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## Headline

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### **Join the City Team – Apply to be a City Commissioner Today**

We want you to be a part of our City Team!

The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions. Currently, there are five citizen commissions established by the Council to advise and assist them in dealing with specific problems.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at <http://cityofsierramadre.com/commissions-boards-committees>. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however, it is recommended that applications for appointment for the beginning of the 2013-2014 fiscal year be submitted by Friday, June 7, 2013 to the City Manager's Office.

The advisory bodies study a variety of topics in detail. After gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notices on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the general use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's arts and recreational service needs. The Commission provides information and recommendations to the City Council in these areas. *Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The responsibilities of the Library Board include the following: establishing Library policies and programs to ensure that quality programs are provided to the community, recommending an annual budget to the City Council for approval, and ensuring that efficient and effective services are provided at the Library. *Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Conference Room*

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories: consideration of current land-use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendments, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land-use decisions); and advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City's General Plan. *Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

#### SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

The Senior Community Commission is responsible for defining the needs, locating and publicizing available resources, coordinating and initiating services and opportunities for the senior population of Sierra Madre. *Meets the 1st Monday at 3:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

#### TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Tree Commission is an advisory body to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission, and City Council. The commission shall make recommendations to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission and the City Council as appropriate on matters involving care and maintenance of City-owned trees and trees on private undeveloped property. *Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

For more information please visit [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) or call 626.355.7135.

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