



City of Jurupa Valley

Staff Report

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2026
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ROD BUTLER, CITY MANAGER
BY: MARIA MORRIS, CITY CLERK
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM NO. A

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE PLANNING
COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

That Mayor Pro Tem Chris Barajas make an appointment to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission for a term expiring in December 2026, or until their successor is appointed and sworn-in, whichever is later and which nomination shall be ratified by a majority vote of the entire City Council, pursuant to Chapter 2.35 of the Jurupa Valley Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND

Planning Commissioner Penny Newman resigned from the Planning Commission effective January 15, 2026, which triggered the current vacancy for her position. Since Commissioner Newman's appointment ran concurrently with Mayor Pro Tem Barajas, he will need to nominate one member to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Commission. The individual selected will serve for the unexpired term, which expires in December 2026. The nomination shall be ratified by a majority vote of the entire City Council.

If a Planning Commissioner's term is expiring, or if a vacancy should occur on the Planning Commission by resignation or failure to be reconfirmed, the positions shall be filled by appointment of a new member by the City Council pursuant to the procedures of subsection A of Section 2.35.020 of the Jurupa Valley Municipal Code.

The noticing procedures outlined in Section 2.35.020(A) require that not less than ten (10) working days before the City Council appoints a person to a position on the Planning Commission, the City Clerk shall post a notice that the Council intends to appoint a member or members to the Planning Commission and inviting qualified persons to apply for the position or positions. The notice shall be posted on the City's website, in the City Clerk's office, and at the locations for the posting of ordinances and resolutions as established by resolution of the City Council. These locations shall include the Glen Avon Library and the Louis Robidoux Library.

ATTACHMENT

1. Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy
2. Letters of Interest submitted by persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission
3. Resolution No. 2011-44



Section 2.E. of Resolution No. 2011-44 also provides that “the Council may consider any qualified person for appointment to the Planning Commission whether or not such person submitted a letter of interest to the Council.”

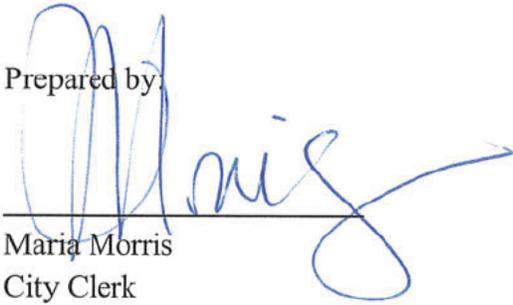
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

ALTERNATIVES

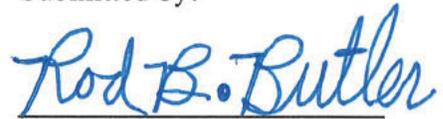
Continue the consideration of the appointment of a new Planning Commissioner for further discussion.

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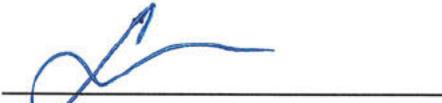
Maria Morris
City Clerk

Submitted by:



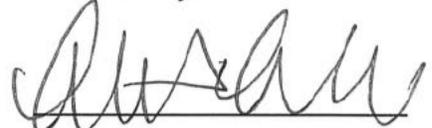
Rod B. Butler
City Manager

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Director of Finance

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Michael Flad
Assistant City Manager

Reviewed by:



Peter M. Thorson
City Attorney





NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that at their February 5, 2026, meeting, the City Council will make one appointment to the City's Planning Commission for a term, which shall expire on December 31, 2026, or until their successors are appointed and sworn in as members, whichever is later.

Applicants must be Jurupa Valley residents. Planning Commission member appointments are ratified by the City Council.

The five-member Commission reviews and makes final decisions on many types of planning applications, including land use permits, subdivisions and environmental review. The Planning Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council on planning applications that require Council approval. In addition, the Planning Commission advises the Council on long-range planning matters, such as zoning and the General Plan.

All persons interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission are invited to submit a letter of interest to the City Council that includes information about the applicant's community involvement, work experience, and current contact information.

The letters of interest shall be public documents and should be sent to:

Maria Morris, City Clerk
City of Jurupa Valley 8930
Limonite Avenue Jurupa
Valley, CA 92509
mmorris@jurupavalley.org

Letters of Interest will be accepted until Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

If you have questions about this matter, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (951) 332- 6464 Ext. 172.

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January 27, 2026

Maria Morris, City Clerk
City of Jurupa Valley
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Letter of Interest for Planning Commission Vacancy

Dear Ms. Morris,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Jurupa Valley's Planning Commission.

My family moved to Mira Loma in 1962, purchasing farm property of 160-180 acres on the east side of Hamner Avenue, between Bellegrave Avenue and what is now Cantu Galleano Ranch Road, which is currently part of Eastvale. I have been a resident of Sky Country since 1995.

Growing up on the Mira Loma farm, I attended Mission Bell Elementary School in Glen Avon, Jurupa Junior High School, and Rubidoux High School, graduating in 1977.

I have been a licensed California attorney (License No. 200895) since 1999, and I have also been a licensed real estate broker (License No. 00879806) since 2002. My law practice primarily focuses on criminal defense cases, along with some real estate matters.

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ATTACHMENT 2

Over the decades, I have watched the Jurupa Valley area transition from a primarily rural and agricultural community to its current state. I have always supported the City of Jurupa Valley because I believe that local control better serves the needs of our residents and promotes a balanced approach to future growth.

I am eager to serve the community and contribute to shaping its future. I believe my background and experience will enable me to make a positive impact on the Planning Commission.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the future of our community.



Manuel J. Barba,
Attorney at Law

Maria Morris

From: Mariza Correa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:01 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Letter of Interest for Planning Commission

Hello Ms. Morris-

I am writing to express my interest in serving and being more actively involved in the City of Jurupa Valley. I have a strong desire to stay informed and contribute meaningfully to decisions that impact our community.

My community involvement has primarily focused on education and local engagement. I have been actively involved in my children's elementary, middle, and high schools through participation on the School Site Council, driven by my interest in understanding and contributing to the decision-making processes that affect students and families. In addition, I served one year on the District Advisory Committee as part of the School Site Council, which further broadened my perspective on governance, collaboration, and community representation.

Professionally, I currently serve as the Director of Finance for a medical device manufacturing company based in Rancho Cucamonga. In this role, I oversee financial operations, compliance, and strategic planning, and regularly collaborate with cross-functional teams and external stakeholders. I hold a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton.

I am motivated to contribute my professional experience, educational background, and commitment to community involvement in support of the City of Jurupa Valley. I value thoughtful governance, transparency, and informed decision-making, and I would welcome the opportunity to serve and support the City Council in advancing our community's needs and priorities.

Below is my current contact information. Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute and serve.

Mariza Correa
[REDACTED]

Maria Morris

From: Michele Cortez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 4:25 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Planning Commission Letter of Interest

Dear City of Jurupa Valley,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission. As a Jurupa Valley resident and a higher education administrator with over fifteen years of progressive leadership experience, I am eager to contribute my skills, perspective, and commitment to thoughtful planning and community stewardship in service to the city.

Professionally, I currently serve as Senior Campus Director of Student Affairs at West Coast University, where I provide leadership over campus operations, compliance, budgeting, and policy implementation. My career has required consistent engagement with regulatory frameworks, long-range planning, and accessibility compliance, and data informed decision-making. I have extensive experience reviewing complex documentation, weighing community impact, and making recommendations that balance operational needs with ethical responsibility and long-term sustainability.

My work has also included managing large-scale budgets, leading cross-functional teams, and serving on institutional committees responsible for governance, conduct, and policy review. These experiences have strengthened my ability to analyze proposals critically, ask thoughtful questions, and collaborate respectfully with diverse stakeholders, skills that directly align with the responsibilities of the Planning Commission.

In addition to my professional background, I am deeply invested in civic engagement and community well-being. I value transparent governance, responsible growth, and planning decisions that enhance quality of life while preserving the character and future vitality of Jurupa Valley. Serving on the Planning Commission would allow me to apply my leadership experience in a new capacity while continuing my commitment to public service.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to serve the City of Jurupa Valley and welcome the opportunity to contribute to its planning efforts. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience should you require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Cortez
Jurupa Valley, CA

[REDACTED]

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Planning Commission for the City of Jurupa Valley. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and have a longstanding interest in local government and civic engagement. I believe my academic background, combined with my lived experience in this community, would allow me to contribute meaningfully to the committee's work.

I am a product of the Jurupa Unified School District and remain deeply connected to this community. I attended Sky Country Elementary School, Mira Loma Middle School, and graduated from Jurupa Valley High School in 2013. As a first-generation college graduate whose parents built their lives here through hard work and perseverance, I share many of the experiences common among Jurupa Valley residents. Given the city's demographics and continued growth, I strongly believe that diverse perspectives should be represented in advisory and decision-making spaces.

I grew up in Mira Loma when neighboring Eastvale was largely undeveloped farmland. Over time, I have watched both cities transform through significant residential and commercial growth. This development has brought opportunity and diversity, but it has also underscored the need for thoughtful planning—particularly in areas related to infrastructure capacity, traffic, stormwater systems, land use, and the preservation of Jurupa Valley's rural and equestrian character.

I feel a strong sense of responsibility to give back to the city that supported my education and shaped my values. Serving on the Public Works Advisory Committee would provide a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the city's continued growth while ensuring that community voices remain central to infrastructure and development decisions.

I am especially committed to advocating for residents who may face economic, educational, or social barriers to participation in public processes. Ensuring that public works projects are equitable, sustainable, and protective of quality of life would be a guiding principle of my service on the committee.

My educational training and personal experience provide me with a practical and community-focused perspective on the challenges facing Jurupa Valley. It would be an honor to serve on the Public Works Advisory Committee, and I would approach the role with diligence, integrity, and a commitment to sustainable, forward-thinking solutions that benefit all residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss my interests and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Angel Esquivel

Maria Morris

From: Santiago <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 5:00 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: IMPORTANT

Hello I'm santiago garcia. An excellent candidate for the planning commissions.

Please get me back to me . So we can discuss efficiency. Since this is last minute sorry.

Sent from my iPhone

From: corey.g.nealtrucking.com
To: [Maria Morris](#)
Subject: Planning Commission
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 5:24:19 PM

Good afternoon,

I would like to apply for a spot on the planning commission. I live and work in district 1 and have so for nearly 20 years. How can I apply and get involved with our city?

Regards,

Corey Gouthro, CDS

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From: [Nathan Hanlon](#)
To: [Maria Morris](#)
Subject: Planning commission
Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 11:57:52 AM

My name is Nathan Hanlon, and I am writing to formally express my interest in applying for a position on the Planning Commission.

With a professional background in real estate, I have a strong understanding of zoning and development. I have lived in Jurupa Valley since 2020 and have deep roots in this community; my mother grew up here and served as a teacher in the Jurupa Unified School District for 40 years. I currently live here with my wife and our three young children, and I have come to truly love this city and its history.

I would welcome the opportunity to help Jurupa Valley grow while ensuring we stay true to its roots. Thank you for your time and for considering my application. Feel free to call me anytime with any questions.

Nathan Hanlon
[REDACTED]
Westcoast Realtors
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

My name is Barbara Hunter and I currently live in District 5 in the City of Jurupa Valley. I have lived in Jurupa Valley before in was incorporated and plan to reside in this City for many more years. With so many changes coming in our future I know that we can grow to become a City that can be both a place to raise a family and work. With that being said I would like to extend my interest in being part of the planning commission board for the City of Jurupa Valley and help develop the future of our amazing City for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Hunter

[REDACTED]

Jurupa Valley,CA 92509

[REDACTED]

Brenda Lane

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] Jurupa Valley, CA 92509 | [REDACTED]

January 27, 2026

Ms. Maria Morris, City Clerk
City of Jurupa Valley
8930 Limonite Avenue
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
 mmorris@jurupavalley.org

Dear Ms. Morris:

I am eager to serve on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission, drawing on 30 years as a horse property owner in this city. My knowledge of the city's involvement in land-use decisions and the General Plan give me a practical, informed perspective that I am ready to contribute.

Volunteering at local events provided hands-on experience. At the Jurupa Valley Community Pro Rodeo, annual Hoof, Paws & Claws, and the City's 3rd of July fireworks, my efforts helped ensure smooth operations and fostered traditions that continue to unite our community.

There, I saw how zoning and the General Plan affect development. Infrastructure changes our quality of life. This key supports careful land-use decisions. I closely follow City Council and Planning Commission meetings through the city's recorded sessions and regularly review staff reports and planning recommendations.

Our city's General Plan forms our life. Proposed projects must remain consistent with General Plan policies, zoning designations, and applicable state law. It sets the stage for provisions such as the Equestrian Lifestyle Protection Overlay. The overlay emphasizes preserving equestrian use and reducing conflicts between residential and industrial land. It reminds us that environmental considerations and mapped constraints are essential to planning decisions.

I make it a point to review City Council and Planning Commission meetings, staff reports, and municipal and state requirements regularly. Although state mandates limit local power, common sense and code compliance remain significant.

I am a horse property owner and a parent. I see firsthand how zoning and land-use rules affect drainage, access, and compatibility. I also know about the broader housing and affordability pressures shaped by state law. When commissioners understand these realities, they make more balanced recommendations.

My past work includes public service roles, teaching writing skills to diverse audiences, and collaborating with legal professionals to successfully analyze statutes and clarify complex regulatory issues for both colleagues and decision-makers.

During my time volunteering for San Clemente's code enforcement, I helped identify compliance issues on properties, assisted in resolving disputes, and contributed to developing cost-effective solutions for both parties.

I help Jurupa Valley residents understand zoning laws and city documents. I translate them into simple terms in local Facebook groups. This gives residents accurate interpretations. My outreach is practical and educational, boosting civic involvement.

With my analytical skills and knowledge of city codes, I am prepared to guide disciplined city growth. I pay close attention to details and ask relevant questions to support thoughtful, long-term planning.

Through responsible legal planning, I intend to preserve Jurupa Valley's special qualities. My experience will guide the city's future responsibly.

Thank you for considering my application. My background and dedication will benefit the Planning Commission. I am excited to help shape Jurupa Valley's future and represent our unique community.

Respectfully,
Brenda Lane

Brenda Lane

From: [Robert Leiva](#)
To: [Maria Morris](#)
Subject: Letter of interest
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 6:38:28 PM

Dear Ms. Morris,

I am writing to express my interest in opportunities to serve and contribute to the City of Jurupa Valley. As a long-time resident and dedicated professional, I am deeply invested in the continued growth, safety, and success of our community.

I am a 22-year United States Army combat veteran, where I developed strong leadership, discipline, and a commitment to service and values that continue to guide me today. I have lived in Jurupa Valley for over three years and take great pride in calling this city my home, I moved from the city to get away from commercial development that is ruining our way of life.

In addition to my military background, I bring 19 years of experience in the construction industry as a union carpenter. I currently serve as the company Supervisor for a union drywall company called Pooles construction, where I oversee crews, coordinate project timelines, ensure safety compliance, and work closely with management to deliver high-quality results. This role has strengthened my ability to lead diverse teams, solve problems efficiently, and communicate effectively with stakeholders at all levels.

I am eager to use my experience, work ethic, and commitment to public service to support Jurupa Valley in any capacity where I may be of value. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how my background and skills could benefit the city and its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to our community.

Very Respectfully,

Roberto Leiva
Superintendent
Pooles construction inc
626-524-4083
rleiva@pcidw.com

Sent from my iPhone

To the City Council of Jurupa Valley,

My name is Enrique Masaki Mendoza. I've lived in the area that would become Jurupa Valley for 19 years, I've attended schools in the Jurupa Unified School District, and I am invested in the city's future as someone who wishes to stay. I am writing this letter to express my interest in joining the city's Planning Commission to be able to shape development in the city in a way that benefits Jurupa Valley residents.

After graduating from Patriot High School in 2021, I went on to get a Bachelor of Science in Joint Mathematics-Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning from the University of California, San Diego. I now work as an intern with the city of Moreno Valley. During my time in university, I gained a passion for urban planning and urban economics informed by my experience growing up in the Inland Empire. As part of my coursework and interest in planning, I've worked on General Plan analyses, researched street vending regulations, and frequently appeared in the city's public hearings to voice my concerns and opinions on proposed projects. Even when school was in session, even in the thick of exams, I would frequently make a 5-hour transit trip from San Diego just to ensure my voice was heard in the planning process.

Urban development has lasting impacts for decades after construction is complete. As someone who intends to live in Jurupa Valley for the long term, I wish to use the knowledge and experience I have gained to help shape its development. Should I be appointed as a member of the Planning Commission, I would be someone who analyzes projects and policies with a quantitative and qualitative eye, and who can weigh clashing views to arrive at the strongest conclusion.

If there are any questions or concerns, or any additional materials I could submit, please feel free to contact me. I can be contacted either through email at [REDACTED] or through phone at 951-743-2460.

Yours sincerely,
Enrique Masaki Mendoza

Maria Morris

From: Cecilia Mendoza <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:33 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Planning Committee

Hello,

I am interested in applying for an available position on the Planning Committee.

I do not have experience, but I am new to the community and would love to be a part of its future.

Thank you,

Cecilia Mendoza

Maria Morris

From: Eddie Orantes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 2:41 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Letter of Interest – Jurupa Valley Planning Commission Vacancy

Dear Ms. Morris,

I am writing to formally express my interest in the current vacancy on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission. I am a new resident of Jurupa Valley and currently work as a Commercial Banking Relationship Manager with Columbia Bank, where I partner with local businesses and community organizations on financing, growth planning, and risk management.

In my role at Columbia Bank, I regularly review complex financial information, evaluate projects, and collaborate with cross-functional teams to reach sound, data-driven decisions. These skills translate well to the Planning Commission's responsibility for reviewing land use matters, development proposals, and long-term plans that will shape the City's future. I am particularly interested in thoughtful, sustainable growth that balances economic opportunity with quality of life for residents.

Although I am a recent resident, I am eager to become actively involved in civic life and to contribute my experience in finance, relationship management, and community engagement to the City. I am committed to approaching each agenda item with professionalism, fairness, and an open mind, while listening carefully to staff, applicants, and members of the public.

Attached is my contact information, and I would welcome the opportunity to provide any additional details or answer questions regarding my background. Thank you for considering my letter of interest for the Planning Commission vacancy.

Sincerely,

Eddie Orantes

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Commercial Banking Inland Empire

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Christopher M. Piper
[REDACTED]
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
[REDACTED]

January 26, 2026

Jurupa Valley City Council
% Maria Morris, City Clerk
City of Jurupa Valley
8930 Limonite Avenue
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Greetings,

I would like to express my interest in the vacated planning commissioner seat. While it saddens me to see Mrs. Newman has stepped down, I have great respect for her reason for doing so, and hope she can continue to fight for the health and safety of our community as she has for so many years. I could only dream of being able to have as much impact on our community as she has had.

I have been a resident of Rubidoux for 21 years. My wife and I, both native to the Inland Empire, settled here after I completed an 8 year enlistment as a Nuclear Reactor Operator in the US Navy's Submarine Service. We have raised our two daughters to adulthood in this great community, and I want to do my part to ensure that it continues to be a great home for them to do the same. It is through their eyes I hope to view the development of our city.

In 2015, I was honored to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee, where I pushed for a highly localized focus on development, respecting and harnessing the variety already present in our then newly formed 'Community of Communities.' As a supporting member of Strong Towns, I believe that cities have a responsibility to their residents to avoid the financial trap of growth dependency, and must find ways to allow that inevitable growth to occur organically, and in fiscally responsible ways.

As Lead Facility Engineer at Kaiser Fontana, I study and implement improvements to the complex interconnected systems that allow a major medical center to function. I have a passion for finding the most efficient way to accomplish a specific task or complete a specific process, whether it is the safe operation of a shipboard nuclear reactor, the distribution of vital utilities and services to critical patient care facilities, or the ability of residents to safely and smoothly access the services they need or desire. There is no more complex and interconnected system than a city, and I hope to be able to put my skills to work here as well.

I thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]
Christopher M. Piper

Maria Morris

From: Waleed Quqa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 7:10 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Letter of Interest – Planning Commission Appointment

Dear Ms. Morris,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission.

My name is Waleed Al Quqa, and I have been a resident of Jurupa Valley since December 2022. I am a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California and several other states, holding a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Structural Engineering. I bring more than 13 years of professional experience specializing in seismic design and structural engineering.

Currently, I serve as a Regional Engineering Manager, where I lead and oversee a multidisciplinary team of more than 20 civil and mechanical engineers. In this role, I am responsible for engineering oversight, regulatory compliance, technical review, coordination across disciplines, and mentoring engineering staff. My experience includes evaluating land-use related designs, structural safety, environmental considerations, and ensuring compliance with applicable codes and standards.

I am passionate about responsible development, public safety, and long-range planning that supports sustainable community growth. Serving on the Planning Commission would allow me to contribute my technical expertise, leadership experience, and community perspective to help guide thoughtful planning decisions that align with Jurupa Valley's General Plan and long-term vision.

I would be honored to serve the City of Jurupa Valley and work collaboratively with fellow Commissioners, City staff, and the City Council in support of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to provide any additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

Waleed Al Quqa, PE

Licensed Civil Engineer



From: [Jaime Robles](#)
To: [Maria Morris](#)
Subject: Interest in Serving on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 5:24:52 PM

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Planning Commission for the City of Jurupa Valley. As a proud resident of Jurupa Valley, I have a strong commitment to the growth, safety, and long-term success of our community.

I am a former law enforcement officer, a role that instilled in me the importance of integrity, accountability, and thoughtful decision-making in service to the public. I currently serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Low Profile Security & Investigations Inc., where I lead operations that require strategic planning and regulatory compliance.

In addition to my professional background, I am actively involved in personal real estate investing, with hands-on experience remodeling single-family residences. This experience has provided me with practical insight into land use, housing needs, neighborhood revitalization, and the impact that planning decisions have on residents, property owners, and the overall character of a city.

I believe my combined background in public service, business leadership, and real estate development would allow me to contribute a balanced and community-focused perspective to the Planning Commission. I am passionate about responsible growth that preserves the quality of life for residents while encouraging economic development and thoughtful urban planning.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve the City of Jurupa Valley and contribute my time and experience to the Planning Commission. I am available to discuss my interest further at your convenience.

Best regards,



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Giselle Romero

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January 29, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council

City of Jurupa Valley

8930 Limonite Ave.

Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Jurupa Valley. Having lived in District 5 for my entire life, I am deeply connected to this community and passionate about contributing to its thoughtful and responsible development. Growing up and living in the same district has given me a firsthand understanding of Jurupa Valley's history, identity, and the needs of the residents who call it home.

Although my formal planning background is limited, I bring a strong foundation in healthcare and pharmacy operations, where accuracy, regulatory compliance, and public safety are essential. My experience in pharmacy operations has strengthened my ability to evaluate detailed information, follow complex policies, collaborate across departments, and make decisions that prioritize the well-being of the community. These skills directly support the analytical and regulatory responsibilities of the Planning Commission.

In addition to my professional experience, I am actively involved in community service within Jurupa Valley. I have served on the School Site Council at Camino Real Elementary and the School Site Council at Mission Middle School, where I collaborated with educators, administrators, and parents to support student success, resource planning, and school improvement efforts. I am also

an active member of the American Legion Post 79 Auxiliary, where I proudly serve as the Junior Activities Chairperson, promoting youth engagement, leadership development, and community support initiatives. These roles have strengthened my commitment to civic involvement and deepened my understanding of the needs and priorities of local families.

My background in healthcare and community service has given me a unique appreciation for how infrastructure, accessibility, safety, and development decisions affect overall quality of life. I am committed to applying this perspective to planning decisions that promote sustainability, balanced growth, and long-term community health.

I care deeply about the future of Jurupa Valley—especially District 5, where I have lived my entire life. I value development that protects the unique identity of our neighborhoods while fostering responsible growth that benefits both current and future residents. If selected, I will bring professionalism, an open mind, a willingness to learn, and a sincere dedication to supporting the City Council's vision for Jurupa Valley.

Thank you for considering my application. It would be an honor to serve as a Planning Commissioner and contribute to the thoughtful shaping of the community I have always proudly called home.

Respectfully,

Giselle Romero

January 21, 2026

George L. Ruiz


Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

City of Jurupa Valley

Maria Morris, City Clerk/City Council members

8930 Limonite Avenue

Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Dear Ms. Morris,

I recently became aware of the vacancy on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission and would like to express my interest in applying. I would like to share a brief of my experience and qualifications which I feel would be of benefit to the City.

I have been a resident of Jurupa Valley for the past 66 years. I attended Ina Arbuckle Elementary School and finished up at Rubidoux High School. I continued my education at Riverside Community College and UCR with my focus on civil engineering. In addition, I owned and operated a very successful commercial landscape company from 1970 to 2005.

From 1973 until my retirement in 2021, a total of 48 years, I was employed at Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. During the entire time, I was employed in the District's Operations and Maintenance Division. In that time, I acquired a variety of skills from heavy equipment operator to Senior Engineering Technician. I was also tasked with being the District liaison in dealing with homeless issues with cities within our jurisdiction and with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

My experience with the City of Jurupa Valley came with my appointment to the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission since the City's incorporation. I had the pleasure of serving for 8 years and during that time I had the privilege of serving as Chair and representing the City at the American Planning Association annual conference.

I currently serve

as Chair on the Jurupa Valley Community Development Advisory Committee and most recently was appointed Zone Commissioner for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District by Riverside County Supervisor Jose Medina.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available for your interview.

George L. Ruiz

Maria Morris

From: John Salgado [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:47 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Letter of Interest – Jurupa Valley Planning Commission Vacancy

To the Appointing Authority:

I am submitting my interest for the Planning Commission vacancy for District 5. I reside in Jurupa Valley and meet the required qualifications. My background includes federal program oversight, military leadership, and structured decision-making experience that align with the responsibilities described in the public notice.

I currently serve as a Calibration Logistics Element Manager for the United States Navy in Norco. This role involves evaluating complex information, documenting findings, and ensuring program decisions conform to established standards. The work requires consistent judgment, accountability, and the ability to interpret and apply detailed requirements.

I previously completed more than two decades of service in the United States Army and Army Reserve, retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class. I am a combat veteran with two deployments to Iraq. My assignments included detachment-level leadership, operational planning, and senior support roles in a general-officer headquarters. These positions required disciplined review of information, adherence to procedure, and neutrality in decision-making.

I have also participated in regional veterans-advocacy efforts within Riverside County. This includes supporting the Veteran Suicide Awareness Project in a short-term operational capacity and completing a documented 40-mile PTSD and suicide-awareness march for three consecutive years. These activities reflect sustained commitment to veteran issues within the broader community.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Project Management. My academic and professional experience equip me to review development matters, evaluate staff reports, and apply adopted plans and ordinances as required of the Commission.

My interest in this appointment is to provide disciplined, consistent review of land-use items brought before the Commission and to support the City Council by delivering reliable recommendations within the scope of the position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
John A. Salgado
Jurupa Valley, CA

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Ismael Serrano-Flores

[REDACTED]
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

[REDACTED]
January 28, 2026

City of Jurupa Valley

District Planning Commission

8930 Limonite Avenue

Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Dear Members of the District Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my interest in contributing to the City of Jurupa Valley through service on the District Planning Commission. As a resident of Jurupa Valley for over sixteen years, I am deeply committed to the continued growth, safety, and well-being of our community. My personal, professional, and educational experiences have equipped me with a strong foundation to meaningfully support the Commission's mission and responsibilities.

Throughout my time in Jurupa Valley, I have been actively involved in community and school engagement. I previously served as the President of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Peralta Elementary School, where I worked closely with families, educators, and district partners to support campus initiatives and student programs. This role strengthened my understanding of community needs, collaborative decision-making, and the importance of transparent communication.

Professionally, I am currently employed by Southern California Edison, where I support critical infrastructure and public safety operations. My prior work experience includes service with CalFire, the California Department of Corrections, and the Department of Defense. Across these roles, I have developed a disciplined approach to emergency

response, organizational coordination, and public service. These positions have instilled in me a strong commitment to operational integrity, regulatory compliance, and community resilience—skills that align well with the responsibilities of the Planning Commission.

In May of this year, I will be graduating from the University of Southern California with a master's degree in emergency management. My academic training has provided advanced knowledge of risk mitigation, land-use planning considerations, disaster preparedness, and interagency coordination. I am eager to apply this expertise in service of the city I call home.

I would be honored to contribute my experience, community perspective, and dedication to the future planning needs of Jurupa Valley. Thank you for considering my letter of interest. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can support the Commission's work and would be pleased to provide any additional information upon request.

Sincerely,

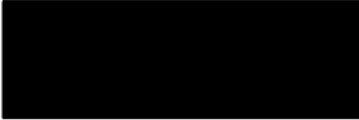
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Ismael Serrano-Flores

Letter of Intent for JV Planning Commission

Jesse Silva

Mira Loma, CA



01/22/2026

Honorable Members of the City Council

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission. I approach this opportunity with a strong sense of civic responsibility and a genuine desire to contribute to the thoughtful & balanced growth of our beloved city.

My background combines community outreach, governance and large scale coordination all of which I believe are essential to responsible planning. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of a local health clinic, where I oversee outreach and community engagement initiatives. In that role, I work closely with diverse stakeholders, manage public facing efforts and help ensure that institutional decisions remain aligned with community needs and long term sustainability.

In addition, I bring campaigning and canvassing experience, which has given me firsthand exposure to the concerns our residents raise regarding development, infrastructure, housing and quality of life. That experience trained me to listen first, synthesize differing perspectives and weigh how policy decisions translate into real lived outcomes for families and neighborhoods.

Professionally, my experience in logistics and managing large groups of people has reinforced the importance of systems thinking & understanding how individual decisions ripple outward and affect broader operations. This mindset aligns closely with the responsibilities of a Planning Commissioner, where land use decisions must be evaluated not only for immediate feasibility but for their long term impacts on traffic, services, economic vitality and community character.

I also bring a strong appreciation for procedural integrity and public trust, reinforced through my long standing work as a California Notary Public. That role has instilled in me a respect for transparency, accuracy and adherence to established processes/principles that are critical in quasi judicial settings such as the Planning Commission.

My personal philosophy toward planning is rooted in stewardship rather than unchecked growth. I believe development should serve the people who already live here while responsibly welcoming future generations. Thoughtful planning, in my view, is not about saying “yes” or “no”

reflexively but about asking the right questions, balancing competing interests and ensuring decisions align with the city's long term vision.

Jurupa Valley is at an important/critical stage in its development and I would be honored to contribute my time, energy, and perspective in service to the community. I am committed by preparing diligently, participating respectfully and upholding the integrity of the Planning Commission's work.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my interest further and to serve the city in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Jesse Silva

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" ~ **Martin Luther King Jr***

Maria Morris

From: V Valme [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 3:25 PM
To: Maria Morris
Subject: Letter of Interest – Planning Commission Jurupa Valley

Dear Ms. Morris,

I am writing to submit my letter of interest for appointment to the Jurupa Valley Planning Commission. I am a resident and homeowner in Jurupa Valley, and the proud father of a young child. My connection to this community is both personal and long-term. As a parent and homeowner, I have a strong interest in ensuring that Jurupa Valley continues to grow in a way that supports families, preserves neighborhood character, and balances responsible development with quality of life.

Professionally, I serve as Director of Sales for an engineering and manufacturing company. In this role, I work closely with cross-functional teams, review technical proposals, evaluate long-term planning considerations, and communicate complex information clearly and responsibly. This experience has strengthened my ability to assess projects thoughtfully, ask the right questions, and consider both immediate and long-range impacts—skills that I believe translate well to service on the Planning Commission.

I am deeply interested in being actively involved in my neighborhood and contributing to the decision-making processes that shape our city's future. I value transparency, community input, and practical solutions that serve residents while allowing Jurupa Valley to thrive economically and socially. I am committed to approaching planning matters with an open mind, a collaborative spirit, and respect for the diverse perspectives within our city.

It would be an honor to serve Jurupa Valley in this capacity. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to provide any additional information and am available to discuss my interest further at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Vladimir Valme
[REDACTED]

best regards

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Jurupa Valley does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. On September 15, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2011-09 adding Chapter 2.35 to the Jurupa Valley Municipal Code.

B. Section 2.35.020 of the Jurupa Valley Municipal Code provides each member of the City Council shall nominate one member of the Planning Commission which nomination shall be ratified by the City Council.

Section 2. The following procedures are established to provide for the selection of members of the Planning Commission and to implement the provisions of Government Code Sections 54970 through 54974:

A. Not less than ten (10) working days before the City Council appoints a person to a vacancy on the Planning Commission, the City Clerk shall post a notice that the Council intends to appoint a member or members to the Planning Commission.

1. The notice shall be posted on the City's website, in the City Clerk's office, and at the locations for the posting of ordinances and resolutions as established by resolution of the City Council. These locations shall include the Glen Avon Library and the Louis Robidoux Library.

2. The notice shall state: (1) the date on which the Council is expected to consider the appointment or appointments; (2) a request that all persons interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission submit a letter of interest to the Council with background information about the applicant's community involvement, work experience, and interest in the Planning Commission along with contact information; and (3) that the Council will afford all persons interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission an opportunity to address the City Council concerning the appointment.

3. The letters of interest shall be public documents.

B. The City Clerk shall distribute the letters of interest to all Council Members at the end of each working day during the 10-working day period prior to the Council's consideration of the appointment or appointments.

C. At the Council Meeting at which the appointment or appointments will be considered, the Council shall provide persons interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission the opportunity to address the Council. Each applicant shall have five minutes to address the Council or such other period of time as provided in the Council's rules of procedure.

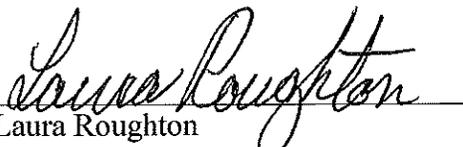
D. The Council may continue its consideration of the appointment of members to the Planning Commission to such dates as it determines appropriate.

E. The Council may consider any qualified person for appointment to the Planning Commission whether or not such person submitted a letter of interest to the Council.

F. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54974(b) and in without complying the requirements of this Resolution, the City Council may fill the unscheduled vacancy immediately, if it finds that an emergency exists necessitating the emergency appointment. A person appointed to fill the vacancy in this manner shall serve only on an acting basis until the final appointment is made to the Planning Commission.

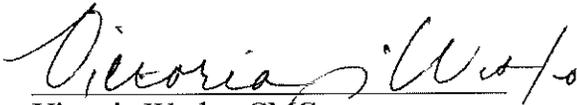
Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Jurupa Valley on this 15th day of September, 2011.



Laura Roughton
Mayor

ATTEST:



Victoria Wasko, CMC
City Clerk

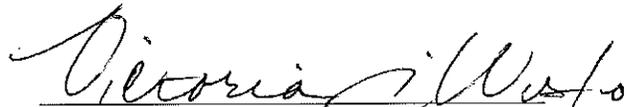
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY)

I, Victoria Wasko, City Clerk of the City of Jurupa Valley, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2011-44 was duly passed and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Jurupa Valley on the 15th day of September, 2011 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: GOODLAND, HANCOCK, JOHNSTON, LAURTIZEN, ROUGHTON
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Jurupa Valley, California, this 15th day of September, 2011.


Victoria Wasko, City Clerk
City of Jurupa Valley