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Representatives Needed To Serve On Several Committees

The City of Santa Maria is accepting applications to serve on the Block Grants Advisory Committee, the Board of Appeals, and the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging. The deadline to apply for the Block Grants Committee vacancy is Monday, August 18, 2014. Applications for the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging and the Board of Appeals will be accepted until sufficient applications are received and the vacancies can be filled.

Unless a specific advisory body has a City residency requirement, it is the policy of the City Council to appoint, whenever possible, residents of the City to fill appointive positions on all City commissions, boards, and committees. Unless otherwise noted in the membership description, the Mayor shall appoint members to all official City commissions, and boards, and they shall be ratified by the City Council.

* BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (One appointment to be made for a three-year term.) This 15-member committee assesses the community’s needs, conducts public workshops and hearings, reviews applications for funding, and makes recommendations to the City Council for the allocation of funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Applicants should have an understanding of housing and community development needs and a knowledge of, or background in, providing human services to the community. The members are nominated by individual Councilmembers, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

*Members of the Block Grants Advisory Committee are required by the Political Reform Act (Govt. Code Section 81000-91014) and the City’s Conflict of Interest Code to file Statements of Economic Interest, Form 700, disclosing personal assets and income within 30 days of appointment, annually thereafter, and upon leaving office. Board members must also disqualify themselves from participating in decisions which may affect their personal economic interests. Statements of Economic Interests are public documents and may be inspected by any member of the public and copied if requested. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is the State agency which interprets the law’s provisions.
Board of Appeals (one appointment to serve an unspecified term). The Board hears appeals to decisions of the City Building Official and makes recommendations regarding Uniform Building Code provisions. Seven members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, including two special purpose members. Special purpose members shall be physically handicapped as defined in Section 2.4117(I), Title 24, Part 2 of the California Administrative Code. The appointee should be a licensed contractor, or be able to show extensive construction experience and training to qualify for appointment. Members may not be employees of the City of Santa Maria.

Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging (one nomination will be made to fill an unexpired two-year term ending in January 2015). The Board of Directors is responsible for the operations, including policy setting, allocations, and personnel for the Central Coast such as Area Agency on Aging, HICAP, and Senior Employment. This Board serves Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. The Board meets monthly and its Board of Directors is elected by the Agency itself. The City Council nominates one member. Each member may serve no more than four consecutive terms.

To apply for one of these important City committee vacancies, please complete the interactive application on the City’s website, http://www.cityofsantamaria.org/3009-ApplicationForBoardsCommissions.pdf. Applications may also be obtained from the office of the City Clerk, Santa Maria City Hall, 110 E. Cook Street, Room 3.

Applications and questions may be directed to the Records Office/City Clerk Division, 925-0951 ext. 305.

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