

Application for Commissions, Boards, and Committees



City of Sierra Madre

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME ROBERT SPEARS	DATE 5/12/14
CITY OF RESIDENCE SIERRA MADRE	YEARS AS RESIDENT 42

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING
PLANNING COMMISSION

Why are you interested in serving as a member of this commission / board / committee?
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

What specific attitudes, skills, and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission / board / committee?
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SERVICE HISTORY

Are you currently, or have you ever been a member of any City of Sierra Madre Commission, Board, or Committee?
 Yes No

NAME OF COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE PLANNING COMMISSION	DATES OF SERVICE 7/2005 - 6/2013
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You are invited to attach additional information or submit supplemental information which you feel may assist the City Council in its evaluation. Supplemental information is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

Why are you interested in serving as a member of this commission?

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As a long time resident of Sierra Madre, I believe that the Planning Commission plays a critical role in the future of our town. The citizens of Sierra Madre have specific, unique concerns about land and property use that has been encoded in our General Plan with specific heightened awareness to the HMZ Ordinance, Development Code Standards and Historical Preservation sections.

As a past member of the Planning Commission, I am thoroughly familiar with the role and responsibilities of a Commissioner. I have extensive experience with the Commission's decision making process and am very aware of the consequences. I am acutely aware of the struggle between community standards and private property rights. I was a member of the Commission when the One Carter and Stone House developments received their public discussion.

As the owner of a Mills Act residence in town, I have specific insight into the Commission's role as the city's historical preservation board. I am a member of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and have visited almost all of the historically designated buildings in town.

As the former Sierra Madre Fire Chief with twenty-eight years of responding to emergencies in Sierra Madre, I am familiar with the concern for public safety in a town with limited resources. I have firsthand experience of what happens when the Planning Commission approves a project that exceeds the capacity of first responders. I am very concerned with any program or ordinance that demands additional resources from city staff. I believe that we should work to make sure future development in town promotes a safe, self-sufficient and a "green" housing stock for our citizens.

Most importantly, as a homeowner, I have experience as an applicant and stood before the commission seeking permission for a building permit.