



# CITY OF PALM DESERT

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## LOCAL APPOINTMENTS November 1, 2024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54972, the requirements of the Local Appointments List of the City of Palm Desert as of November 1, 2024, is listed below. Palm Desert residency is required to serve on a board, commission, or committee, but non-residents may be invited to provide particular expertise. Appointees may be subject to other requirements as outlined in the Palm Desert Municipal Code.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION

This commission reviews the building architecture and landscape design of all commercial and residential development and modifications to assure compatibility with the City's objectives and policies. The Commission consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 12:30 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Carlos Flores, Principal Planner  
Email: [cflores@palmdesert.gov](mailto:cflores@palmdesert.gov)  
Phone: 760-776-6478

Member	Original Appointment	Term Expires
Nicholas Latkovic	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Michael T. McAuliffe	February 14, 2013	June 30, 2025
James G. McIntosh	February 14, 2013	June 30, 2025
John Vuksic	January 25, 2000	June 30, 2025
Francisco Sanchez	August 25, 2022	June 30, 2026
Dean Wallace Colvard	July 12, 2022	June 30, 2026
James Edward Blakley	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026

### BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

This board hears appeals regarding the interpretation of the California Building Code, and condemnation and abatement of dangerous structures. It consists of five (5) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held as needed, typically at 1:00 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Jason Finley, Chief Building Official  
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Phone: 760-776-6420

**BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS – Continued**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Joseph Gaugush	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Allan Levin	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Vacancy		June 30, 2028
Vacancy		June 30, 2028
Vacancy		June 30, 2028

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee promotes civic education and engagement, to help residents better understand local government, to foster a positive sense of community, and to prepare the next generation of local government leaders. It consists of up to twelve (12) members appointed by the City Council. The Committee meets quarterly at 11:00 a.m. and more frequently as needed.

**Staff Liaison:** Ryland Penta, Digital Strategies Coordinator  
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 Phone: 760-776-6318

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Gregg Akkerman	September 15, 2022	June 30, 2028
Brooke Beare Stjerne	September 15, 2022	June 30, 2028
Emily Vogt	September 15, 2022	June 30, 2028
Franchon-Marie Siddiq	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
Robin Stewart	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
Jon Holan	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
Stacie Hedges	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Kristy Giraud	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Nancy Provost	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026
Joyce Haraughty	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026
Vacancy		June 30, 2026
Vacancy		June 30, 2024

**COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL ABATEMENT DISTRICT**

The City Council appoints one (1) member to represent Palm Desert on the board.

**Staff Liaison:** Anthony Mejia, City Clerk  
 Email: [amejia@palmdesert.gov](mailto:amejia@palmdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6304

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Doug Walker	January 11, 2007	June 30, 2025

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

This committee reviews the Public Art Program, including the placement of sculptures and other public art, forwards recommendation to the City Council of all public and private art projects. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council, and two nonvoting liaison members selected from the Architectural Review Committee and the Planning Commission. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Erica Powell, Management Analyst  
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 Phone: 760-776-6346

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Maureen Boren	February 10, 2011	June 30, 2027
Ann Simley	September 15, 2022	June 30, 2026
Carol Adney	January 26, 2017	June 30, 2025
Lori Flint	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Thomas Mitze	June 23 2022	June 30, 2026
Elizabeth Hauer	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2026
Pia Rose	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Kristen Olson Stone (Alt.)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027

**CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

This committee reviews the preservation of buildings that reflect elements of cultural, social, and archaeological history in Palm Desert. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Carlos Flores, Principal Planner  
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 Phone: 760-776-6478

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
David Toltzmann	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Kim Housken	February 10, 2005	June 30, 2007
Paul Clark	January 26, 2017	June 30, 2025
Don Graybill	January 11, 2007	June 30, 2025
Rochelle McCune	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Thomas Mortensen	February 12, 2015	June 30, 2025
Linda Vassalli	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027

**EL PASEO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD**

This board promotes El Paseo as a world class, pedestrian friendly and upscale retail-oriented destination. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Members must be part of the El Paseo business area. Appointees serve three (3) year terms and meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

**EL PASEO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD – Continued**

**Staff Liaison:** Thomas Soule, Public Affairs Manager  
 Email: [tsoule@palmdesert.gov](mailto:tsoule@palmdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6660

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Alexander Longmuir	March 9, 2023	June 30, 2026
David Fletcher	June 22, 2000	June 30, 2025
Patrick Klein	February 12, 2015	June 30, 2025
Michelle Whittaker	March 9, 2023	June 30, 2026
Rebecca Elliott	March 9, 2023	June 30, 2026
Mahasti Islami	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Vacancy		June 30, 2025

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

This committee reviews and advises the City Council on auditing and internal controls, financial reporting, investments, municipal debt and refunding, and other such functions as the City Council may, from time to time, request. It consists of up to five (5) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Veronica Chavez, Finance Director  
 Email: [vchavez@palmdesert.gov](mailto:vchavez@palmdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6344

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jake Wuest	July 14, 2022	June 30, 2028
Gretchen Heuring	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Carlos Garcia	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Faith Messenger	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Robert Leo	April 9, 2015	June 30, 2026

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE**

This taskforce reviews and advises the City Council on various services and coordinated efforts to address homelessness and serve as an environment to discuss business and community requests and concerns regarding the impacts of homelessness. It shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. The members shall include two members of the business community, two community members (one of which will have lived homelessness experience), one member at-large, the chair of the Public Safety Committee, and the chair of the Housing Commission or their designees appointed annually. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Monday at 9:00 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Ivan Tenorio, Homeless Support Manager  
 Email: [itenorio@plamdesert.gov](mailto:itenorio@plamdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6324

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE - Continued**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Franchon-Marie Siddiq	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Joseph Butts	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2025
Davis Meyer	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2027
Scott Marks	June 23, 2022	June 23, 2025
Cindy Burreson	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2025
Diane Vines	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2025
Christopher Schachter	September 14, 2023	June 30, 2027

**HOUSING COMMISSION**

This commission provides input to the Housing Authority Board on housing policy and procedures; housing programs, and strategies; and reviews and makes recommendations on administrative and operating matters of the affordable rental portfolio. This commission consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Jessica Gonzales, Housing Manager  
 Email: [jgonzales@palmdesert.gov](mailto:jgonzales@palmdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6410

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Franchon-Marie Siddiq	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Kathleen Bauer	August 29, 2022	June 30, 2027
Jann Buller	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Melody Morrison	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2025
Dominic Moore	September 14, 2023	June 30, 2026
Olivia Docken	September 14, 2023	June 30, 2025
Andrew Firestine	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2027

**JOSLYN COVE SENIOR CENTER**

The City Council appoints one member to represent Palm Desert on the Joslyn Board.

**Staff Liaison:** Anthony Mejia, City Clerk  
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 Phone: 760-776-6304

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Michael Plante	December 14, 2023	June 30, 2025

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This new committee will provide input on the Library's programming and space planning; monitor performance indicators, activities, and outcomes; and help connect the Library staff with community groups. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are to be determined.

**Staff Liaison:** Gary Shaffer, Directory of Library Services  
 Email: [gshaffer@palmdesert.gov](mailto:gshaffer@palmdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6460

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Risa Lumley	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Robin Stewart	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Jann Buller	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Cathy Malone	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026
Matthew Johnson	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026
Paul Murphy (Alt.)	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Ralph Perry (Alt.)	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028

**MARKETING COMMITTEE**

This committee evaluates the City's annual marketing and media plans, participates in the creation of an annual marketing budget, including review of all print and electronic media advertising and collateral materials, and makes recommendations for special events requesting financial support from the City. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Thomas Soule, Public Affairs Manager  
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 Phone: 760-776-6660

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Ray Rodriguez	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Rolf Hoehn	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Franchesca Forrer	February 13, 2014	June 30, 2026
Brian Simpson	December 10, 2020	June 30, 2026
Vacancy		June 30, 2024
Vacancy		June 30, 2026
Vacancy		June 30, 2025

**PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The City Council appoints one member to represent Palm Desert on this commission under the purview of the City of Palm Springs. Appointees are subject to term limits established by the City of Palm Springs.

**PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - *Continued***

**Staff Liaison:** Anthony Mejia, City Clerk  
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kevin Wiseman	December 16, 2021	June 30, 2025

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

This commission reviews all matters pertaining to the creation, planning, acquisition, operation, maintenance, coordination, policies, management and control of all parks and recreation opportunities in Palm Desert. It consists of nine (9) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager  
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 Phone: 760-776-6481

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John Maldonado	June 23, 2022	June 30, 2027
Gregg Akkerman	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Lori Flint	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Randy Guyer	November 30, 1998	June 30, 2025
Ralph Perry	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Paul Murphy	February 8, 2018	June 30, 2025
David O'Donnell	June 23, 2022	June 30, 2026
Rob Langford	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Tim Skogen	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2027

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

This commission reviews all land use applications for conformance with the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan and recommends to the City Council long-range policies and objectives as they relate to Palm Desert's socioeconomic concerns. It consists of five (5) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Carlos Flores, Principal Planner  
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 Phone: 760-776-6478

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John Greenwood	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Joseph Pradetto	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Nancy DeLuna	April 9, 2009	June 30, 2025
Lindsay Holt	January 26, 2017	June 30, 2025
Ron Gregory	April 28, 2016	June 30, 2026

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

This commission reviews law enforcement and comprehensive public safety matters and makes recommendations to the City Council accordingly. It consists of seven (7) members. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Chris Escobedo, Assistant City Manager  
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 Phone: 760-776-6319

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Terry Kramer	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Douglas Luhring	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Jeff Alley	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Joseph A. Butts	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Frank Taylor	April 29, 2013	June 30, 2025
Kevin Wahlstrom	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Stephen Nelson	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025

**RENT REVIEW BOARD**

This board adjudicates the City's Mobile Home Park Rent Review Ordinance by receiving testimony and rendering fair and impartial decisions as they relate to this ordinance. It consists of three (3) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held as needed.

**Staff Liaison:** Jessica Gonzales, Housing Manager  
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 Phone: 760-776-6410

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jann Buller		June 30, 2025
Andrew Firestine		June 30, 2025
John Greenwood		June 30, 2025

**RESOURCE PRESERVATION & ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee reviews proposals, offers comments, and helps develop appropriate policies and actions to meet the City's Environmental Sustainability Plan and Greenhouse Gas Inventory to ensure the City's resources continue to be conserved and managed effectively. It consists of nine (9) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are typically held bi-monthly on the third Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Amy Lawrence, Deputy Director of Economic Development  
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 Phone: 760-837-1664

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Berlinda Blackburn	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Dean Lee Gatons	July 1, 2021	June 30, 2025



**RESOURCE PRESERVATION & ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE - *Continued***

Vincent Heuring	July 1, 2021	June 30, 2025
Stephen Nelson	August 25, 2022	June 30, 2025
Geoffrey Gregory	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Estelle Dahl	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2027
Donald Zeigler	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Vacancy		June 30, 2027
Vacancy		June 30, 2027