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Make 2025 the Year to Get Involved: City of San Diego Seeking Volunteers for Boards and Commissions

YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SAN DIEGO'S FUTURE BY SERVING ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

SAN DIEGO – As the season of fresh starts and New Year's resolutions gets underway, the City of San Diego is inviting residents to kick off 2025 by making a difference in their community. Volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions offers San Diegans a chance to get involved and help shape the future of their city.

<u>City boards and commissions</u> play an important role in guiding San Diego's policies, regulations and community priorities. With <u>nearly 50 boards and commissions</u>, there are numerous opportunities for residents to contribute their skills and perspectives to a range of areas, including:

- Access and Inclusion
- Arts and Culture
- Finance and Economic Development
- Neighborhood Infrastructure
- Parks and Planning
- Public Protection
- Sustainability

Examples of these boards and commissions include the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, the Franchise Compliance Review Committee, the Human Relations Commission and many more.

"Serving on a board or commission is a meaningful way to give back to the community and make your voice heard," said Chida Warren-Darby, Director of the Office of Boards and Commissions. "We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to explore the various boards and commissions to find the one that aligns with their passions and expertise."

To be considered for a board or commission, applicants must complete <u>an online application</u>, which asks for information such as employment history, references and specific interests related to the board or

commission. Some board seats have specific requirements as to an applicant's skills, political affiliation or demographics.

In 2024, San Diego's boards and commissions included more than 400 volunteer members, who contributed to several notable accomplishments, including the launch of a new Women's Survey by the Commission on the Status of Women. This survey aims to gather valuable insights into the experiences, challenges and aspirations of women across San Diego. As another example, the Human Relations Commission authored a resolution to declare a united front against hate in San Diego.

For more information or to submit an application, visit <u>sandiego.gov/Boards-and-Commissions</u>.



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