

The City Clerk’s Office began advertising and accepting applications for vacancies on the following Boards, Committees, and Commissions: Board of Library Trustees, Park, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Public Art Committee, and Traffic Safety Committee on August 3, 2023 with a deadline of August 21, 2023.

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 resignations and end of term (September 2023).

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 – Sept. 30, 2026 (This is an Alternate Seat) (1) One Seat – Sept.30, 2026 (2) Two Seats – Sept. 30, 2024	Mayoral	Yes	Jissan Ravanilla Patricia McGhee (alternate) Jake Zindulka Margaret Godshalk*
Park, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	(2) Two Seats – Sept. 30, 2026 (1) One Seat – Sept. 30, 2024	Mayoral	Yes	Jennelyn de Mesa Luna* Joseph Crawford*
Public Art Committee	(1) One Seat – Sept. 30, 2026	Mayoral	No	Eric Quinones Jake Zindulka Ricardo Rodriguez Patricia McGhee William A. Virchis*
Traffic Safety Committee	(1) One Seat – Sept. 30, 2026	Mayoral	Yes	Rafael Cotero Amelito Gozum*

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.

***One (1) applicant Margaret Godshalk** is currently a member of the Board of Library Trustees appointed June 18, 2018, to present with a term that expires September 30, 2023. Margaret Godshalk is seeking reappointment. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference.

Attendance	2022	2023 (Jan-August)
Attended	11	6
Absent	0	0
Cancelled	1	3

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

****NOTE:** Member Godshalk has served two terms, per Council Policy 107 (D)(10) Reappointment must be approved by a four-fifths vote.

***One (1) applicant Jennelyn de Mesa Luna** is currently a member of the Park, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee appointed September 20, 2022, to present with a term that expires September 30, 2023. Jennelyn de Mesa Luna is seeking reappointment. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference.

Attendance	2022	2023 (Jan-August)
Attended	0	6
Absent	0	1
Cancelled	2	1

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

***One (1) applicant Joseph Crawford** is currently a member of the Park, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee reappointed September 20, 2022, to present with a term that expires September 30, 2023. Joseph Crawford is seeking reappointment. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference.

Attendance	2022	2023 (Jan-August)
Attended	4	6
Absent	0	1
Cancelled	7	1

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

***One (1) applicant William A. Virchis** is currently a member of the Public Art Committee reappointed September 20, 2022, to present with a term that expires September 30, 2023. William Virchis is seeking reappointment. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference.

Attendance	2022	2023 (Jan-August)
Attended	5	2
Absent	0	1
Cancelled	0	0

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

****NOTE:** Member Virchis has served two terms, per Council Policy 107 (D)(10) Reappointment must be approved by a four-fifths vote

***Traffic Safety Committee** Member Ryan Whipple's term is due to expire on September 30, 2023. Mr. Whipple is not seeking reappointment. Therefore, a vacancy exists with a term expiring September 30, 2026.

Two applications were received for the Traffic Safety Committee. The application of Amelito Gozum was received after the deadline.

Appointment:

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(7):
 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, at which point the Mayor would propose an alternative candidate from the current application pool, or could choose to reopen the application period and return to City Councils with a different applicant for consideration.

If Mayor 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
- 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.