



GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Over the last twenty years the way people have experienced the City of Westminster has been shaped by changes in demographics, the economy, and the environment. The Westminster City Council is pleased to announce that the City is undertaking a comprehensive update to its General Plan in order to reconnect with our community and reevaluate how Westminster functions as a place to live, work, and play.

It was in 1996 that the City of Westminster last approved its General Plan and comprehensively evaluated its long-term physical development priorities. Are they the same? Have they changed? Over the course of the next several years, we will want to know: what should the community look like 20 to 30 years from now?

This comprehensive General Plan Update is of critical importance to Westminster and will require substantial investments of community time and City financial and staff resources. The information provided by the community and the direction provided by the City Council will be used to develop a new vision and priorities for the City's future growth and quality of life.

To assist with this effort, a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) representing the multiple interests of the community will be selected to provide input and guidance throughout the work program. The GPAC will help shape the various components of the new General Plan by reviewing and providing input on work products generated by the City and its consultants. The Committee members will also serve as ambassadors to the new General Plan effort as they interact with fellow community members. To ensure that the General Plan Advisory Committee includes a balance of perspectives and interests, the City intends to form an Advisory Committee that includes the following cross-section of the community:

- Residents
- Business Owners and Tenants
- Property Owners
- Community Organizations
- Elected and Appointed Officials

The City expects to obtain applications from community members who will represent the categories above. However, if not enough applications are received to reflect the broad range of representation outlined above, the City will work to solicit the participation of community members who can best represent these categories.

The GPAC members will play a key role in providing insight and guidance during the General Plan update. As such, Committee members must commit to attend approximately 10 meetings within a 24-month period. Each meeting will be held on weekday evenings and last approximately two hours. It will be important that each Advisory Committee member attend all meetings throughout the process.

The GPAC will be requested to adhere to participation guidelines that will help keep our meetings focused, balanced, and productive. As part of this nomination form we ask that you read the following guidelines and agree to follow these should you be selected:

- Show respect for each other;
- Recognize the value of each person's opinion and experience;
- State your position briefly so that everyone has a chance to talk;
- Be open, honest and disagree constructively;
- Focus on issues, not on a person or specific groups;
- Recognize that each person's intent is to build a good plan through proper principles; and
- Be open to other perspectives.

After reading this introduction and agreeing to the guidelines above, if you are interested in being considered for a GPAC position, please complete the form on the following page.

I, _____, (please print) am interested in serving on the Advisory Committee for the Westminster General Plan Update. I understand that the committee is intended to provide input and guidance throughout the effort; assist by reviewing studies, providing feedback to options under consideration, and recommending priorities; and helping solicit the input and participation of the community at large. I understand that the committee is intended to have a broad cross-section of community input and participants are to fit into one of the categories below. I believe I best represent the following: (check one)

- Resident
- Business Owner or Tenant
- Property Owner
- Community Organization Representative

I work or reside in the City of Westminster and I have attached a short biography that provides information about who I am, how I fit the category checked above, and why I wish to serve on this committee.

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please include a type written short biography, include your qualifications, how you fit the category checked above, and reasons for wanting to hold the position. Please also list the community organizations that you have participated in during the last 10 years in Westminster and elsewhere, and note any leadership positions that you have held. You can provide the list on a separate paper if more space is needed.

All nomination forms must be completed and submitted to Art Bashmakian, Planning Manager for the City of Westminster, via mail, email, or fax by 5:00 p.m. no later than August 8, 2014. The mailing address, email, and fax number are provided below.

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