



Planning Commission

This commission makes recommendations regarding implementation and updating of the General Plan and policy issues that affect long-range planning for the city. It reviews development projects and the Capital Improvement Program for consistency with the Growth Management Plan and suggests special studies when appropriate.

Senior Commission

This commission makes recommendations on the special needs and concerns of senior citizens, including the creation, operation, maintenance, management and control of senior citizen programs, activities and facilities.

Traffic Safety Commission

This commission makes recommendations on matters involving traffic, pedestrian, parking and school safety and provides a public forum to review public complaints and requests regarding traffic and pedestrian safety.

Requirements for Service

As a member of a city board, commission or committee, you may be required to periodically report your financial interests including investments, income, interest in real property and business interests. This information, reported on financial disclosure forms, is a public record. The Office of the City Clerk will provide information regarding filing requirements and mandatory ethics training.

Requirements for service for each board, commission and committee are available on the city website, www.carlsbadca.gov, the Carlsbad Municipal Code and in the Office of the City Clerk, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive.

Getting Started

If you are interested in serving, the city recommends you review the functions and responsibilities of the board, commission or committee, attend meetings and speak to those who have served or are currently serving. Meeting dates and times are posted on the city's website. Prospective members are also encouraged to attend Citizens Academy, a free seven week program held twice a year about how the city operates and makes decisions. Participants are chosen on a first come, first served basis, and most can be accommodated within six months of signing up for this popular program.

How to Apply

To apply, you must fill out an application. Applications are available on the city's website and at the Office of the City Clerk. As vacancies come up, the City Council will review applicants and make appointments through a process outlined in the Carlsbad Municipal Code.



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Boards, Commissions and Committees



Get Involved
in Your City Government





The City of Carlsbad has a number of boards, commissions and committees that provide input, guidance and recommendations on key decisions affecting Carlsbad. The Carlsbad City Council welcomes your involvement in these groups. Learn more in the sections that follow.



Arts Commission

The Arts Commission advises the City Council on the implementation of the arts element of the Carlsbad General Plan. It encourages educational experiences in the arts for residents, provides direction and support for continued development and presentation of a variety of arts in the city, provides a forum for arts concerns and makes recommendations on all works of art to be acquired by the city.

Beach Preservation Committee

This committee is made up of seven members and advises the City Council on results of topics or studies related to beach erosion and shoreline preservation.

Buena Vista Joint Powers Committee

This committee is made up of two City Council members and one Carlsbad resident who serve on the Buena Vista Lagoon Watershed Coordinating Committee with representatives of Vista and Oceanside.

Carlsbad Golf Lodging Business Improvement District Board

This board includes three members, two of whom are appointed from member hotels and one member appointed from a Carlsbad golf course establishment. It administers marketing and visitor programs to promote golf-related tourism.

Carlsbad Tourism Business Improvement District Board

This board has seven members, all of whom must be either hotel operators or in the industry within the district. It administers marketing and visitor programs to promote the City of Carlsbad as a tourism visitor destination.

Historic Preservation Commission

This commission advises the City Council and Planning Commission in all matters relating to the identification, protection, retention and preservation of historic areas and sites within the city.

Housing Commission

This commission advises and makes recommendations regarding affordable housing programs, policies and regulations, requests financial or incentive assistance for the development of affordable housing projects, and requests the sale or purchase of affordable housing credits.

Library Board of Trustees

This board advises and makes recommendations relating to the operation of the library, recommends contractual arrangements and mutual agreements with other libraries, cities and San Diego County for borrowing, lending and exchanging books and publications, and performs a liaison role between the library and the community.

Parks and Recreation Commission

This commission advises and makes recommendations on matters pertaining to community parks, programs, playgrounds, indoor and outdoor recreations, activities and facilities, and trees, shrubs and plants in any public place within the city.