office at the time I submit my application to be considered for the position.

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