

The City Clerk’s Office began advertising and accepting applications for vacancies on the following Boards, Committees, and Commissions: Planning Commission; and, Housing Advisory Committee on February 5, 2026 with a deadline of February 26, 2026.

Background

In order to obtain qualified candidates, a Notice of Vacancies was advertised on the following: The City website, posted on the City Hall Bulletin Boards, the Star News and City Social Media sites to advertise openings and the application acceptance period. The vacancies presented are due to end of terms (March 2026).

Vacancies are listed below:

BCC	Number of Open Seats and Term expiration for that seat	Appointing Member(s)	Residency Requirement	Applications Received
Planning Commission	(2) Two Seats – March 31, 2030	City Council	Yes	Jared Blackwell* Richard Martin Miller* Cynthia Fuller Quinonez* Randi Castle-Salgado* Sean Sampsell*
Housing Advisory Committee	(1) One Seat – March 31, 2030	City Council	Yes	Jared Blackwell*

Residency requirements are listed if required in the chart above. If filling a resident requirement, applicant must reside within the City of National City at the time the application is submitted to be considered for the resident position.

The Planning Commission has two (2) seats available due to end of terms. Their meetings are held the First and Third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

***One (1) applicant, Jared Blackwell,** submitted an application for consideration on the Planning Commission and the Housing Advisory Committee after the noticed deadline.

***One (1) applicant Richard Martin Miller** is currently a member of the Planning Commission, appointed on March 15, 2022 with a term that expires March 31, 2026. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference. Their meetings are held the First and Third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

During calendar year 2025, the Commission scheduled 18 meetings; 10 meetings were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Attendance	Calendar year 2025
Attended	7
Absent	1
Cancelled	10

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3) Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements: Commissioner Miller has completed all required training and filing requirements.

***One (1) applicant Cynthia Fuller Quinonez** is currently a member of the Traffic Safety Committee, appointed on September 20, 2022 with a term that expires September 30, 2028. Committee Member Quinonez is seeking appointment to the Planning Commission. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference. Traffic Safety Committee meetings are held the Second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room in City Hall.

During calendar year 2025, the Committee scheduled 17 meetings; five (5) meetings were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Attendance	Calendar year 2025
Attended	12
Absent	0
Cancelled	5

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3) Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements: Committee Member Quinonez has completed all required training and filing requirements.

***One (1) applicant Randi Castle-Salgado** is currently a member of the Planning Commission, appointed on March 15, 2022 with a term that expires March 31, 2026. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference. Their meetings are held the First and Third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

During calendar year 2025, the Commission scheduled 18 meetings; 10 meetings were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Attendance	Calendar year 2025
Attended	8
Absent	0
Cancelled	10

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3) Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements: Commissioner Castle-Salgado has completed all required training and filing requirements.

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***One (1) applicant Sean Sampsell** is currently a member of the Civil Service Commission, appointed on April 18, 2023 with a term that expires September 30, 2027. Commissioner Sampsell is seeking appointment to the Planning Commission. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference. Their meetings are held the second Wednesday of every other month at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

****Application was received after the noticed deadline.***

During calendar year 2025, the Commission scheduled eight (8) meetings; three (3) were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Attendance	Calendar year 2025
Attended	3
Absent	2
Cancelled	3

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3) Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements: Commissioner Sampsell has completed all required training and filing requirements.

Appointment:

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(9):

1. For City Council Appointments, the Interview Process is as follows:
 - a. The City Clerk will provide an overview of the Board, Commission, or Committee(s) with current vacancy (ies). The Mayor will introduce the applicant and two (2) questions will be asked of each applicant on behalf of the City Council.
 - b. Each applicant is given two (2) minutes to make a brief introduction of themselves and their qualifications to the City Council.
 - c. Mayor and City Councilmembers will ask questions of each applicant. All applicants must be asked the same questions.
 - d. Total time per applicant is five (5) timed minutes with time allowed for clarification at the discretion of the City Council, not to exceed ten (10) minutes total per applicant.

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3) Attendance:

A Commissioner or Member of a Board, Committee, or Commission must be present at least one hour, or 50% of the entire meeting, whichever is less, to be counted as present for purposes of attendance.

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14) Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements:

Commissioners and Members of Board, Committee, or Commission, as appointed by the legislative body, are entrusted with certain responsibilities and concomitant training and reporting. The following are requirements of Commissioners and Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. This training is required to be completed within 30 days of appointment or notification.

1. Oath of Office (Article XX of the California Constitution, and California Government Code Section 36507)
2. Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 Filing (California Government Code Section 87100 et seq)
3. AB1234 Ethics Training (California Government Code Section 53235.1(b))
4. Anti-Sexual Harassment Training
5. Brown Act Training
6. Social Media Training

Any training required by State Law, Federal Law, or City Policies.

All training is offered in a variety of formats including in person, via Zoom, and training website/software, and pre-recorded video. Currently, these are all requirements of the Mayor and City Council, and City staff.