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**RECRUITMENT FOR VACANCIES ON THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE; FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRAFFIC  
SAFETY COMMITTEE; AND, FOR A SPECIAL VACANCY ON THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
FOR WATER QUALITY & FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has begun the recruitment process for applicants for four of the City's Advisory Boards. Residents interested in their City government are encouraged to become involved and apply for appointment to these boards. The following positions will be available for appointment in early 2015: three seats on the Emergency Preparedness Committee; three seats on the Finance Advisory Committee; two seats on the Traffic Safety Committee; and one special vacancy on the Oversight Committee for Water Quality & Flood Protection Program. The term of office for each of the positions is four years, except for the Oversight Committee for the Water Quality & Flood Protection Program which is for an unexpired term of office ending January 16, 2018, or until a successor is appointed. These are volunteer, non paying positions.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**

The five member Emergency Preparedness Committee is charged with making recommendations to the City Council to help ensure that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes develops and maintains a high state of readiness to respond to emergencies and disasters. Committee members advise the

City Council on ways to develop and improve programs to communicate with and educate residents about the importance of emergency preparedness. Committee members are called upon to participate in community outreach events to encourage residents to become prepared and to participate in local volunteer disaster response organizations. Committee members are automatically considered Disaster Service Workers and are encouraged to pursue other disaster-related training and certifications when possible. The Committee meets on a monthly basis on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room/Emergency Operations Center at City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes with authorization for staff to cancel unnecessary monthly meetings after conferring with the Chair.

### **Finance Advisory Committee**

The seven member Finance Advisory Committee provides citizen input to the City Council regarding financial matters of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The Committee reviews short and long-term financial information of the City and other financial issues as assigned by the City Council. The Committee may advise the City Council on matters such as the City's financial condition and recommends specific areas for review to the City Council. The work plan for the Finance Advisory Committee for 2014-15 will include a review of the 2014 Five-Year Financial Model. Upon completing review assignments, the Committee may provide its comments and recommendations to the City Council. The Committee will also receive a presentation of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared annually, including the annual independent audit report. The Committee holds evening meetings as required, generally on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

### **Traffic Safety Committee**

The five member Traffic Safety Committee serves as a public forum for traffic-related issues including placement of stop signs, traffic signals, road modifications, safety devices and posted speed limits. The 2014-2015 work plan for the Traffic Safety Committee includes providing civic engagement opportunities to discuss school safety matters, safe school routes, crossing guards

and crosswalks. The Committee will also provide comments and recommendations to the City Council regarding permit parking in coastal zones and roadway safety relating to multi-modal use of the public rights-of-way. The Traffic Safety Commission generally meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

**Oversight Committee for the Water Quality Flood Protection Program (Storm Drain Fee OC)**

The five member Oversight Committee for the Water Quality and Flood Protection (storm drain) Program serves to ensure that the Storm Drain User Fee enacted by the vote of the affected property owners in August 2005 is spent for the replacement, refurbishment, repair and maintenance of City-owned storm drain facilities pursuant to the budget adopted by the City Council each fiscal year. The Storm Drain Fee OC shall annually review a comparison of budget v. actual accounting and Staff's recommendation regarding the User Fee rate for the forthcoming year. The Storm Drain Fee OC shall forward its User Fee rate recommendation to the City Council prior to the annual public hearing expected to be conducted in June each year. Unlike other advisory boards that meet monthly, the Storm Drain Fee OC will hold evening meetings several times between April and June each year.

Those interested in applying must submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2014. To be considered for appointment, an applicant must be a resident of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. An application for appointment can be requested from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, telephone number (310) 544-5217 or downloaded from the City's website at the following web address: <http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/2014-Advisory-Board-Application-for-Appointment.pdf>

Interviews with the City Council are anticipated to take place in January and February 2015 prior to regularly scheduled City Council Meetings. The City Clerk's Office will confirm the date and time of the interviews with the applicants.

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