



Volunteering on City of Gilroy Boards, Commissions & Committees

Arts and Culture Commission – (4-year terms)

This seven (7) member body is responsible for advising Recreation Staff and the City Council on matters pertaining to cultural and artistic activities to encourage, promote and stimulate the growth of broad-based arts in the community. The Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Bicycle Pedestrian Commission – (4-year terms)

This five (5) member Commission advises staff and the City Council on matters related to bicyclists and pedestrians include studying problems, activities and concerns of bicyclists and pedestrians, and providing input on bicycle and pedestrian issues in the community. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Building Board of Appeals – (4-year terms)

This five (5) member Board addresses matters pertaining to building and construction and hears all building appeals as set forth by the City Charter. The Board meets as needed and is comprised of four (4) persons qualified by experience and training, with one public member.

Community and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee – (4 year terms)

This Committee consists of seven (7) members who act in an advisory capacity to the Housing and Community Development Division on matters pertaining to CDBG and HTF funding including studying the needs of the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, and making annual recommendations for program funding awards. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the Senior Center Meeting Room.

Historic Heritage Committee – (2-year terms)

This five (5) member body meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, acting as an advisory board to the City Council and Planning Commission on issues relating to the identification, protection, retention and preservation of historic sites and neighborhoods of the City.

Housing Advisory Committee – (2-year terms)

This nine (9) member body is comprised of community stakeholders tasked with reviewing housing policies, programs and making recommendations to the City Council on housing-related matters. The committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Library Commission - (4-year terms)

Comprised of five (5) members, this Commission serves as an advisory/liason body to the City Council, city staff and the city Librarian on matters concerning the Gilroy Library, and meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Gilroy Library.

Open Government Commission – (4-year terms)

This five (5) member Commission is tasked with oversight in ensuring that citizens of Gilroy are provided with greater access to information to ensure governmental transparency. They advise the City Council and city staff on appropriate ways in which to uphold and enforce Chapter 17A of the City Code, commonly known as the “Gilroy Open Government Ordinance”, and acts as an appeal body for public requests for records if the records are denied by staff. This Commission meets quarterly in the Council Chambers at City Hall

Parks and Recreation Commission – (4-year terms)

This seven (7) member body is responsible for advising Recreation Staff, Planning Commission and City Council on matters pertaining to public parks, urban forestry and recreation in the advancement of park and recreation planning and programming. This Commission sits as a review body during public hearing processes for parks and recreation master planning, and related park planning projects. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Personnel Commission – (4-year terms)

The Personnel Commission is a five (5) member body which advises and reviews job descriptions and classification recommendations for city positions and serves as a neutral body to hear appeals of disciplinary matters. Periodically the Commission conducts a comprehensive review of the city human resources rules and regulations. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Physically Challenged Board of Appeals - (4-year terms)

Comprised of five (5) members, this body conducts hearings regarding action taken by City staff to enforce public accommodations for the physically challenged, and discusses items of interest to the physically challenged. Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Planning Commission – (4-year terms)

This seven (7) member body acts as an advisory body to the City Council in the review of planning applications for land use entitlements including subdivisions, planned unit developments, zone changes, conditional use permits and variances from the City’s development standards, comprehensive planning studies and the zoning code. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Public Art Committee – (4-year terms)

Comprised of seven (7) members, this committee works in an advisory capacity to the Arts and Culture Commission in the development of public art to create an enhanced visual art environment within the community. The Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

* Public Art Committee applicants are also interviewed by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Street Naming Committee - (4-year terms)

Comprised of six (6) members, this committee meets on an as-needed basis.

This Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on street names for new City General Planned Collectors, Arterials, and Expressways as well as proposed changes to existing street names. The committee meets on an as-needed basis and consists of six members

Youth Commission - (2-year terms)

The Gilroy Youth Commission is an eleven member commission, ages 13-19, which serves as a youth advisory to the City Council, making recommendations on issues affecting local youth. The commission has extensive involvement with the planning, organization and implementation of programs and events in the community. All applicants must be between the ages of 13-18, and must reside within the Gilroy Unified School District. Terms run September through August. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



Applications can be found at www.cityofgilroy.org or in the lobby in administration at City Hall. Please email applications to shawna.freels@cityofgilroy.org, or by mail to Shawna Freels, Gilroy City Clerk, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA. 95020.

All applicants are interviewed by the City Council prior to appointment.

For additional information on these volunteer opportunities, see the Boards and Commissions page under "YOUR GOVERNMENT" on the city website www.cityofgilroy.org