

General Plan Advisory Committee Volunteer Application



Return this form to: City Clerk's Office
501 Poli Street, Room 204
Ventura, CA 93002

The City of Ventura is seeking to form a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) of 10-15 community representatives to collaborate and provide guidance throughout the General Plan Update process. It is critical that each person appointed to the GPAC be willing to perform all required duties for the duration of the planning process, which is anticipated to last through Spring 2023 and will include approximately 18 GPAC meetings. GPAC members are volunteers and receive no payment for their work.

Prospective GPAC members should be aware of the following criteria which will be used in evaluating candidates. A GPAC member must:

1. Be a City of Ventura resident.
2. Commit the time that is necessary to carry out the duties of a GPAC member. This includes time to learn about and stay abreast of General Plan issues, to attend committee meetings, and perform committee assignments.
3. Be genuinely interested in General Plan related matters and understand the importance of a General Plan to reflect and advance the needs of the community.
4. Understand the local community, its social and cultural needs, and be willing to communicate those needs to the committee.
5. Be able to work with others to reach a common goal.
6. Be open-minded, intellectually curious, and respectful of the opinions of others.
7. Have the courage to plan creatively and direct the effective implementation of those plans.
8. Be able to withstand pressures and prejudice that would restrict or prevent equal service to all.
9. File a Form 700 Conflict of Interest

What GPAC members do:

- Serve as an ambassador for the community
- Be a community advocate for the General Plan Update
- Provide insight as to how to reach multiple populations
- Provide insight and advice on potentially controversial issues
- Understand sensitive community needs

This application is not for any person who is currently, or applying to be, an elected or appointed official.
Elected or appointed officials may not serve concurrently on GPAC.

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1. Full name: _____

2. Council District in which you reside: _____

3. Profession/occupation and Employer: _____

4. Education/experience:

5. Describe any community participation project you have been involved in, with a focus on planning activities:

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6. Describe any volunteer activities or work that involved cooperating in a group setting with diverse opinions and building consensus around difficult issues:

7. Please list any relevant Boards/Commissions/Committees, professional organizations, community interest groups, or other organizations on which you serve or have served:

8. Please provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of three individuals familiar with your background and qualifications:

Name	Address	Phone

9. Please describe your reasons for wishing to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute:

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10. City of Ventura is seeking individuals with a wide variety of skills and experience. Please indicate below which categories best describes the area of interest, skills, and experience you would bring to the Committee:

Areas of Interest/Expertise	
	Accessibility
	Arts and Culture
	Land Use/Housing
	Historic/Cultural Preservation
	Natural Resources, Open Space and Environmental Protection, including agriculture
	Community Outreach and Engagement
	Parks and Recreation
	Transportation (bike, ped, transit, etc.)
	Economic Development/Business
	Health, Equity and Environmental Justice
	Public Services (police, fire, etc.)
	Natural hazard planning (fire, seismic, etc.)
	Sustainability and Climate Change
	Others:

11. I am generally available to meet in the evenings on (please indicate day(s) of week)
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday for a period of up to three (3) years,
 and am agreeable to serving on any subcommittees that may require more of my time. Yes No

**PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE AND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST
 CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Resources Available:

City of Ventura General Plan (2005):
<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28/2005-General-Plan-PDF?bidId=>

State of California 2017 General Plan Guidelines:
<http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/>

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ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the City of Ventura City Council when making the appointment, or be used by the Committee following appointment for the purposes of communicating with the appointee.

Full name:	
Home Address	
Street:	
City/State:	Zip:
Telephone:	
E-mail Address, if applicable:	
Office Address	
Employer:	
Street:	
City/State:	Zip:
Telephone:	
E-mail Address, if applicable:	

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: Based on your understanding of the Volunteer Program, will you require any special accommodations to apply and/or participate as a volunteer? Yes No

If yes, what reasonable accommodations would be necessary to assist you in this area?

Other than English, in which language(s) are you fluent?

_____ Speak Read Write

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Specialized training/skills:

Computer Skills:

Word Photoshop Excel Adobe Creator

Access PowerPoint Publisher Other: _____

Is any or all of your volunteer time to be credited toward a project, certification or degree program for a school, community organization or religious program?

No Yes, please list _____

Previous Volunteer/ Work Experience as it relates to your volunteer interests:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Whom should we notify?

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Do you have any medical history that we should be aware of in the event of an emergency?
(Allergies, medications, etc.)

**City of Ventura
Volunteer Liability Waiver**

By signing this volunteer waiver, I agree to the following:

1. I release, waive, discharge, and covenant on behalf of myself and my minor children not to sue the City of San Buenaventura ("City"), their elected and appointed officials, agents, volunteers, and employees ("Releasees") from all liability to me, or my minor children, for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands on account of personal or property injury or because of my, or my minor children's death, whether caused by Releasees' negligence or otherwise, while I, and my minor children, participate in the City of Ventura General Plan Advisory Committee.
2. I further agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, liability judgment and expenses that may arise by reason of services I, or my minor children, provide as a volunteer or that are connected in any way therewith. I will pay all costs incident to any claim, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees.
3. I expressly agree that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of California and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
4. I grant permission for the City to use my, or my minor children's image, filmed or photographed during volunteer activities, to promote its services and programs.
5. In case of serious injury, I give my permission for City personnel to seek any medical treatment should it become necessary.
6. I have read and voluntarily sign this release, waiver of liability, and indemnity agreement, and further agree that no oral representations, statements, or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Volunteer Signature _____

Date _____