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Representatives Needed To Serve On Block Grants Advisory Committee and Library Board of Trustees

The City of Santa Maria is accepting applications to serve on the Block Grants Advisory Committee and the Library Board of Trustees. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 30, 2014. Applications are still being accepted for the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging and the Board of Appeals 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 (Five appointments to be made for three-year terms.)** 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 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

* **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (One appointment to be made for a three-year term.)** The Library Board of Trustees sets Library rules and regulations and advises the City Council on library matters. Members of the Library Board of Trustees must reside in the incorporated City limits during their entire term. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

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*Members of the Block Grants Advisory Committee and the Library Board of Trustees 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.

Applications may be completed and submitted online from the City's webpage <http://www.cityofsantamaria.org/3009-ApplicationForBoardsCommissions.pdf> or in the office of the City Clerk, Santa Maria City Hall, 110 E. Cook Street, Room 3. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 925-0951 ext. 305.

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