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AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA

THE COUNCIL SITTING AS THE COACHELLA SANITARY DISTRICT,
COACHELLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COACHELLA FINANCING AUTHORITY,
COACHELLA EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL CORPORATION,
COACHELLA WATER AUTHORITY, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AND COACHELLA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

June 05, 2026
4:00 PM-Special Meeting

In-Person Meeting Location: Coachella Library 1500 Sixth Street Coachella, CA	If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09 Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,, *606140# Or Telephone: US: +1 669 900 6833 Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898 Passcode: 606140 Spanish: El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla
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- Public comments may be received **either in person, via email, or via Zoom.**
 - **In Person:**

Anyone wishing to speak in person during the public comment period or on a particular item is required to fill out a Request to Speak Form. In order to be recognized, a Request to Speak Form must be turned in to the City Clerk prior to the start of the public comment period or before the agenda item is taken up by Council on which you wish to provide a comment.
 - **In Real Time via Zoom:**

If participating in real time via Zoom, during the public comment period, participants must be visible on camera and use the “**raise hand**” function on Zoom.
 - **In Writing via Email:**

If providing a written comment by email, you may submit your public comment to the City Council by emailing cityclerk@coachella.org. To comment by email, submit your comments no later than 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing your name, agenda item (if applicable), and your comment. Any correspondence received by the deadline will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration before action is taken on the matter, during the meeting and upon request one (1) hard copy of the written public comments will be available for the public’s view, and written comments will be retained for the official records. Written comments will not be read aloud at City Council meetings.

- The **live stream** of the meeting may be **viewed online** by accessing the city's website at www.coachella.org, and clicking on the "**Watch Council Meetings**" tab located on the home page, and then clicking on the "live" button.

CALL TO ORDER: - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“At this time the Council/ Board/Corporation/Authority may announce any items being pulled from the Agenda or continued to another date or request the moving of an item on the agenda”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Interviews of Applicants and Potential Action to Fill Council Vacancy

ADJOURNMENT:

*Complete Agenda Packets are available for public inspection at the
City Clerk's Office at 53-462 Enterprise Way, Coachella, California, and on the
City's website www.coachella.org.*

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STAFF REPORT

June 5, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: City Attorney

SUBJECT: Interviews of Applicants and Potential Action to Fill Council Vacancy

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Interview residents who submitted an application to fill the Council vacancy and consideration of potential action to fill the vacant seat on Council.

BACKGROUND:

On May 13, 2026, the City Council provided direction to fill the vacant seat on the City Council by directing the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy by way of an application process. Council approved the open application period to run from May 14th through May 26th at 5:00 p.m.

On May 27, 2026, staff informed Council that ten residents submitted applications to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Council provided direction to staff to schedule interviews of the ten candidates. All ten candidates confirmed their availability for in-person interviews. Council may fill the vacancy by appointment at this meeting.

By way of background, on April 22, 2026, a vacancy was created on the City Council due to Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Frank Figueroa's appointment to Mayor. The Council must act within 60 days of the effective date of the vacancy to determine whether to fill the Council seat by appointment or to call a special election.

A. APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

If the Council decides to fill the vacancy by appointment, Council may appoint an eligible resident by majority vote (three affirmative votes) within the 60-day period, or before June 22nd. Council may wish to nominate an eligible resident for appointment and may make such nomination for appointment at this Council meeting. Alternatively, the Council may adopt more formal procedures to fill the vacancy, which could include directing the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy, establish an application process, and provide Council with the opportunity to interview candidates for consideration and appointment. A sample application is attached for Council consideration. The level of formality is up to Council, provided the Council takes action within the 60-day period.

The vacant City Council seat has a term through November 2026. Any appointed resident will serve only until November 2026. At that time, the Council seat will stand for election for a new four-year term at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

B. SPECIAL ELECTION PROCEDURE

The statute provides that the Council may technically call a special election to fill the vacancy in lieu of appointment. If a special election is called, it must normally be held on the next regularly established election date not less than 114 days from the call of the election, consistent with Elections Code section 1000. However, the next regularly established election date is also the scheduled General Municipal Election on November 3, 2026. Thus, at this late date, any possible special election will simply be absorbed into the currently scheduled General Municipal Election, so no separate special election need be called. For practical purposes, if the Council does not appoint to fill the vacancy, the seat will simply remain vacant until filled by the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

FISCAL IMPACTS

There is nominal staff and material cost for Council to fill the vacant seat by an appointment application process.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends Council interview residents who submitted an application to fill the Council vacancy and consider potential action to fill the vacant seat on Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Applications to Fill Council Vacancy



MAY 25 2026
4:01 PM
City Clerk

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
Stephanie Virgen, Council Member
Denise Delgado, Council Member
Yadira Perez, Council Member

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**CITY OF COACHELLA
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO CITY COUNCIL VACANCY
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FIRST NAME: Jonathan LAST NAME: Zambrano

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () _____

CELL PHONE () [REDACTED] 76

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: () _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

OCCUPATION Employed

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? _____ Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 25

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

This city means everything to me. It represents everything that I am as a human. Everything and everyone in this city has shaped me into the man I am today so I want to give back my time and effort into making the beautiful city of Coachella a better place for everyone here. My highest level of education is high school so if you want someone educated, I am not your guy. If you want someone who cares about the people in this city and is going to fight for what benefits the people more, I am the man for the job.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

Theres nothing other than wanting to give back my time and effort to this city. I never aspired to be in politics, but I want to make a difference in my community.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGETIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

The biggest challenge is balancing rapid population growth with a low-income, limited-revenue economy that struggles to keep up with infrastructure, the Data Center Project, and the education and opportunity gap.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

The long term development of a strong community built on transparency and trust.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

I work for a Local News Network(Daily Dunes) which helps keep the Coachella Valley informed.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

I love working with people when we're towards the same goal.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Joseph Zavala Phone/Email

Name: [REDACTED] Phone/Email

Isaac Martinez [REDACTED]

Name: Robert Martinez Phone/Email

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

None

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Will you be able to attend all the types of meetings and/or events as listed above? Yes Yes ___ No ___

Are you a registered voter (City of Coachella)? Yes Yes ___ No ___

Are you willing to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), as required? Yes Yes ___ No ___

Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes Yes ___ No ___

Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes Yes ___ No ___

Are you willing to agree to abide by the City's Code of Conduct? Yes Yes ___ No ___

If NO, to any of the above, please explain:

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Jonathan Zambrano



By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 05/25/2026

PRINTED NAME: Jonathan Zambrano

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CITY CLERK ONLY	
Voter Registration	
Verified	
Date: 5/26/26	Initials: DZ

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City Clerk
9:36 PM

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
Stephanie Virgen, Council Member
Denise Delgado, Council Member
Yadira Perez, Council Member

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FIRST NAME: Salem LAST NAME: Penalosa

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE () [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: () [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: Augustine Casino

OCCUPATION Executive Casino Host

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 84-001 Ave 54 Coachella Ca 92236
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 25

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

I am proud to call the City of Coachella my home and am committed to serving the community that has given me so much. I have over five years of leadership and management experience, along with hands-on field work that has allowed me to connect directly with people throughout the community. Through my work and involvement with local churches and community leaders, I have built strong relationships and gained a deeper understanding of the needs of Coachella residents. I am passionate about being a positive voice for our city and helping our community continue to grow and succeed.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I bring 8 years of management experience, including the last five years in the casino industry, where I have developed strong leadership and communication skills.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

I would focus on building workforce and job pipelines that connect residents with local employers, casinos, and training programs. I will partner with organizations like College of the Desert to expand career pathways and job readiness. My goal is to create direct opportunities that support youth and working families with stable employment.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

I believe that when we invest in training and readiness early, we create stronger job opportunities for young people and better outcomes for the community as a whole. By supporting youth development, we strengthen both individual futures and the long-term success of the city.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Although I have not yet had the opportunity to give back extensively to the community, I am committed to dedicating my time and energy to the areas of greatest need within the City of Coachella, from our seniors to our youth. I will focus on being present, listening to residents, and actively supporting initiatives that strengthen and uplift our community.

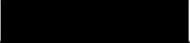
WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

Within the City of Coachella, I have worked closely with teams across different departments to ensure smooth operations and strong guest service. I have collaborated with colleagues in both leadership and front-line roles, focusing on clear communication, problem-solving, and supporting shared goals.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

My focus is entirely on the well-being of the community, and I am committed to making decisions that prioritize residents and their needs above outside influence. As someone new to the government space, I offer an unbiased approach centered on accountability, transparency, and serving the public good.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name:	Larry Salas	Phone/Email:	
Name:	Yesenia Ramos	Phone/Email:	
Name:	Rosemary Zamorez	Phone/Email:	

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

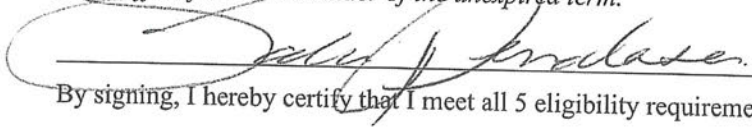
Although I do not currently serve on any community organizations, I am looking forward to beginning that work and building relationships as I grow my network within the City of Coachella. I am committed to getting involved, learning from local leaders, and actively contributing to the organizations that support and strengthen our community.

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MAY 21 2026

City Clerk
9:40AM

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FIRST NAME: Jose LAST NAME: Torres

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: NTC, G4 (US ARMY)

OCCUPATION Maintenance Readiness Officer

BUSINESS ADDRESS: BLDG 988A Inner Loop RD Fort Irwin 92310
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 5

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

I wish to serve as a City Council member to serve my community in the interest of what is better for residents of Coachella. I also want to make sure that their voices are represented. I was born in Coachella and want to give back and be more active in the community that I grew up in.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I served 25 years in the US Army and held Leadership Positions for 22 years. I was a Maintenance manager having over 50 Soldiers work for me. I planned and budgeted yearly requirements for my units maintenance program. I made decisions to ensure my unit mission was accomplished successfully. Now in the civilian sector I served as a Deputy Director of Logistics for 4 months in the absence of my supervisor. I have an associates degree in general studies and working toward my bachelors degree in Technical Management

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

I believe Housing affordability and shortages is one issue that is being faced. If there is state and federal funding that can help offset the cost to ensure local residents can get assistance. Also many families can't qualify for low income housing, due to them making just above the maximum income to qualify. There should be an exemption to policy to allow them to get into low income housing and then be fixed for a number of years then be reassessed.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

The vision I see for the future of the City of Coachella is a strong partnership with the County of Riverside and State Legislature to assist in funding shortfalls. I also see the City prioritizing needed programs versus wants to ensure resources are allocated according to needs not wants.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

I currently do not have any positive contributions that I can think of besides volunteering with the Veteran of Foreign Wars, raising funds to help local Veterans in the Coachella Valley.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

My Military background to include my Department of the Army Civilian experience working on multiple working groups by either participating or leading them.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

I know this is just a temporary position as City Council Member, but I would really like to make a difference in my community. I have given 25 years to my Country and would like to continue to be a public servant for my community as a Citizen and Veteran.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name:	Claudia Galaviz	Phone/Email:	[REDACTED]
Name:	Victoria Andrade	Phone/Email:	[REDACTED]
Name:	Priscilla Diaz	Phone/Email:	[REDACTED]

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

Veteran of Foreign Wars, Post 3699 (Life Member)
Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Fort Bliss TX (Member)
US Army Warrant Officer Association, "Painted Rock Chapter", Fort Irwin, CA (Treasurer)

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Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to agree to abide by the City's Code of Conduct? Yes ☒ No ☐

If NO, to any of the above, please explain:

It's not that I can't attend, its just the matter of being given advanced notification for me to commute from Fort Irwin, CA for any emergency meetings. I work at Fort Irwin and commute back and forth to my residence. The regular programmed meetings are a non issue.

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By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 5/21/26

PRINTED NAME: Jose Gil Torres

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FIRST NAME: Joan M. LAST NAME: Martinez

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
 (VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () N/A

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]
 EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: Better Homes & Garden Real Estate

OCCUPATION Real Estate Broker

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 78078 Country club Dr. Ste 108
 Street City Zip Code Bermuda Dunes CA 92203

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 2 yrs

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

Please See Attached

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

See Attached

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

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WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

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PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

See Attached

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Maria Hassan Phone/Email

Name: Celis Lopez Phone/Email

Name: Eliseo Arrellano Phone/Email

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

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WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

I wish to serve as a City Councilmember because This community has given me opportunities to grow personally and professionally, and I feel a responsibility to give back service and leadership.

As someone who has lived, worked, and built a business in the Coachella Valley, I understand many of the challenges local families face from housing affordability and economic opportunities. I also see the incredible potential our city has for growth and success.

I want to be part of positive solutions, help bring people together, and make sure residents feel heard and represented. I believe leadership should be approachable, transparent, and connected to the community.

Serving as a City Councilmember would be an honor, and I'm committed to representing our residents with integrity, respect, and dedication.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

For full disclosure, I'm not a career politician, I'm a business Owner and Real Estate Broker and for almost 20 years I've had the opportunity to work with families, homeowners to achieve their goals of buying or selling a home.

My education, I graduated from CV high school in 1994. I've completed my education in computer information systems and banking and financing. Recently I completed a professional course in Local Government and Community Policy from Pepperdine University and of course the City of Coachella resident academy 2026. I currently serve as the chair of the Government affairs committee for CDAR. I work with state and local leaders on issues that impact on our communities and property rights. But more importantly what qualifies me the most is that I understand our community because I've lived it, worked in it and built my life here.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

I think the most important issue right now is Trust, our community has lost the trust in our current elected officials and when trust is broken it very difficult to earn it back.

My suggestion is to involve the community not only when major decisions come before the council, but in every decision that affects residents. I also ask the community to do its part by staying engaged, showing up, and participating in council meetings, because community involvement is essential. Coachella has tremendous potential, but we need more investment and more jobs that allow local families to succeed without having to leave the city. Most importantly I believe the way we can address these issues is the city's

leadership has stayed connected to the people. Residents deserve transparency, honesty, leaders who are willing to listen before deciding.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

My vision is simple: I want Coachella to continue growing in a positive way without losing the heart of our community.

I want families to have opportunities. I want young people to feel proud of growing up here. I want local businesses to succeed, neighborhoods to be safe, and residents to feel heard and respected.

Coachella is a strong and hardworking community with a rich culture and history. I believe our future should focus on smart growth, economic opportunities, better infrastructure, and creating a city where future generations can thrive.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

I've always believed in giving back to the community that has given so much to me and my family.

Through my work in real estate, I've helped many families achieve homeownership and financial stability. I've also worked to advocate for residents and property owners through my involvement with REALTOR® associations and community leadership programs.

I've participated in local leadership programs like the City of Coachella Resident Academy because I genuinely want to understand how I can better serve our community.

Whether it's mentoring, volunteering, supporting local events, or helping families navigate important life decisions, I've always tried to stay involved and make a positive impact.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

Most of the work I do involves collaboration. In real estate, community leadership, and committee work, you learn quickly that real progress only happens when people work together.

I've worked alongside business owners, residents, local leaders, and organizations with different perspectives and ideas. I believe in listening, being respectful, and finding solutions that benefit the community.

I'm not interested in politics; I'm interested in working with the current leadership to help move Coachella forward.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION.

I'm not applying because I have all the answers. I'm applying because Coachella has given me opportunities, friendships, and a place to build my life and my career. Coachella is known as the

city of eternal sunshine, so I believe this is a time for me to join the current leadership and work together to rebuild our communities' trust and make our city shine.

I'm committed to listening, learning, and representing our community with integrity and respect.

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

California Desert Association of REALTORS® 2026-2028

California Association of REALTORS® 2025-2026

Government Affairs Committee – CDAR (Chair) 2026

Real Estate Advisory Committee for Assemblyman Greg Wallis 2026

State Political Coordinator Program – California Association of REALTORS® 2024-2026

City of Coachella Resident Academy 2026

City of Indio Leadership Academy 2023

CDAR Leadership Academy 2023

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PRINTED NAME: Juan M. Martinez

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Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
Stephanie Virgen, Council Member
Denise Delgado, Council Member
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FIRST NAME: LAST NAME: Dr. Sandra Luz Hernandez-Arellano

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED] (VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () N/A

CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: () N/A

BUSINESS NAME: N/A

OCCUPATION: Teacher

BUSINESS ADDRESS: N/A
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 58

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER? I wish to serve the city as a City Council Member because I care deeply about our community, its safety, and the future of generations to come. I have a lifelong connection to this city and a genuine understanding of the needs, values, and concerns of its residents. I want to be part of creating the positive changes before us and help ensure our city continues to grow in a way that benefits everyone. I believe in working collaboratively with residents, local businesses, and community leaders to strengthen services, support youth and families, and preserve the pride of the community. Serving as a City Council Member would allow me to give back to the city that has shaped me and help build a stronger future for all.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. As a resident of this city for over 50 years, I have witnessed its growth and expansion firsthand. I worked for local businesses and organizations like food markets, hair salons, restaurants, and the Boys & Girls Club. I am currently employed as a teacher for the Coachella Valley Unified School District and the Adult School ESL evening program. I hold credentials in special education, art, bilingual education, a Master of Arts & Credential in School Counseling, an Administrative Credential, and an Education Doctorate in Organizational Leadership.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES? Important issues facing Coachella include public safety, affordable housing, youth opportunities, economic development, and maintaining a strong sense of community as the city continues to grow. These issues can be addressed by expanding opportunities in these areas, promoting transparency, actively listening to residents' concerns, and engaging in careful planning for future development to help preserve the city's identity.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA? As a team player, my vision is to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to guide the city's growth while preserving its culture, identity, and sense of community.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY? I have contributed to the community as a teacher supporting students' growth and learning, through my work in local businesses serving residents and supporting the local economy, and by raising three children who attending Coachella Valley Unified District schools and are now professionals. These experiences reflect my commitment to education, service, and the long-term strength of the community.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR? I have extensive experience working as a team member through my work as a teacher, where I continuously collaborate with colleagues and local businesses, collaborating with co-workers and families in support of shared goals to help serve the community effectively.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION. As a long-time resident, educator, and community member, I am committed to the continued growth and success of our city. My experience in education, local business, and raising a family has given me a strong understanding of community needs. I value collaboration, responsible growth, and preserving our city's values while expanding opportunities for all residents.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Miriam Vela-Sanchez

Phone/Email

Name: Estela Razo

Phone/Email

Name: Gustavo Sandoval

Phone/Email

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON? I have supported my community through my work as a teacher, involvement in local school and family activities, and participation in community events and initiatives that support students and families.

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PRINTED NAME: Dr. Sandra Luz Hernandez-Arellano

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CITY CLERK ONLY
 Voter Registration *Joseph Bonifas*
 Verified
 Date: *5/19/26* Initials: *alg*



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City Clerk
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Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
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FIRST NAME: MARTIN

LAST NAME: PALLARES PEREZ

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

Street

City

Zip Code

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: Eisenhower Medical Center / United Medical Group, Inc.

OCCUPATION US-International Medical Graduate, Clinical Researcher and Pulmonary Clinical Assistant

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 39000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Street

City

Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 20+ years, with temporary absences for education and training

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

I wish to serve the City of Coachella because I believe public policy, healthcare, economic development, and community leadership directly affect the daily lives and well-being of residents. As someone with a strong interest in healthcare and public service, I believe this opportunity would allow me to contribute positively to the community while gaining valuable experience in civic leadership and public policy. I would approach this appointment with professionalism, humility and a willingness to learn.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am an International Medical Graduate with experience in healthcare, clinical research, and patient care. My background has taught me teamwork, communication, professionalism, and service to the community.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

I believe Coachella should continue growing in a thoughtful and balanced way that improves quality of life for residents. Important issues include infrastructure, public safety, healthcare access, economic opportunity, youth engagement, and creating healthier neighborhoods.

I believe cities function best when they encourage community involvement, support local businesses, invest in parks and recreation, and create environments where families feel safe, active, and connected.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

My vision is for Coachella to continue evolving into a healthier, safer, and more economically strong city while preserving its identity and sense of community. I would like to see continued investment in walkable public spaces, parks, family recreation, youth opportunities, local business growth, and community-centered development that improves everyday life for residents.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

I have contributed through healthcare, patient support, bilingual communication, research, and service-oriented work within the Valley.

My work has focused on helping patients and families navigate healthcare and improving access to compassionate, community-based care.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

Healthcare and research require constant teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. I have experience working closely with physicians, nurses, researchers, staff, patients, and families in multidisciplinary environments where collaboration and professionalism are essential.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

I would approach this appointment with professionalism, humility, and a collaborative mindset.

My goal would be to listen, contribute thoughtfully, and support the City and community in a positive and respectful manner.

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Name: Meagan Beaman-Jacinto, J.D.

Phone/Email

Name: Maximiliano Felipe Ochoa

Phone/Email

Name: Conchita Pozar

Phone/Email

Name: Oscar Armijo, CPA

Phone/Email:

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

I served on the Círculos Restaurativos (Restorative Circles) initiative from 2022–2023 in partnership with University of California, Riverside working alongside Dr. Evelyn Vázquez, Purépecha community advocate Conchita Pozar, and other community leaders in the Eastern Coachella Valley to support mental health awareness, community healing, and outreach efforts for underserved immigrant, farmworker, and Purépecha Indigenous communities. <https://healingtheacademy.com/>

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Martin Pallares Perez

By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 5-25-2020

PRINTED NAME: Martin Pallares Perez

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 Date: 5/24/2020 Initials: dy

Karen

MARTIN PALLARES PEREZ, MD

U.S. International Medical Graduate

Greater Coachella Valley, CA [REDACTED]

[linkedin.com/in/martinpallaresmd](https://www.linkedin.com/in/martinpallaresmd)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- International Medical Graduate with U.S.-based supervised clinical training and longitudinal experience across outpatient and inpatient settings.
- Completed a full-time clinical training year in Houston, Texas, with multidisciplinary exposure to Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Psychiatry, and Nephrology.
- Clinical research experience spanning urologic Phase II–III trials, remote eligibility screening and data tracking, and subsequent support of nephrology and orthopedic interventional studies; experienced with IRB documentation and ICH-GCP-aligned processes.
- Currently supporting outpatient pulmonology and clinical research activities under physician supervision, with ongoing interests in primary care, community-based practice, and academic clinical research.

CORE SKILLS: Primary care support • Chronic disease management • Patient screening & informed consent • Care coordination • EMR/EHR documentation • Spirometry & EKG acquisition • REDCap • IRB/regulatory files • ICH-GCP • Clinical trial operations • Perioperative workflow exposure (GI endoscopy; surgical skills training) • Urology clinical trials • Anesthesia/critical care research exposure (publications) • Bilingual (English/Spanish)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine (MD Equivalent)

Centro de Estudios Universitarios Xochicalco, México

U.S. degree equivalency verified by [World Education Services \(WES\)](#)
2025

Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Coursework

Southern California University of Health Sciences

2012 – 2017

Completed coursework in Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Microbiology.

Bachelor of Science — Anthropology

University of California, Riverside

Medical Scholars Program

2011



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & RESEARCH

Clinical Research Coordinator (Per Diem)

Eisenhower Desert Orthopedic Center — Rancho Mirage, CA

Principal Investigator: Erik A. Schnaser, MD | Sub-Investigator: Ghassan Boghosian, DO
Mar 2026 – Present

- Coordinate IRB-approved orthopedic clinical trials, including **Phase III multicenter interventional studies** evaluating anticoagulation strategies following total knee arthroplasty.
- Support day-to-day study operations for randomized trials assessing postoperative pain control and patient-reported outcomes.
- Conduct patient screening, informed consent, and protocol-driven follow-up in accordance with FDA regulations and ICH-GCP standards.
- Maintain regulatory files (IRB correspondence, essential documents) and ensure source documentation quality; manage REDCap data entry and query resolution as assigned.
- Coordinate with investigators and study monitors during site visits and ongoing implementation activities.

Clinical Assistant – Pulmonology (Per Diem)

Shahriyar Tavakoli, MD, FCCP, MHA (Board-Certified Pulmonary, Critical Care & Internal Medicine)

United Medical Group — Rancho Mirage, CA

Mar 2025 – Present

- Assist with outpatient evaluation and longitudinal follow-up of patients with chronic respiratory disease under physician supervision.
- Perform spirometry testing and support basic interpretation workflows.
- Obtain EKGs and support documentation within an internal medicine context.
- Support oxygen therapy monitoring, medication reconciliation, and care coordination workflows.
- Prepare clinical documentation and facilitate interdisciplinary communication across outpatient and hospital settings.
- Contribute to chronic disease management within a broader primary care framework.

Physician Intern (Clinical Training Year — MD Graduation Requirement)

San José Clinic — Houston, TX

Clinical Director: Lee Rodriguez, PhD

Supervising Physicians: Jan McGregor, MD (Internal Medicine); Mark McGregor, MD (Geriatrics); Esteban Romano, MD (Urology)

Jan 2023 – Dec 2023 (Full-Time Clinical Training)

- Completed a **full-time, 12-month supervised clinical internship** required for medical degree completion.
- Provided **direct patient care** within a community-based outpatient primary care setting serving underserved populations.
- Performed comprehensive patient evaluation (history and physical examination) and clinical documentation.
- Contributed to differential diagnoses and management planning under physician supervision.
- Completed structured, multidisciplinary exposure across Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Psychiatry, and Nephrology.
- Supported longitudinal care including preventive medicine and chronic disease management.

- Developed familiarity with U.S. clinical workflows, interdisciplinary coordination, and continuity of care practices.

Clinical Research Coordinator (In-Person → Remote Progression)

Houston Metro Urology — Houston, TX / Remote (Mexico)

Principal Investigator: Zvi Schiffman, MD

Jul 2023 – Dec 2024

- Coordinated Phase II–III urologic trials focused on bladder and prostate disease (including LIBERTAS, INTIVIA, and SUNRISE II–IV programs).
- Supported patient-facing research activities including screening, informed consent, study visits, and protocol-driven laboratory testing coordination.
- Supported trial workflows, regulatory documentation, and cross-functional coordination within a U.S. research setting.
- Transitioned to a remote role, independently screening patients against protocol eligibility criteria across ongoing studies.
- Conducted remote eligibility reviews using electronic medical records and structured tracking tools (e.g., Excel) to maintain screening logs.
- Maintained longitudinal participant tracking and supported enrollment pipeline management in coordination with the study team.
- Delivered independent, data-driven research support across international settings with accuracy, consistency, and protocol adherence.

Physician Intern — Research Track (Servicio Social)

Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada (CICESE), México

Feb 2024 – Feb 2025

- Selected through a nationally competitive program for research-focused physician training.
- Expanded clinical research experience through participation in biomedical and public health studies.
- Contributed to study design, data analysis, and scientific dissemination under PhD-level supervision.

Clinical Research Intern

Balboa Nephrology / California Institute of Renal Research — San Diego, CA

Sep 2024 – Nov 2024

- Supported chronic kidney disease and hypertension trials within a U.S. specialty setting.
- Assisted with patient visits, data collection, and regulatory documentation.
- Contributed to protocol adherence and multi-site coordination.

GI Technician — Surgical Services (Training Rotation)

Desert Regional Medical Center — Palm Springs, CA

Dec 2024 – Mar 2025

- Supported endoscopic procedures (EGD, colonoscopy, ERCP, EUS) during training rotation.
- Maintained sterile technique and supported peri-procedural patient safety.
- Assisted procedural workflows within a high-volume surgical setting.

Clinical Rotation Coordinator (Jefe de Grupo) — Student Leadership

Centro de Estudios Universitarios Xochicalco, México

2021 – 2022

- Elected by peers to coordinate clinical rotations across multiple healthcare systems.
- Managed scheduling, attendance, and communication between students and attending physicians.

- Facilitated continuity of clinical education across specialties.

Eisenhower Health — Progressive Clinical Roles

Rancho Mirage, CA

2006 – 2018

- Progressively advanced through multiple roles within a high-acuity healthcare system.
- Provided direct patient care and clinical support in inpatient and outpatient settings.
- Assisted physicians in emergency department and ICU environments, including procedural support and phlebotomy.
- Supported care in a **geriatric psychiatry unit**, assisting patients with medical and psychiatric comorbidities.
- Contributed to documentation and interdisciplinary coordination.

EARLY CLINICAL EXPERIENCE — BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Worker / Rehabilitation Therapist Aide

Oasis Rehabilitation Center / Riverside County Behavioral Health — CA

Supervising Physician: Anthony Bassanelli, MD (Psychiatry)

2005 – 2010

- Provided direct patient support in a behavioral health setting serving individuals with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and substance use disorders.
- Facilitated structured psychosocial group sessions focused on rehabilitation and coping strategies.
- Participated in multidisciplinary care alongside psychiatry teams.
- Developed foundational skills in therapeutic communication and behavioral health assessment.

PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY WORK

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Pallares Peñez M, Tang DH, Gavriely N. Hemodynamic effects of arterial versus venous leg compression in normal volunteers. *J Anesth Intensive Care Med.* 2025;14(1):555876. DOI: [10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555876](https://doi.org/10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555876)
2. Pallares Perez M, Tang DH, Gavriely N. Auto-transfusion tourniquet reanimation in cardiac arrest patients: A retrospective chart review. *J Cardiol Cardiovasc Ther.* 2024;19(4):556019. DOI: [10.19080/JOCCT.2024.19.556019](https://doi.org/10.19080/JOCCT.2024.19.556019)
3. Pallares Perez M, Tang DH, Gavriely N. Postpartum hemorrhagic shock successfully treated with auto-transfusion tourniquet: A case report with shock index analysis. *J Anesth Intensive Care Med.* 2025;14(3):555888. DOI: [10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555888](https://doi.org/10.19080/JAICM.2025.14.555888)
4. Vázquez E, Cheney A, Pozar C, Marmolejo C, Casamayor M, Pallares Perez M, et al. Healing Together: Advocating for community mental health through restorative circles in low-income Latinx communities. *J Health Care Poor Underserved.* 2026. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/hpu.2026.a982961>.

Conference Presentations & Posters

5. Ostovar-Kermani TG, Olvera A, Gutierrez JA, Broussard M, Pallares Perez M, Akhter Z, Mejia MC, Zoorob RJ, Hirth JM. Contraceptive use and perceived access among immigrant populations in a large metropolitan area: A community health survey. Poster presented at: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; June 29–July 1, 2024; Baltimore, MD.
6. Pallares Perez M, et al. Oral disorders and nutrition in schoolchildren. Oral and poster presentations at university- and state-level research symposia; 2019–2023; Ensenada, Mexico.

7. Pallares Perez M, et al. Estado nutricional y salud bucal en niños escolares en Ensenada. Poster presented at: CEU Xochicalco Student Research Symposium; 2019; Ensenada, Mexico.

Community Reports

8. Vázquez E, Zimmer A, Marmolejo C, Avalos D, Ayala Duarte AG, Bautista L, Pallares Perez M, et al. Improving mental health in the Eastern Coachella Valley. Community report; 2023. Available at: <https://healingtheacademy.com/>

SURGICAL SKILLS & OPERATIVE EXPOSURE

Unidad de Especialidades Médicas de Baja California — Ensenada, Mexico
Jan 2021 – Aug 2021

- Completed ≥100 hours of formal surgical skills training, including aseptic technique, suturing, knot-tying, and instrumentation handling.
- Participated in supervised operative exposure in general surgery and obstetrics/gynecology.
- Assisted perioperative workflows, maintaining sterile field integrity and procedural efficiency.

Clinical & Licensure Certifications

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
- Certified Phlebotomy Technician I (CPT I), California Department of Public Health — Active (2024–2026)
- Basic Life Support (BLS), American Heart Association — Active (2024–2026)
- Qualified Medical Spanish Interpreter — Bilingual Fluency Assessment for Clinicians (eBFAC), LanguageLine Solutions / Eisenhower Health — Outstanding Rating (Valid through 2028)

Clinical Research & Regulatory Certifications (CITI Program)

- Good Clinical Practice (GCP, U.S. FDA Focus; ICH E6 Compliant) — Valid through 2027
- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) Foundations — Valid through 2029
- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) Advanced — Valid through 2029
- Biomedical Research, HIPAA, Conflict of Interest, and Responsible Conduct of Research

Laboratory & Clinical Trial Operations

- IATA Category A & B Biological Substance Shipping Certification, Mayo Clinic — Valid through 2026
- Dangerous Goods Transport Training, Mayo Clinic Laboratories — Completed 2024

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Programa Nacional de Servicio Social en Investigación en Salud (CIFRHS) — Government of Mexico (2024)

- Selected through a nationally competitive process for placement in a research-focused physician service program.
- Officially recognized by Secretaría de Salud (published national selection list).
- Assigned to an advanced biomedical research institution (CICESE).

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City Clerk
12:57AM

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
Stephanie Virgen, Council Member
Denise Delgado, Council Member
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FIRST NAME: Andrew LAST NAME: Gallegos

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(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: () _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

OCCUPATION _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 46 yrs

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER?

I wish to serve as a city council member because I care deeply about the future of
our community and want to help make thoughtful, practical decisions that improve
residents' daily lives.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

My experience that makes me a strong candidate for city council includes five years of serve as a current Parks & Recreation and former Cultural & Arts Commissioner. In addition, I have extensive experience conducting meeting as Chair for several nonprofit organizations in California.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGETIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

In my opinion, the most important issue in the city is traffic accidents. To help reduce accidents, I would advocate for traffic studies to identify problem areas and prioritize improvements based on data and community input.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

I would like to see continued investment in infrastructure improvements, traffic safety, youth and senior programs, and local business development.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

With the help of my organization, we have been providing scholarships to well deserving high school graduates for many years. We have also helped fund Christmas drives to provide support and gifts to families in need.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

I have over 20 years of experience working as part of a team and as a team leader, ensuring that projects are completed successfully.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

As a former District Deputy for the State of California in the nonprofit sector, I have been a go-to person for helping secure funding for worthy causes. I can bring those talents and experience to our city to help obtain funding for future city projects.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Joseph Alcon Phone/Email

Name: Issac Ochoa Jr. Phone/Email

Name: Issac Ochoa Sr. Phone/Email

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

Knights of Columbus Coachella #3847 Council (20 Years)

Fish Food Bank (3 Years)

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Are you a registered voter (City of Coachella)? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), as required? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to agree to abide by the City's Code of Conduct? Yes ☒ No ☐

If NO, to any of the above, please explain:

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By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 5-26-2026

PRINTED NAME: Andrew Gallegos

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Date: 5/26/26	Initials: DZ

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FIRST NAME: Isaac LAST NAME: Zepeda

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 (VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: () [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION [REDACTED]

BUSINESS ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 20

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

I wish to serve as a city Councilmember because I am
passionate about public service and giving back to my
community. I want to help ensure that residents are heard,
support local development and work towards policies that -
strengthen our city.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I will graduate on may 18 with three associate degrees and will attend the university of California, Berkeley. My education in Political Science has taught me how government should work, and -
serve my community.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

One of the biggest issues facing Coachella is affordable housing and economic opportunity. I believe the city should support local businesses, invest in youth programs, and promote responsible community growth.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

My vision for the future of Coachella is a city with more opportunities for residents, safer neighborhoods, strong local businesses and continued growth that benefits the entire community.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

One positive contribution I made to my local community was serve as an intern for the city of Coachella, in the summer of 2025. There I gained experience in public service and government work. This made me learn the importance of serving residents.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

As someone who started a Political Science club at College of the Desert and was the Secretary I learned how to be a leader by planning events out of town -

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As someone who will be attending UC Denver this will help me grow my experience as a community leader, and help contribute to my love for this growing city.

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Name: Tami Ciere Phone/Email: 

Name: Stan Henry Phone/Email: 

Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

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Find my food bank.

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Are you willing to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), as required? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes ☒ No ☐

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PRINTED NAME: Isaac Zepeda

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Date: 5/27/20 Initials: DZ

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FIRST NAME: Yavonne LAST NAME: Zapata

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
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HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () N/A

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS NAME: College of the Desert

OCCUPATION Financial Aid Specialist

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 43500 Monterey Ave Palm Desert 92260
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 40

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

City of Coachella has raised me, shaped me and has many opportunities to change lives. I understand the strengths, struggles and hopes of our residents because I have lived them personally. I believe my lived experience, education, public service and community involvement allow me to bring compassion, community centered and practical perspectives to the City Council.

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pursuing my Bachelors of Arts in Social Work at Cal-State San Bernardino. I currently work as a Financial Aid Specialist at College of the Desert and gained experience from time with County of Riverside.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

Youth development, housing affordability and community awareness regarding major development projects affecting residents. Communication and transparency with outreach efforts through stronger resident engagement.

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

I want residents to give back, trust, feel safe, supported, informed and proud of where they live. Coachella has incredible potential and we should continue to honor the people who build this community.

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

My background in Social Services and resident support has allowed me to assist individuals navigating difficult situations while connecting them to resources and services. I care about people feeling heard and supported.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

I've worked on diverse teams, community organizations, students, residents and public agencies. I have worked on projects involving public outreach, presentations, advocacy efforts, and community initiatives.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL

WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

I understand the value of growth and we have a community of working families, youth, seniors and longtime residents that deserves strong and successful leaders. I would be honored to serve my community that has given so much to me and my family.

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Valentina Ramirez Phone/Email: [REDACTED]
 Name: Bambee Rodriguez Phone/Email: [REDACTED]
 Name: Hilda Calderon Phone/Email: [REDACTED]

WHAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU SERVED ON?

College of the Desert Financial Aid Outreach and Awareness Events
 California State University, San Bernardino Community Advocacy Project
 Destiny Church volunteer/ community support efforts.

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Will you be able to attend all the types of meetings and/or events as listed above? Yes ☒ No ☐
 Are you a registered voter (City of Coachella)? Yes ☒ No ☐
 Are you willing to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), as required? Yes ☒ No ☐
 Are you willing to complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training, as required? Yes ☒ No ☐
 Are you willing to agree to abide by the Provisions of Code of Fair Campaign Practices? Yes ☒ No ☐
 Are you willing to agree to abide by the City's Code of Conduct? Yes ☒ No ☐
 If NO, to any of the above, please explain:

Note: All information contained herein is a public record.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: 1) be 18 years of age or older, 2) be a resident of the incorporated area of the City of Coachella, 3) be a registered voter at the applicant's current place of residence in Coachella, and 4) be able to certify that they meet the eligibility requirements and (5) are willing to serve in the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 05/15/2026

PRINTED NAME: Yavonne L. Zapata

Applicants may be required to attend in-person interviews. Applicants will be notified in the future if an interview is requested. Please note that interviews may be televised.

CITY CLERK ONLY	
Voter Registration	
Verified	
Date: <u>5/27/26</u>	Initials: <u>DZ</u>

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City Clerk
4:20PM

**CITY OF COACHELLA
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO CITY COUNCIL VACANCY
(Term begins upon appointment and ends November 2026)**

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this application and return to the City Clerk's Office, 53990 Enterprise Way, Coachella, CA 92236 or via email to cityclerk@coachella.org. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (760) 398-3502. Please TYPE or PRINT clearly in ink. If you wish to submit additional information, please attach to this application. **All information herein (except applicant's telephone number(s) and birthdate) is a public record.**

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY Tuesday, May 26, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

FIRST NAME: Eva LAST NAME: Lara

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY) [REDACTED]
(VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION ONLY)

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE: () _____

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS PHONE: () _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

OCCUPATION City Planner

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip Code

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA? Yes

HOW MANY YEARS? 26

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE THE CITY AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER?

Please see attachment for
answered questions

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION THAT MAKES YOU A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGETIONS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

WHAT VISION DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA?

WHAT POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A TEAM MEMBER OR COLLABORATOR?

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU FEEL WOULD ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

LIST THREE (3) COACHELLA REFERENCES WHO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Name: Quik Lopez Phone/Email 
Name: Daleto Mucely Phone/Email 
Name: SUSANA MEUDER Phone/Email 

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Eva Lara

By signing, I hereby certify that I meet all 5 eligibility requirements above. Dated: 05/26/2026

PRINTED NAME: Eva Lara

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Voter Registration
Verified
Date: 5/27/26 Initials: 02

Karen

Application: Eva Lara**Why do you wish to serve the city as a city councilmember?**

Serving my community has always been deeply important to me, and my desire to serve as a City Councilmember comes from a genuine commitment to helping improve the quality of our community. Through my experience as Chairwoman of the Planning Commission, I have had the opportunity to work closely with community members, staff, applicants, and local leaders to help guide thoughtful decisions that shape the future of our city. That experience has strengthened my understanding of the importance of balanced leadership, transparency, and public service.

In addition to my service as chairwoman on the Planning Commission, my involvement in ministry through my church, Our Lady of Soledad, has further grounded me in the values of compassion, humility, and service to others. Those experiences have taught me the importance of listening to people, understanding diverse perspectives, and being present for the community during both challenges and successes.

I genuinely love participating in community events that bring residents together and celebrate the spirit of Coachella. One event that has been especially meaningful to me is the Christmas Light Festival, where I have had the opportunity to serve as a judge. Being involved in events like these allows me to connect with residents on a more personal level and has strengthened my appreciation for the pride and unity within our community.

I wish to serve as a City Councilmember because I believe I can continue serving the community in a greater capacity by helping foster responsible growth, supporting local families and businesses, and ensuring that residents feel heard and represented. Public service is not simply a position to me; it is a responsibility. I am passionate about being a thoughtful, approachable, and dedicated public servant who works collaboratively to strengthen our community and help create a positive future for all residents.

Describe your experience and/or education that makes you a qualified candidate for the City Council.

My educational background and professional experience have provided me with a strong foundation in public service, local government operations, and community engagement. I graduated from University of California San Diego with a double major in Political Science and Spanish Literature, which strengthened both my understanding of governmental processes and my ability to communicate effectively with our community.

Professionally, I have worked as a City Planner within multiple municipalities, including close to three years with the City of Coachella. Through these experiences, I gained valuable insight into municipal operations, land use planning, public policy, community development, and the importance of responsive local government. Working within public agencies has allowed me to better understand the responsibility that comes with serving residents and balancing the needs of a growing community. It has also provided me with a strong understanding of the processes, procedures, and protocols needed to review and evaluate development proposals. Ensuring

compliance with applicable regulations, supporting transparency, efficiency, and well-informed decision-making that serves the best interests of our community.

In addition, I worked at Feiro Engineering for over 6 years, a private engineering firm that works closely with local governments throughout the Coachella Valley. This experience has allowed me to collaborate on projects involving infrastructure, development, planning, and coordination with public agencies. It has also given me a practical understanding of how cities function operationally and the importance of long-term planning, responsible growth, and collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Additionally, my service as Chairwoman of the Planning Commission has further strengthened my leadership experience and commitment to public service. In this role, I have worked to ensure meetings are conducted professionally, fairly, and transparently while carefully considering projects and policies that impact the community. This position has helped me develop strong decision-making skills, the ability to evaluate complex issues, and a collaborative approach to leadership.

Together, my educational background, community development experience, and public service involvement have prepared me to serve thoughtfully and effectively as a City Councilmember. I will continue to advocate for the best interests of the community through my current official role.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing the City of Coachella and what are your suggestion on how to address those issues?

Some of the most important issues facing the City of Coachella are strengthening community trust, improving street infrastructure, and maintaining long-term fiscal responsibility and budget stability.

First, building and maintaining trust between the City and residents is essential. One way to address this is by improving communication and community engagement. City officials should remain accessible, transparent, and open to listening to the concerns, ideas, and priorities of constituents. Increasing outreach efforts, improving access to information through the City's website and public meetings. Creating more opportunities for direct resident engagement can help strengthen public confidence and encourage greater community participation.

Secondly, the improvement and maintenance of city streets should continue to be a major priority. Investing in roadway repairs, traffic safety improvements, sidewalks, lighting, and long-term infrastructure planning can improve quality of life for residents, support economic development, and enhance public safety throughout the city.

Third, maintaining a responsible and sustainable city budget is critical for the future of Coachella. I believe the City should continue focusing on fiscal accountability by carefully prioritizing spending, pursuing grant funding opportunities, and encouraging responsible economic development. Economic development is needed to expand growth revenue sources, while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and transparently. Long-term financial planning and

responsible budgeting will help the City continue providing essential services when preparing for future growth and community needs.

What vision do you have for the future of the City of Coachella?

My vision for the future of the City of Coachella is centered on improving community engagement, expanding diverse housing opportunities, and enhancing the beautification of our city.

Primarily, the City should strengthen communication and engagement with residents by creating more direct and accessible ways for the community to stay informed and involved. This includes improving the City's website, increasing accessibility to information and services, and encouraging more direct engagement between residents, staff, commissions, and elected officials. Residents should feel connected to their local government and have clear opportunities to participate in decisions that impact their neighborhoods and quality of life.

Secondly, Coachella should continue expanding housing opportunities beyond traditional single-family homes by encouraging a wider variety of housing options, including townhomes, workforce housing, and other affordable housing opportunities. Providing diverse housing choices can help support young adults, working families, first-time homebuyers, and residents who may be looking for more attainable housing options within the city.

Lastly, I would encourage continued beautification efforts throughout Coachella, especially along the city's main corridors and highly visible areas. Investing in landscaping, streetscape improvements, cleanliness, lighting, and overall appearance can help create a stronger sense of pride in the community and improve quality of life for residents. These improvements make Coachella more welcoming for visitors, businesses, and future investment.

What positive contributions have you made to the local community?

Throughout my professional and public service experience, I have worked to make meaningful contributions that support the long-term well-being of the community while remaining thoughtful, collaborative, and service oriented.

As Chairwoman of the Planning Commission, I supported projects that address important community needs, particularly in housing. One of the projects I was proud to help approve was the city's first senior apartment community, which created much-needed housing support for our senior residents, an important milestone for the community. I supported the approval of 20 affordable housing units within the Mariposa Pointe project to expand housing opportunities for working families and residents. In addition, I supported a housing development located at Calhoun Street and 49th Avenue that included roadway and infrastructure improvements to help accommodate future growth in the area. As part of that project's approval, I advocated for the inclusion of a three-year restriction on short-term rentals in an effort to help preserve long-term housing availability for residents and support neighborhood stability.

During my time working for the City of Coachella, I worked on initiatives aimed at improving both housing accessibility and customer service for residents. I developed the City's Accessory

Dwelling Unit (ADU) program materials, including website content, applications, and project checklists to help make the process more accessible and user-friendly for residents. I also contributed to the ADU design models and served in the public workshops as a presenter, intended to educate and assist residents interested in creating additional housing opportunities for extended family members while helping address the regional housing shortage.

Additionally, I created an internal organizational system to help improve permit processing times and enhance overall customer service efficiency for residents and applicants. Throughout my service, I was complimented by residents for my professionalism, responsiveness, friendliness, and commitment to providing helpful and timely assistance to community members.

Above all, I believe that positive contributions to a community come from listening, working collaboratively, and consistently striving to make local government more effective and accessible for the people.

What is your experience working as a team member or collaborator?

I have extensive experience working collaboratively as part of a team in both public service, professional, and community settings.

As a Planning Commissioner, I have worked closely with fellow commissioners, city staff, and legal counsel, to support thoughtful decision-making and effective governance. In particular in advocating for affordable housing and community engagement.

In my role on the Planning Commission, I have consistently promoted efficiency, accountability, accessibility to residents, and improved overall performance during meetings and public discussions. I have worked to help streamline Planning Commission meetings, improve communication among commissioners, and ensure agenda items are clearly understood so informed decisions can be made effectively and collaboratively. I have also worked alongside legal counsel to help better define commission roles, expectations, standards of conduct, and professionalism to strengthen the effectiveness and integrity of the commission. Additionally, I have focused on improving working relationships between commissioners, stakeholders, staff, and the community to encourage respectful dialogue, collaboration, and consensus-building when addressing important issues facing the city.

In my professional career, I regularly collaborate with residents and various city departments — including Building, Fire, Code Enforcement, and Legal — to help resolve permit and compliance issues. This experience has strengthened my ability to listen carefully, communicate effectively, and bring different departments together to find practical solutions that serve residents while meeting city standards and regulations.

Additionally, I have volunteered in my church ministry in a variety of roles to help services and Mass run smoothly and efficiently. Through these experiences, I have learned the importance of teamwork, organization, reliability, and serving with respect and compassion.

Overall, I believe successful collaboration is built on professionalism, communication, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to serving the community.

Please provide any additional information or comments you feel would assist the City Council considering your application.

I would like to thank the Honorable City Council Members for their time, consideration, and for maintaining a transparent process that allows community members to serve and contribute to their city. I believe my experience and contributions to the community have prepared me to help guide Coachella's continued growth with residents at the center of every decision. Through my service as a member of the Planning Commission, my professional work as a City Planner, collaborating with residents and multiple departments, and my involvement in church ministry; I have developed a strong foundation in leadership, communication, and collaboration. I have improved efficiency, professionalism, transparency, and consensus-building within the Planning Commission, planning departments, and the local governments I have worked for. I am passionate about supporting responsible growth, expanding diverse and housing opportunities, improving city beautification and road infrastructure, and ensuring effective communication between the City and out residents. I would be honored to continue serving the community with dedication, accountability, and a commitment to Coachella's long-term success.

What community organizations have you served on?

I am currently serving as the Chairwoman of the Planning Commission for the City of Coachella, where I work collaboratively with commissioners, city staff, legal counsel, and community stakeholders to help guide responsible development, community engagement, and planning efforts that benefit residents and the future of the city.

In addition, I serve as a minister at Our Lady of Soledad Church, where I volunteer in various ministry roles to support church services, and parish activities. Through this service, I have had the opportunity to work closely with community members, support local families, and contribute to programs that promote faith, service, and community involvement.

Beyond my formal roles, I enjoy actively participating in community events. Participating in these events has allowed me to connect with residents, celebrate our community's culture and traditions, and further strengthen my commitment to civic engagement and public service.