

The City Clerk’s Office began advertising and accepting applications for vacancies on the following Boards, Committees, and Commissions: Board of Library Trustees; Community & Police Relations Commission; and Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizen’s 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 a combination of end of terms (March 2026) and one (1) resignation.

Vacancies are listed below:

BCC	Number of Open Seats and Term expiration for that seat	Appointing Member(s)	Residency Requirement	Applications Received
Board of Library Trustees	(1) One Seat – September 30, 2027	Mayoral	Yes	Jared Blackwell* Ricardo Carmona*
Community & Police Relations Commission	(2) Two Seats – March 31, 2029	Mayoral	Yes	Jared Blackwell* Roberto Umana Rob Rice*
Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens’ Advisory Committee	(2) Two Seats – March 31, 2029	Mayoral	Yes	Maria Patrice Amon Jared Blackwell* Jesus Hizon* Rob Rice Lorna Delos Santos*

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.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

There are two applicants.

***One (1) applicant, Jared Blackwell,** submitted an application for consideration on the Board of Library Trustees; Community & Police Relations Commission; and, the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizen’s Advisory Committee after the noticed deadline.

***One (1) applicant Ricardo Carmona** is currently a member of the Board of Library Trustees appointed on December 2, 2025 with a term that expires September 30, 2026 as an Alternate member. Trustee Carmona is seeking appointment as a full voting member. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference. Their meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

Since Trustee Carmona’s appointment in December 2025, the Board has scheduled one (1) meeting that occurred on February 4, 2026 of which he was present.

Attendance	2026
Attended	1
Absent	0
Cancelled	0

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

COMMUNITY & POLICE RELATIONS COMMISSION

There are three applicants.

***One (1) applicant, Jared Blackwell**, submitted an application for consideration on the Community & Police Relations Commission after the noticed deadline.

***One (1) applicant Rob Rice**, submitted an application for consideration on the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Community & Police Relations Commission. The application for the Community & Police Relations Commission was received after the noticed deadline.

PARKS, RECREATION & SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There are five applicants.

***One (1) applicant, Jared Blackwell** submitted an application for consideration on the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee after the noticed deadline.

***One (1) applicant Jesus Hizon** is currently a member of the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee appointed on September 17, 2024 with a term that expires March 31, 2026 and is seeking reappointment. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference. Their meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

In calendar year 2025, the Committee scheduled 12 meetings, four (4) were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items, four (4) were cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The absence totals reflected below include occasions during which the member's inability to attend contributed to the lack of a quorum.

Attendance	2025
Attended	4
Absent	3
Cancelled	8

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

***One (1) applicant, Lorna Delos Santos**, submitted an application for consideration on the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee after the noticed deadline.

Appointment:

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(8) Mayoral Appointments:

The Mayor will make the motion to appoint (naming the appointee) and Councilmembers may second the motion. The City Clerk will then take a roll call vote of the City Council. A majority vote of the City Council will be required for the appointment. If the majority of the City Council choose to deny the proposed appointment, the Mayor shall either propose an alternative candidate from the current application pool or choose to reopen the application period and return to the City Council at a future City Council Meeting with a different applicant for consideration.

If a Mayoral Appointment is not approved by the majority of the City Council by confirmation, that applicant is removed from the pool for that seat. The Mayor will return to a future meeting with a substitute Mayoral appointment.

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)(3): 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.

****Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(10) Re-appointment beyond two terms.** Anyone wishing to be re-appointed to any Board, Commission, or Committee and has served two or more full terms already must be approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Council. If all five members of the City Council are not present, or if one member abstains or recuses their vote, the four-fifths requirement shall be changed to require only a simple majority.

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
7. 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.