



# CITY OF PALM DESERT

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## LOCAL APPOINTMENTS April 1, 2025

**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 April 1, 2025, is listed below. Palm Desert residency is required to serve on a board, commission, committee, or task force, 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. It 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  
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Phone: 760-776-6478

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
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
James Edward Blakley	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
Dean Wallace Colvard	July 12, 2022	June 30, 2026
Francisco Sanchez	August 25, 2022	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.

**Staff Liaison:** Jason Finley, Chief Building Official  
 Email: [jfinley@palmdesert.gov](mailto:jfinley@palmdesert.gov)  
 Phone: 760-776-6420

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Allan Levin	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Joseph Gaugush	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
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 seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. The Committee meets semi-annually at 11:00 a.m. and more frequently as needed.

**Staff Liaison:** Ryland Penta, Community Relations Supervisor  
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 Phone: 760-776-6318

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

**COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN TRAILS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Trails Management Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) was established in 2008 to provide input on trails issues related to the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), the agency responsible for implementing the CVMSHCP. Currently, the Trails Management Subcommittee meets every other month on the third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

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

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Donna Beane	December 13, 2024	June 30, 2026

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

The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District protects public health across a 2,400-square-mile area, including Palm Desert. The District is governed by an 11-member Board of Trustees. The City Council appoints one (1) member to represent Palm Desert on the board. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ben Laflin Administration Building, 43-420 Trader Place, Indio, CA 92201.

**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>
Doug Walker	January 11, 2007	January 1, 2029

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

This committee reviews the Public Art Program, including the placement of sculptures and other public art, makes recommendations to the City Council on 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>
Carol Adney	January 26, 2017	June 30, 2025
Lori Flint	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
Elizabeth Hauer	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2026
Thomas Mitze	June 23 2022	June 30, 2026
Ann Simley	September 15, 2022	June 30, 2026
Maureen Boren	February 10, 2011	June 30, 2027
Pia Rose	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 on the fourth Wednesday of every other month at 9:00 a.m.

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
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
Kim Housken	February 10, 2005	June 30, 2027
David Toltzmann	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
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. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.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>
David Fletcher	June 22, 2000	June 30, 2025
Mahasti Islami	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Patrick Klein	February 12, 2015	June 30, 2025
Angela Rafferty	January 9, 2025	June 30, 2025
Rebecca Elliott	March 9, 2023	June 30, 2026
Alexander Longmuir	March 9, 2023	June 30, 2026
Michelle Maspero	March 9, 2023	June 30, 2026

**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 referred by the City Council. It consists of up to seven (7) members: two City Council members and up to five (5) community members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Veronica Chavez, Finance Director  
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 Phone: 760-776-6344

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

**HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**

This task force 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 consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. The members 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 semi-annually.

**Staff Liaison:** Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager  
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 Phone: 760-776-6324

<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
*Joseph Butts (PSC)	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2025
Scott Marks (At-Large)	June 23, 2022	June 23, 2025
*Franchon-Marie Siddiq (HC)	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Davis Meyer (Community)	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2027
Diane Vines (Business)	January 13, 2022	June 30, 2027
Vacancy (Business)		June 30, 2025
Vacancy (Lived Experience)		June 30, 2027

*\*These members are annual appointees representing the Housing Commission and Public Safety Committee.*

**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. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Two members must be tenants of the Housing Authority and one of the tenant appointments must be over 62 years of age. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

**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>
Olivia Docken	September 14, 2023	June 30, 2025
Melody Morrison (Sr. HA Tenant)	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2025
Dominic Moore (HA Tenant)	September 14, 2023	June 30, 2026
Kathleen Bauer	August 29, 2022	June 30, 2027
Jann Buller	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Franchon-Marie Siddiq	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Andrew Firestine	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2027

**JOSLYN COVE SENIOR CENTER**

The Joslyn Center provides extensive programs and services for older adults in the desert community. The City Council appoints one member to represent Palm Desert on the Joslyn Center 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 committee provides input on the Library's programming and space planning; monitor performance indicators, activities, and outcomes; and helps connect the Library staff with community groups. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held quarterly.

**Staff Liaison:** Gary Shaffer, Directory of Library Services  
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 Phone: 760-776-6460

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

### **PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

This commission is managed by the City of Palm Springs and performs duties outlined in the Palm Springs Municipal Code Section 2.16.060. It consists of nineteen (19) members, including one (1) representative appointed by the Palm Desert City Council. Appointees are subject to term limits established by the City of Palm Springs. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the airport conference room at the Palm Springs International Airport.

**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 committee 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 seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

**Staff Liaison:** Kevin Swartz, Project Manager  
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Randy Guyer	November 30, 1998	June 30, 2025
Rob Langford	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Paul Murphy	February 8, 2018	June 30, 2025
Ralph Perry	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2025
David O'Donnell	June 23, 2022	June 30, 2026
John Maldonado	June 23, 2022	June 30, 2027
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>
Nancy DeLuna	April 9, 2009	June 30, 2025
Lindsay Holt	January 26, 2017	June 30, 2025
Ron Gregory	April 28, 2016	June 30, 2026
John Greenwood	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Alex Meyerhoff	January 9, 2025	June 30, 2027

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS MARKETING PANEL**

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 up to seven (7) members appointed by the Public Affairs Manager and a City Council Subcommittee. Meetings are held as needed.

**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>
Brian Simpson	December 10, 2020	June 30, 2026
Rolf Hoehn	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Ray Rodriguez	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Vacancy		June 30, 2024
Vacancy		June 30, 2026
Vacancy		June 30, 2025
Vacancy		June 30, 2026

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

**Staff Liaison:** Daniel Hurtado, Public Safety Analyst  
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 Phone: 760-776-6414

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

**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 provides recommendations to the City Council on policies and initiatives related to sustainability, resource conservation, and environmental stewardship as requested by the City Council or City staff. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council. Meetings are held as needed.

**Staff Liaison:** Amy Lawrence, Deputy Director of Economic Development

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<b>Member</b>	<b>Original Appointment</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Dean Lee Gatons	July 1, 2021	June 30, 2025
<b>Vincent Heuring</b>	<b>July 1, 2021</b>	<b>June 30, 2025</b>
Stephen Nelson	August 25, 2022	June 30, 2025
Berlinda Blackburn	February 14, 2019	June 30, 2027
Estelle Dahl	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2027
Geoffrey Gregory	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2027
Donald Zeigler	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2027