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Representatives Are Needed To Serve On the Block Grants Advisory Committee

The City of Santa Maria will accept applications to serve on the Block Grants Advisory Committee until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013. The appointments will be made by the City Council on April 16, 2013.

BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Two appointments will be made - one to fill an unexpired term ending July 31, 2014, and one to fill an unexpired term ending July 31, 2015). 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.

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.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on one of these important City committees, please complete the interactive Application which is available on the City's website, <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/202.shtml>. Applications may be completed and submitted online from the City's webpage or an application may be obtained from 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. 307.

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