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Neighborhoods Commission to Fill Vacancies through a Caucus Process

Candidates can apply now for open seats in Districts 2, 5, 7 and 10

The City of San Jose is seeking residents in Council Districts 2, 5, 7 and 10 to fill vacancies on the San Jose Neighborhoods Commission, the City's newest and largest advisory board.

The new commissioners and alternates will be selected by residents through a caucus process with the City Council giving final approval to the selections. Caucuses are scheduled for the following locations and dates:

- **Council District 2** - Saturday Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – noon
Southside Community Center, 5585 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA 95123
- **Council District 10** - Saturday Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – noon
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120
- **Council District 7** - Saturday Sept. 18, 10 a.m. – noon
Tully Branch Library, 880 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA 95111

The date and location for the Council District 5 caucus has not been set yet.

The commission was created to provide a voice on citywide neighborhood quality of life issues; review proposed polices and programs affecting neighborhoods and make recommendations to the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency.

To be eligible, candidates must live within the boundaries of one of the Council Districts that has a vacancy, be available to attend meetings for the two-year term and file a statement of economic interest.

Residents who want to serve on the commission can apply through the San Jose City Clerk's office <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/forms/GENERALAPPLICATION.pdf>. Applications for the Council District 2 and 10 vacancies are due by **5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7**. The deadline for the Council District 7 caucus to select only alternates will be **Tuesday, Sept. 14**.

The caucuses, which are open to the public, will be moderated by a representative from the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County. Candidates will be asked to give brief opening statements, be available to answer questions and provide closing statements. To be elected, candidates must receive a majority of votes through rounds of public balloting.

The Commission's original 30 members – three from each council district -- were also elected through this process. The Neighborhoods Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 118-119 of the City Hall Wing. The next meeting of the Neighborhoods Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

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