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City Council makes appointments to Commissions & Committees from a talented pool of 37 applicants

The Piedmont City Council made 22 appointments to fill vacancies for City Commissions, Committees, and appointed volunteer positions at a special meeting on April 4, 2023.

In a testament to the spirit of volunteerism embedded in this community, 37 residents applied to serve on City of Piedmont bodies during this year's recruitment. Applicants spanned all ages and stages of life, ranging from 5th generation Piedmonters to those who arrived less than two years ago.

During interviews with the City Council on April 4th, prospective Commissioners were united in their passion for service and love for the city they've made home. With only 5 minutes to make their case, they spoke movingly of their appreciation for Piedmont's "small town" feel, how much they value the outstanding services they receive, and their desire to give back.

The nearly three hours of interviews painted a positive and hopeful picture of Piedmont's future, with a deep and talented pool of residents eager to use their skills to help the City navigate the challenges that lay ahead – planning for future fiscal needs, growing in a sustainable manner, tackling climate change, and becoming a more inclusive and welcoming community.

Appointments to seven City bodies and two additional positions

After lengthy deliberations, the City Council made the following appointments:

- [Budget Advisory & Financial Planning Committee](#): Murat Bozkurt, Andrew Flynn, David Kimball
- [Civil Service Commission](#): Lori Elefant
- [Community Pool Advisory Committee](#): Marcia Lane
- [Park Commission](#): Jack Fischrup, Barbara Giuffre, Arden Hall
- [Planning Commission](#): Aradhana Jajodia, Julie Ortiz, Wayne Rowland, Justin Zucker
- [Public Safety Committee](#): Liz O'Neil, Marie Retherford
- [Recreation Commission](#): Richard (Dick) Carter, Sara Ironside, Rebecca Posamentier, Susan Terrill, Aamir Virani
- [Mosquito Abatement District](#) Representative: Hope Salzer
- Parking Hearing Officer: Matthew Goldstein, Jeffrey Nguyen

Newly appointed Commissioners will serve three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Piedmont Mayor Jen Cavanaugh shared her gratitude for all who put their names forward, saying, “On behalf of the entire City Council, I would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who applied. Once again, we were forced to make difficult choices from an amazing pool of interested and qualified community members. Each year, I am humbled not only by the depth of talent among our residents, but also by their generosity and willingness to share those skills in service of our community.”

Everyone welcome at Commission and Committee meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate at Commission and Committee meetings. Attendees may offer comments on any individual agenda item, and also have an opportunity to speak on issues of general interest during the “Public Forum” period at the beginning of each meeting.

- A schedule of all upcoming meetings is available on the City’s events calendar at piedmont.ca.gov/events.
- Meeting agendas are published on the Commission or Committee webpage 72 hours before the meeting.
- Planning Commission, Recreation Commission, and Park Commission meetings are broadcast on the City’s cable channel, KCOM-TV (Comcast channel 27 or AT&T U-verse channel 99). These meetings are also live-streamed online and available for later on-demand viewing at piedmont.ca.gov/MeetingVideos.

Learn more about all the City’s Commissions and Committees at piedmont.ca.gov/Commissions.