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**RECRUITMENT FOR THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES PLANNING COMMISSION;  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR WATER QUALITY FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM; AND,  
A VACANCY ON THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has begun the recruitment process for applicants for three of the City's Advisory Boards. Residents interested in their City government are encouraged to become involved and apply for appointment to these various boards. The following positions will be available for appointment in early 2012: three seats on the Planning Commission; three seats on the Oversight Committee for Water Quality Flood Protection Program (Oversight Committee); and, one seat (vacancy) on the Finance Advisory Committee created as a result of the recent election. The term of office for the Planning Commission and Oversight Committee is four years, while the unexpired term of office for the Finance Advisory Committee ends in December 2014. These are volunteer, non paying positions.

The seven member Planning Commission makes decisions on specific private land use planning applications such as subdivision maps, variances, and conditional use permits; reviews environmental assessments, such as Environmental Impact Reports and Negative Declarations;

makes decisions on view restoration permits; and considers appeals of staff decisions on land use planning applications. The Planning Commission holds evening meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The five member Oversight Committee for the Water Quality and Flood Protection (storm drain) Program serves to ensure that the Storm Drain User Fee enacted by the vote of the affected property owners in August 2005 is spent for the replacement, refurbishment, repair and maintenance of City-owned storm drain facilities pursuant to the budget adopted by the City Council each fiscal year. The Oversight Committee shall annually review a comparison of budget v. actual accounting and Staff's recommendation regarding the User Fee rate for the forthcoming year. The Oversight Committee shall forward its User Fee rate recommendation to the City Council prior to the annual public hearing expected to be conducted in June each year. Unlike other advisory boards that meet monthly, the Oversight Committee will hold evening meetings once or twice a month between April and June each year.

The five member Finance Advisory Committee provides citizen input to the City Council regarding financial matters of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The Committee reviews short and long-term financial information of the City and other financial issues as assigned by the City Council. The Committee may advise the City Council on matters such as the City's financial condition and economic development and recommends specific areas for review to the City Council. The work plan for the Finance Advisory Committee for 2011-12 will include a review of the 2012 Five-Year Financial Model. Upon completing review assignments, the Committee may provide its comments and recommendations to the City Council. The Committee will also receive a presentation of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared annually, including the annual independent audit report. The Committee meets on an as-needed basis, as determined by the annual work plan.

Those interested in applying must submit an application to the City Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012. To be considered for appointment, an applicant must be a resident of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. An application for appointment can be requested from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, telephone number (310) 544-5217 or downloaded from the City's website at the following web address: <http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/2012-Advisory-Board-Application-for-Appointment.pdf>. Interviews with the City Council are anticipated to take place in mid to late January 2012. The City Clerk's Office will confirm the date and time of the interviews with the applicants.

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