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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (4:00 PM)

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Closed Captions Available Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87809719465?pwd=zLFmCRT0vTKRnLrS0DF5nvSlmSwdCX.1>

Meeting ID: 878 0971 9465 **Password:** 259949 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations.

Conduct: This meeting shall be conducted pursuant to the El Cerrito [City Council Rules of Order and Procedure](#), including adjourning by 11:00 PM unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.

Public Comments:

1. *In-person* by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. *By Email* to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us identified in the subject line as **Public Comments – Agenda Item #.**

Written comments received by **2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting** will be provided to the City Council and posted [online](#) in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and will be posted **after the meeting**.

4:00 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449**

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2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

3. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Action Proposed: Staff requests that City Council conduct interviews and, at the conclusion of interviews, confer with staff regarding the ongoing recruitments, any remaining vacancies, and the scheduling of further special meetings to conduct interviews (if applicable). Council may decide to make appointments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City of El Cerrito serves our diverse community by providing exceptional services that create a safe and resilient future for all.



AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 3.

Date: February 6, 2025
To: El Cerrito City Council
From: Holly M. Charl  y, City Clerk, City Management
Subject: COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

ACTION PROPOSED

Staff requests that City Council conduct interviews and, at the conclusion of interviews, confer with staff regarding the ongoing recruitments, any remaining vacancies, and the scheduling of further special meetings to conduct interviews (if applicable). Council may decide to make appointments at the conclusion of the meeting.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

City staff continues to publicize board, commission and committee vacancies as they occur. Vacancies are published on the City's website and in the West County Times; posted at City Hall, the Community Center, the Library and other various locations throughout the City including Little Libraries. Staff continues to utilize the City Manager's Update, social media outlets, and press releases to increase awareness and opportunities for citizens to participate by attending meetings and/or serving on a Board, Commission or Committee.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Interviews scheduled for this meeting are as follows:

Interview Time	Applicant	Interviewing for:
4:00 PM	Intro/Overview of Process	N/A
4:15 PM	Janos Szlatenyi	Financial Advisory Board
4:30 PM	Jim Dolgonas	CC Mosquito Vector Control Board
4:45 PM	Jim Dolgonas	Financial Advisory Board
5:00 PM	Jack Rozier	Park and Recreation Commission
5:15 PM	Michael Fischer	CC Library Commission
5:30 PM	Buddy Akacic	Human Relations Commission
5:45 PM	Diane Boodrookas	Human Relations Commission
6:00 PM	Diane Boodrookas	Arts and Culture Commission

6:15 PM	Council Break	N/A
6:30 PM	Mina Wilson	Human Relations Commission
6:45 PM	Ahmed Qureshi	Financial Advisory Board
7:00 PM	Courtney Helion	Arts and Culture Commission
7:15 PM	Courtney Helion	Planning Commission
7:30 PM	David Carvel	Financial Advisory Board
7:45 PM	Council Discussion/Appointments	N/A

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS

With an application deadline of January 31, 2025, the final list of applicants for interview was not available at the time of publication for this meeting. City Council has an additional Special Meeting scheduled to conduct interviews on [Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM](#). Meeting materials, including the final interview schedule, will be posted and available online no later than Thursday, February 6th, 2025. At the time of publication for this meeting, staff anticipates no less than 12 additional interviews to be held.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

This action supports the [City's Strategic Plan Goal\(s\)](#) of:

- *High Performing Organization* by increasing communication and public engagement to ensure access to services and promote community events.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.

Reviewed by:

Attachments:

Application(s) on file with City Clerk

1. List of Term Expirations
2. List of Current Vacancies
3. List of Active Applications
4. Interview Worksheet (subject to change)
5. Current Membership Rosters

2025 MADDIE ACT LOCAL APPOINTMENT LIST

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO: In compliance with the requirements of the Maddy Act, Government Code §54970, please find below, a listing of existing vacancies and all current board, commission, and committee (Advisory Body) members whose terms will expire in 2025. This list was posted on or before November 1, 2024 at El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue and on the City's website.

The City Council invites all residents interested in serving on a City Advisory Body to apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend meetings of the advisory body applied for prior to submitting an application.

The deadline to apply for term expirations is **Friday, January 31, 2025**. Interested parties can apply on the City's website at www.el-cerrito.org/commissions. Please note that the City Council conducts open recruitment year-round should any unexpected vacancies occur. Any application received after the deadline will be kept on file for a period of one year. Please consider submitting an application today!

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 7**Meeting Schedule:** 4th Monday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito**Description:**

The ACC is charged with oversight of the Arts in Public Places Program, City Hall Gallery Space, and responsible for acquisition, funding, and placement of public art in the City on public property. The ACC consists of members who demonstrate a commitment to various arts disciplines, including but not limited to: fine arts, visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, art history and arts education.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Audrey Faine	02/14/2023	1	03/01/2025
4	Courtney Helion	03/01/2022	2	03/01/2025
2 & 6	Vacant	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 5**Meeting Schedule:** On Call**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito**Description:**

The Commission hears appeals submitted by any person in the competitive civil service relative to any disciplinary action, dismissal, demotion, or alleged violation of the municipal code or the personnel rules and certifies its findings and recommendations. It holds hearings and makes recommendations on any matter of personnel administration requested by the Council or the City Manager.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Dorian Peters	02/08/2022	1	03/01/2025
3	Vacant	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025

COMMITTEE ON AGING**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 3 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 15**Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Wednesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA**Description:**

The COA has four long-term goals as follows: 1) Affordable housing options for older and disabled residents 2) Adequate space and facilities for, and the provision of, quality programs and services for seniors 3) Improved accessible public transportation and paratransit services for persons unable to use public transit facilities and 4) Increased support services to assist frail older adults and their families both within and outside of their homes. Its membership is open to all interested adult residents of El Cerrito.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
8	Linda Cain	10/17/2023	1	03/01/2025
11	Carol Kehoe	08/15/2017	1	03/01/2025
12	Buddy Akacić	10/15/2019	1	03/01/2025
13	Vacant	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025
14	Pamela Wagner	10/07/2020	1	03/01/2025
15	Bruce Yow	10/07/2020	1	03/01/2025

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE*(Established by City Council in 2024 after dissolution of Crime Prevention Committee)***Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 3 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 15**Meeting Schedule:** 1st Monday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**Description:**

The Committee develops and/or promotes community safety programs; promotes cooperation with public safety entities; and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding community safety programs.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	William Cedrick Cobb	08/17/2021	1	03/01/2025
3	Jon Bashor	08/15/2023	1	03/01/2025
4	Brett Guest	07/19/2023	1	03/01/2025

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 5**Meeting Schedule:** 1st Wednesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito**Description:**

The Design Review Board reviews all development (public or private), including all buildings, site layouts, and signing in all districts, except single-family, for the purpose of encouraging quality design of such facilities. At least three members shall be licensed architects and no more than two members may be members of the planning commission.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
2	Andrea Lucas	03/01/2021	1	03/01/2025
3	Gyan Singh	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 3 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 15**Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Monday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito**Description:**

(EDC) advises the Council on economic development matters, makes recommendations on the annual economic development work plan, and oversees the work of subcommittees established to concentrate on creating plans for high-priority areas.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Eric Wright	04/06/2021	2	03/01/2025
5	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025
7	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025
8	Patrick Swen	10/05/2021	1	03/01/2025

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 3 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 15**Meeting Schedule:** 2nd Tuesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA**Description:**

The Environmental Quality Committee (or EQC) is a Council-appointed body of residents and businesses who work to involve the community directly in understanding and reducing our impact on the environment.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
5	Sheila Tarbet	06/09/2018	1	03/01/2025
8	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025
9	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025
12	Pamela Austin	04/04/2023	1	03/01/2025
13	Buddy Akacić	03/02/2021	1	03/01/2025

FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 5**Meeting Schedule:** 4th Tuesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 6:30 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA**Description:**

The Financial Advisory Board (FAB) conducts a review of the proposed annual budget and long-term financial plan for the City to assist the City Council in making decisions on major expenditures and revenue

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Nate Schaffran	10/03/2023	1	03/01/2025
2	David Carvel	02/13/2024	1	03/01/2025
4	Farhad Farahmand (termed out)	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 7**Meeting Schedule:** 2nd Wednesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito**Description:**

The Human Relations Commission is to initiate educational and cultural programs, promote tolerance and mutual respect between all persons. When requested by the City Council, the Commission will evaluate and make recommendations regarding discrimination charges levied against the City. Commission members shall be generally representative of the demographics of the City including the racial, religious, age, gender, ethnic, and other groups.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
3	Buddy Akacić	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025
5	Mina Wilson	04/04/2023	1	03/01/2025
8	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A	N/A	03/01/2025

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 7**Meeting Schedule:** 4th Wednesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA**Description:**

The Park and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all matters pertaining to public recreation, including parks, playgrounds, landscaping, childcare, the arts, educational courses and entertainment.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
3	Hari Lamba	02/13/2024	1	03/01/2025
4	Troy Tyler	04/04/2023	1	03/01/2025
5	Jennifer Kaczor	03/01/2021	1	03/01/2025

PLANNING COMMISSION**Term Length:** 48 Months**Max Terms:** 2 Term(s)**Number of Members:** 7**Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Wednesday of the Month**Meeting Time:** 7:30 PM**Meeting Address:** 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA**Description:**

The Planning Commission, which is a mandated advisory body under the California Conservation and Planning Law, is appointed by the legislative body, with powers and duties as defined by that law. It functions as an advisory body to the City Council in matters relating to planning and the physical development of the City. Membership on this Board requires the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests – FPPC Form 700.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
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1	Abhijeet Singh	02/16/2023	1	03/01/2025
7	Leslie Mendez (termed out)	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025

URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 3 Term(s)

Number of Members: 15

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of the Month

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

Description:

The Urban Forest Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council, other commissions, and the citizens of the City with regard to the growth, maintenance, and location of trees within the City.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
4	Cathy Bleier (termed out)	03/02/2021	3	03/01/2025
5	Robin Mitchell	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025
6	Jennifer Kaczor	05/10/2021	1	03/01/2025

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL BODIES

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

Term Length: 24 Months

Max Terms: No Limit

Number of Members: 1

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Thursday, Odd-Numbered Months

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Address: 1025 Escobar St. Room 110A Martinez, CA

Description:

The Commission was created to: a) serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian; b) provide a community linkage to the County Librarian; c) establish a forum for the community to express its views regarding the goals and operations of the County Library; d) assist the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian to provide library services based on assessed public need; e) develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian for the betterment of the County Library including, but not limited to, such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County. The Commission is composed of 29 members.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Michael Fischer	07/01/2021	2	06/30/2025

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Term Length: 24 Months

Max Terms: No Limit

Number of Members: 1

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday, Bi-Monthly

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Address: 155 Mason Circle, Concord, CA

Description:

The Board of Trustees are officials appointed by their respective City Councils to govern the Mosquito and Vector Control District knowledgeably and effectively. They serve without compensation but are provided with an allowance to defray expenses while on official business (not to exceed \$100 per month) in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code Section 2030(b). Trustees do not receive any type of benefits and serve for a term of two to four years.

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
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In addition to the term expirations listed above, several current vacancies exist for which

[Current Vacancy List](#)

Posted 11/1/2024 and Published 11/15/2024

Revised 1/27/2025

Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk

CURRENT VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The El Cerrito City Council is seeking applicants interested in serving on its Boards, Commissions and Committees (Advisory Bodies). Members of Advisory Bodies provide an invaluable service to our community. Serving as a member can be a rewarding experience for community service minded residents. It is an excellent way to participate in local government and to make a personal contribution to the improvement of your community. Members are appointed by the City Council for terms of four years. Meetings are generally held once a month during evening hours.

Residents interested in serving on an Advisory Body begin the process by attending meetings of the advisory bodies of interest to them. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend meetings of the advisory body applied for prior to submitting an application. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and will remain valid for a period of one year.

Current vacancies are listed below. Click on the applicable link to find out more information about the advisory body.

Advisory Body	Vacancies
Arts & Culture Commission	3
Committee on Aging	7
Citizens Street Oversight Committee	2
Civil Service Commission	1
Community Safety Committee	9
Design Review Board	1
Economic Development Committee	8
Environmental Quality Committee	5
Financial Advisory Board	1
Human Relations Commission	4
Park and Recreation Commission	3
Urban Forest Committee	10

Select the Apply Now button below or visit
<http://el-cerrito.org/ApplicationforCommissions> to access the online application.
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Last Updated: October 17, 2024

Active applications as of 1/30/2025

Name	Board Name	Application Status	Interview	Application Date	Interview Date
Ahmed Qureshi	Economic Development Committee	Active	N/A	01/07/2025	02/06/2025
Ahmed Qureshi	Financial Advisory Board	Active	Scheduled	01/07/2025	
Akhil Iyer	Urban Forest Committee	Active	N/A	12/11/2024	
Allison Cooper	Urban Forest Committee	Active	N/A	10/28/2024	
Andrea Lucas	Design Review Board	Active	Pending	11/07/2024	
Bruce Yow	Committee on Aging	Active	N/A	11/04/2024	02/06/2025
Buddy Akacić	Committee on Aging	Active	N/A	01/06/2025	
Buddy Akacić	Human Relations Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/06/2025	
Carol Kehoe	Committee on Aging	Active	N/A	11/21/2024	
Champagne Brown	Human Relations Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/27/2025	
Courtney Helion	Arts and Culture Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/08/2025	02/06/2025
Courtney Helion	Planning Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/08/2025	02/06/2025
David Carvel	Financial Advisory Board	Active	Scheduled	12/17/2024	02/06/2025
Diane Boodrookas	Arts and Culture Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/06/2025	02/06/2025
Diane Boodrookas	Human Relations Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/06/2025	02/06/2025
Eric Wright	Economic Development Committee	Active	N/A	11/01/2024	02/11/2025
Gyan Singh	Design Review Board	Active	Scheduled	01/08/2025	
Hari Lamba	Park and Recreation Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/15/2025	
Isaac Mankita	Economic Development Committee	Active	N/A	01/21/2025	
Jack Rozier	Park and Recreation Commission	Active	Scheduled	12/09/2024	

Name	Board Name	Application Status	Interview	Application Date	Interview Date
James Dolgonas	Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees	Active	Scheduled	11/06/2024	02/06/2025
James Dolgonas	Financial Advisory Board	Active	Scheduled	11/06/2024	02/06/2025
Janos Szlatenyi	Financial Advisory Board	Active	Scheduled	10/14/2024	02/06/2025
Jennifer Kaczor	Park and Recreation Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/06/2025	02/06/2025
Jennifer Kaczor	Urban Forest Committee	Active	N/A	01/06/2025	
Juno Rabinovici	Arts and Culture Commission	Active	N/A	01/09/2025	
Juno Rabinovici	Human Relations Commission	Active	N/A	01/09/2025	
Lauren Dodge	Park and Recreation Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/06/2025	02/11/2025
Lauren Dodge	Urban Forest Committee	Active	N/A	01/06/2025	
Linda Cain	Committee on Aging	Active	N/A	01/16/2025	
Lisa Martinengo	Committee on Aging	Active	N/A	01/13/2025	
Michael Fischer	Contra Costa County Library Commission	Active	Scheduled	11/17/2024	02/06/2025
Michael McDougall	Financial Advisory Board	Active	Pending	01/29/2025	02/11/2025
Michael Norwood	Economic Development Committee	Active	N/A	09/05/2024	
Mina Wilson	Human Relations Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/21/2025	02/06/2025
Pamela Austin	Environmental Quality Committee	Active	N/A	11/17/2024	
Pamela Wagner	Committee on Aging	Active	N/A	11/04/2024	
Patrick Swen	Economic Development Committee	Active	N/A	01/23/2025	
Randi Jiménez	Urban Forest Committee	Active	N/A	11/25/2024	
Renée LeVesque	Human Relations Commission	Active	Pending	01/29/2025	02/11/2025

Name	Board Name	Application Status	Interview	Application Date	Interview Date
Renée LeVesque	Park and Recreation Commission	Active	Pending	01/29/2025	02/11/2025
Robin Mitchell	Urban Forest Committee	Active	N/A	01/07/2025	
Ruth Cazden	Arts and Culture Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/23/2025	02/11/2025
Shanti Corrigan	Contra Costa County Library Commission	Active	Scheduled	01/27/2025	02/11/2025
Shanti Corrigan	Economic Development Committee	Active	N/A	01/27/2025	
Sheila Tarbet	Environmental Quality Committee	Active	N/A	01/07/2025	
Tessa Rudnick	Civil Service Commission	Active	Pending	11/21/2024	02/11/2025
Tessa Rudnick	Financial Advisory Board	Active	Pending	11/21/2024	02/11/2025
William Cedrick Cobb	Community Safety Committee	Active	N/A	01/16/2025	

EL CERRITO BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT WORKSHEET

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Legend

ACC = Arts and Culture Commission
 COA = Committee on Aging
 CommSC = Community Safety Committee
 CCLC = Contra Costa Library Commission
 CCMVCD = Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District
 CSC = Civil Service Commission
 DOA = Date of Appointment **Indicates a PARTIAL TERM**

EDC = Economic Development Committee
 FAB = Financial Advisory Board
 HRC = Human Resources Commission
 PC = Planning Commission
 PRC = Park and Recreation Commission
 UFC = Urban Forest Committee

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION (5 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029*
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029**
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029**
	DOA – 3/1/2028**

* Incumbent chose not to re-apply (Faine)

** Vacant (Prior incumbents: Roberts, Gager, Pavlosky)

Eligible Applicants
Diane Boodrookas (applied for HRC-1 st choice)
Courtney Helion (Incumbent) (applied for PC-2 nd choice)
Ruth Cazden (prior Incumbent, resigned in 2021, eligible for 1 full term)

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (2 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029*
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029**

* Incumbent did not re-apply (Peters)

** Vacant (Prior incumbent: Park)

Eligible Applicants
Tessa Rudnick (applied for FAB-1 st choice)

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (3 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	DOA - 3/1/2027*

* Vacant (Prior incumbent: Yu)

Eligible Applicants
Gyan Singh (Incumbent)
Andrea Lucas (Incumbent) Not Scheduled (unavailable)

FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD (4 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029*
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029**
	DOA - 3/1/2028***

* Incumbent did not re-apply (Schaffran)

** Incumbent termed out (Farahmand)

*** Vacant (Prior incumbent: Desai)

Eligible Applicants
Janos Szlatenyi
Jim Dolgonas (applied for CCCMSVD-1 st choice) (Incumbent on CommSC)
Ahmed Qureshi (applied for EDC-1 st choice)
David Carvel (Incumbent)
Tessa Rudnick (applied for CSC-2 nd choice)
Michael McDougall

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (6 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 - 3/1/2029*
	DOA - 3/1/2027*
	DOA - 3/1/2027*
	DOA - 3/1/2028*

* Vacant (Prior incumbents: Morris, Brewer, Conant, Williams)

Eligible Applicants
Buddy Akacic (Incumbent) (re-applied for COA) (Incumbent on EQC, term ends 3/1/2025)
Diane Boodrookas (applied for ACC-2 nd choice)
Mina Wilson (Incumbent)
Champagne Brown
Renée LeVesque (applied for PRC-1 st choice) (Incumbent on ACC)

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PRC) (6 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029
	3/1/2025 – 3/1/2029*
	DOA - 3/1/2028**
	DOA - 3/1/2027**
	DOA - 3/1/2027**

* Incumbent did not re-apply (Tyler)

** Vacant (Prior incumbents: La Force, Chuaqui, Codron)

Eligible Applicants
Jack Rozier
Jennifer Kaczor (Incumbent) (re-applied to UFC)
Lauren Dodge (applied to UFC-1 st choice)
Hari Lamba (Incumbent)
Renée LeVesque (applied for HRC-2 nd choice) (Incumbent on ACC)

PLANNING COMMISSION (2 Seats)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 - 3/1/2029*
	3/1/2025 - 3/1/2029**

* Incumbent did not re-apply (Singh)

** Incumbent termed out (Mendez)

Eligible Applicants
Courtney Helion (re-applied for ACC)

CONTRA COSTA LIBRARY COMMISSION (1 Seat)

Name	Term
	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029

Term limits do not apply

Eligible Applicants
Michael Fischer (Incumbent)
Shanti Corrigan (applied for EDC-1 st choice)

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1 Seat)

Name	Term
	3/1/2025 - 3/1/2029

Term limits do not apply

Eligible Applicants
Jim Dolgonas (Incumbent) (applied for FAB-2 nd choice) (Incumbent on CommSC)

Arts and Culture Commission

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 7

Meeting Schedule: 4th Monday of the Month

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito

Type: Commission

Description: The ACC is charged with oversight of the Arts in Public Places Program, City Hall Gallery Space, and responsible for acquisition, funding, and placement of public art in the City on public property. The ACC consists of members who demonstrate a commitment to various arts disciplines, including but not limited to: fine arts, visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, art history and arts education.

Council Liaison:
Mayor Carolyn Wysinger

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Staff Liaison:
Will Provost
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Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Audrey Faine	02/14/2023	1	03/01/2025
3	Renée LeVesque	03/01/2024	1	03/01/2028
4	Courtney Helion	02/09/2022	2	03/01/2025
5	Kim Settles	03/01/2024	1	03/01/2028

Civil Service Commission

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 5

Meeting Schedule: On Call

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Type: Commission

Description: The Commission hears appeals submitted by any person in the competitive civil service relative to any disciplinary action, dismissal, demotion, or alleged violation of the municipal code or the personnel rules and certifies its findings and recommendations. It holds hearings and makes recommendations on any matter of personnel administration requested by the Council or the City Manager.

Council Liaison:

Staff Liaison:

Alexandra Orologas

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Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Dorian Peters	02/08/2022	1	03/01/2025
2	Andrea Anisha Desai	03/01/2024	1	01/01/2027
4	Bruce Yow	03/01/2023	2	03/01/2027
5	Rebecca Curry	03/01/2023	1	03/01/2027

Design Review Board

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 5

Meeting Schedule: 1st Wednesday of the Month

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers (Currently Meeting Remotely)

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

Type: Board

Description: The Design Review Board reviews all development (public or private), including all buildings, site layouts, and signing in all districts, except single-family, for the purpose of encouraging quality design of such facilities. At least three members shall be licensed architects and no more than two members may be members of the planning commission.

Council Liaison:

Councilmember William Ktsanes
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Staff Liaison:

Jeff Ballantine
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Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Hugh Vanho	02/16/2023	1	03/01/2026
2	Andrea Lucas	03/01/2021	1	03/01/2025
3	Gyan Singh	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025
4	Ben Chuaqui	02/09/2022	2	03/01/2026

Financial Advisory Board

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 5

Meeting Schedule: 4nd Tuesday of the Month

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

Type: Board

Description: The Financial Advisory Board (FAB) conducts a review of the proposed annual budget and long-term financial plan for the City to assist the City Council in making decisions on major expenditures and revenue sources.

Council Liaison:
Councilmember Lisa Motoyama

Staff Liaison:
Crystal Reams

lmotoyama@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

creams@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Nate Schaffran	10/03/2023	1	03/01/2025
2	David Carvel	02/13/2024	1	03/01/2025
4	Farhad Farahmand	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025
5	Kimberly White	02/08/2022	1	03/01/2026

Human Relations Commission

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 7

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

Type: Commission

Description:

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to initiate educational and cultural programs, promote tolerance and mutual respect between all persons. When requested by the City Council, the Commission will evaluate and make recommendations regarding discrimination charges levied against the City. Commission members shall be generally representative of the demographics of the City including the racial, religious, age, gender, ethnic, and other groups.

Council Liaison:

Mayor Carolyn Wysinger

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Staff Liaison:

Shannon Bassi

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Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Rebecca Curry	03/01/2023	1	03/01/2027
3	Buddy Akacić	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025
5	Mina Wilson	04/04/2023	1	03/01/2025

Park and Recreation Commission

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 7

Meeting Schedule: 4th Wednesday of the Month

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

Type: Commission

Description: The Park and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all matters pertaining to public recreation, including parks, playgrounds, landscaping, childcare, the arts, educational courses and entertainment.

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Rebecca Saltzman
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rsaltzman@el-cerrito.ca.us

Staff Liaison:

Chris Jones
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Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
2	Carinne Brody	03/01/2023	1	03/01/2027
3	Hari Lamba	02/13/2024	1	03/01/2025
4	Troy Tyler	04/04/2023	1	03/01/2025
5	Jennifer Kaczor	03/01/2021	1	03/01/2025

Planning Commission

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: 2 Term(s)

Number of Members: 7

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Meeting Address: 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

Type: Commission

Description:

The Planning Commission, which is a mandated advisory body under the California Conservation and Planning Law, is appointed by the legislative body, with powers and duties as defined by that law. It functions as an advisory body to the City Council in matters relating to planning and the physical development of the City. Membership on this Board requires the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests – FPPC Form 700.

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Lisa Motoyama

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Staff Liaison:

Sean Moss

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Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Abhijeet Singh	02/16/2023	1	03/01/2025
2	Daniel Hamilton	03/01/2024	2	03/01/2028
3	Nathan Tinclair	02/16/2023	1	03/01/2026
4	Joy Navarrete	03/01/2022	2	03/01/2026
5	Michael Norwood	09/17/2024	1	03/01/2028
6	Erin Gillett	03/01/2023	3	03/01/2027
7	Leslie Mendez	03/01/2021	2	03/01/2025

Contra Costa County Library Commission

Term Length: 48 Months

Max Terms: No Limit

Number of Members: 2

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Thursday, Odd-Numbered Months

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: County Administration Building

Meeting Address: 1025 Escobar St. Room 110A Martinez, CA

Type: Regional Body

Description:

The Commission was created to: a) serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian; b) provide a community linkage to the County Librarian; c) establish a forum for the community to express its views regarding the goals and operations of the County Library; d) assist the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian to provide library services based on assessed public need; e) develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian for the betterment of the County Library including, but not limited to, such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County. The Commission is composed of 29 members. Per by-laws, terms are four years and there are no term limits.

STAFF LIAISON INFORMATION

Nina Braithwaite nina.braithwaite@library.cccounty.us 925-608-7722

Council Liaison:

Staff Liaison:

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	Michael Fischer	07/01/2021	2	06/30/2025
2	Bethany Woods	10/15/2024	1	06/30/2028

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees

Term Length: 24 Months

Max Terms: No Limit

Number of Members: 1

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday, Bi-Monthly

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Mosquito and Vector Control District Office

Meeting Address: 155 Mason Circle, Concord, CA

Type: Regional Body

The Board of Trustees are officials appointed by their respective City Councils to govern the Mosquito and Vector Control District knowledgeably and effectively. Trustees do not receive any type of benefits and serve for a term of two to four years. No term limit.

Description: Paula Macedo, District Manager
pmacedo@contracostamosquito.com
(925) 685-9301

<https://www.contracostamosquito.com/>

Council Liaison:

Staff Liaison:

Position Number	Name	Appt Date	No. of Terms Served	Term Expiration Date
1	James Dolgonas	02/14/2023	1	03/01/2025