

City of East Palo Alto
Measure “C” Parcel Tax Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee
Application for Appointment
Deadline: April 7, 2014

Overview of the Parcel Tax Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee

In November 2006, the voters of East Palo Alto approved the Crime Fighting Act of 2007; better known as Measure C, a parcel tax designed to fund programs to prevent crime and violence. The measure was established for a 10 year period.

The Measure C Program consists of three (3) program areas: Truancy Prevention, Public Safety, and Grants. The over-arching goals and objectives of the Measure C Program are articulated in the following vision and mission statements.

- Vision: Sustaining an environment where neighborhoods are safe and families are free of violence and crime.
- Mission: The community will work together and enhance services and programs to prevent violence and crime in the City of East Palo Alto.

Measure “C” ballot language provides for the establishment of an independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee to ensure that proceeds of the Crime Fighting Act of 2007 are spent only for the purposes named in the measure.

Membership

To ensure proper administration of revenue collection and spending, and the implementation of the programs mandated by the Crime Fighting Act of 2007, the City Council appoints 15 members to a “Crime-Fighting Act Oversight Committee”. Each member of the City Council appoints three members. Members should possess expertise in or represent the following:

1. One member shall be post incarceration currently not on probation or parole;
2. One member shall be a senior citizen age 65 or older;
3. One member shall be a transitional youth age 16-22;
4. One member shall have experience working with victims of domestic violence or self identify as a former victim;
5. One member shall be a parent active in a parent-teacher organization such as a the Schools Site Council or PTA and a resident of East Palo Alto;
6. One member shall be a parent with a child enrolled in middle or high school and a resident of East Palo Alto;
7. One member shall have experience in law enforcement;
8. Two members shall be a representative of the business community;
9. At least two members shall have demonstrated financial expertise;
10. At least two members of the committee shall be renters that reside in the City of East Palo Alto; and

11. At least two members of the committee shall be property owners in the City of East Palo Alto.

A single individual may be appointed as a representative of more than one of the above categories, if applicable. The City shall seek to ensure the Committee is representative of the diversity of East Palo Alto and is comprised of community stakeholders relevant to the populations highlighted in the Ordinance.

Duties

To inform the public concerning the expenditure of parcel tax revenues and to review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money generated by the 2007 Measure C parcel tax. The committee shall:

- Receive and review a report from the Finance Director no later than December 31st of each year that details: (1) the amount of Parcel Tax revenues received and expended the prior year, including reports and independent annual audit reports pertaining hereto; and (2) the status of any projects or descriptions of any program funded from proceeds of the tax.
- Produce an annual report on the preceding fiscal year expenditures for public distribution and distribution to the City Council not later than February 28th annually that communicates the Committee's findings as to whether tax proceeds are being spent for the purposes permitted by the Measure and recommendations, if any.

The Committee shall have the option to tour sites where Parcel Tax revenues are being expended.

Frequency of Meetings The Committee may meet regularly as often as monthly, at minimum biannually, and on other occasions, as needed.

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General Information

Applicant’s Name:	
Home Address:	
Home Telephone No:	E-mail:
Number of years as a City of East Palo Alto resident:	

(Note: City residency is required of all Advisory Body appointees)

Please describe briefly why you want to serve on the Measure C Oversight Committee and what you hope to accomplish as a member:

Employer Information

Name of Applicant’s Employer:	
Occupation:	
Work Address:	
Work Telephone No:	E-mail:

Committee Membership Designation

We are seeking a broad spectrum of expertise and experiences. Please indicate if you have one or more of the following affiliations listed below. **Please check all that apply.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Parent or guardian of a child enrolled in middle or high school; School site(s) name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the School Site Council or Parent Teacher Association School site(s) name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> A representative of the business community	<input type="checkbox"/> Reentry currently not on probation or parole
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior citizen age 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Transitional youth age 16-22
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience working with victims of domestic violence or self identify as a former victim	<input type="checkbox"/> Experience in law enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Renters that reside in the City of East Palo Alto	<input type="checkbox"/> Property owners in the City of East Palo Alto

Please give an overview of your experience.

Describe your civic affiliations and community activities, including participation and service in other City Boards, commissions or committees.

Educational Background – e.g. college and/or university, degree/major, vocational and/or training, certificates, technical training, etc.

Additional Information

Are you now or have you ever been an employee or official of the City of East Palo Alto? () Yes () No

If yes, please explain:

Are you now, or have you ever been a vendor, contractor, or consultant for the City of East Palo Alto () Yes () No

If yes, please explain:

Does your spouse or other family member currently work for or have a contractual relationship with the City of East Palo Alto? () Yes () No

Comments: _____

Please attach additional sheets, if desired, to respond to any or all questions on this application.

If available, please attach your Resume or CV

Certification of Applicant

I certify that the answers and statements in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send your application to:

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If you have any questions, please contact the Measure C Program Coordinator at 650-853-3149.

Note: This application and your responses are a disclosable Public Record.