



City of Grover Beach

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GROVER BEACH BEGINS SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

GROVER BEACH, CA — Are you interested in serving your community and participating in making some of the tough decisions facing Grover Beach? As a Council Member, you have one of the five votes which will determine how local tax dollars are spent. You will join the Council in continuing to preserve public safety and maintaining the quality of life for City residents. You will be asked to find a way to fix the streets of Grover Beach and possibly develop a new constitution or “charter” for the voters to consider. If so, and if you are a resident and a registered voter in Grover Beach, you may be interested in the opportunity and challenge of serving as the next Grover Beach City Council Member.

The Council vacancy was created with the recent resignation of former Council Member Phyllis Molnar who has relocated her residence outside the city. Ms. Molnar’s resignation creates a vacancy on the City Council for the remaining twenty-two months of her unexpired term, which will end in December 2014. Last night the Grover Beach City Council decided to fill the vacancy by appointment rather than by holding an election. Appointing the new Council Member will expedite the replacement process and save the City the estimated \$30,000 a special election could cost. The application procedure opens up the process to the public by asking potential candidates to apply for the Council position, rather than being brought forward by Council Members.

In making the decision, the Council indicated that letters of interest from individuals who are registered voters and residents of Grover Beach will be accepted in the City Manager’s Office at City Hall through the close of business on **Tuesday, February 19, 2013**. The City Council will receive a status report regarding the number of applications received during the Council’s regular meeting set for Tuesday, February 19th. The Council will then conduct candidate interviews during a Special City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25th.

“We are really interested in finding someone who can make a commitment to continuing to move the City forward,” said Mayor Debbie Peterson. *“The Council will be faced with making important decisions in the days and months to come, including decisions regarding the development of the next budget, how to maintain City services, improve economic development opportunities, complete the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center, and fix our streets. There are no prerequisites for the job, other than the eligibility requirements and a real desire to serve your fellow residents.”* Council Members are expected to attend two Council meetings per month held on the first and third Mondays, and most likely will serve on two to three subcommittees that meet an average of once a month. Council Members receive a stipend of \$300 per month for their service.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit a letter of interest by the February 19th deadline. In the letter, applicants should include information about themselves, including areas of interest, experience, and reasons for seeking to be a Grover Beach City Council Member. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact either City Manager Bob Perrault or City Clerk Donna McMahon in the City Management Office at Grover Beach City Hall or by calling (805) 473-4567.

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