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Community Health and Wellness Element Wellness Advisory Committee Member Application Information

What is the Community Health and Wellness Element?

The Alameda County Community Development Agency and Department of Public Health have partnered to develop the Community Health and Wellness Element (CHWE) of the Alameda County General Plan. The CHWE will cover the Ashland and Cherryland communities of Alameda County and will address how land use and building policies may be revised in support of health, social equity, and environmental justice. Ultimately, the CHWE will be used to identify goals, policies, and actions that the County will undertake in support of public health.

What is the Wellness Advisory Committee (WAC)?

The Wellness Advisory Committee (WAC) will be comprised of community stakeholders. The members will be a combination of technical experts, community residents including youth and senior representatives, County staff/representatives, public agencies, community organizations, businesses, educators, and property owners. This body will serve as a sounding board for and provide ideas on outreach, policy strategies, and community priorities.

What are the criteria in choosing Taskforce members?

The Alameda County Community Development Agency is seeking applicants to fill an ad-hoc, Wellness Advisory Committee that meets at least one of the following criteria,

1. The person is a resident of Ashland or Cherryland; or
2. The person is actively involved in the community as a neighborhood activist, local business owner, attorney, real estate agent, architect/engineer/urban planner, environmentalist/housing advocate, health service or care provider, and/or land developer.

What is the role of the Wellness Advisory Committee?

The WAC will meet to review documents pertaining to the Community Health and Wellness Element and provide the policy direction necessary to advance the Element. The WAC is limited to the duration of the Community Health and Wellness Element formulation process and will dissolve thereafter. Final approval of the Community Health and Wellness Element will be granted by the County Board of Supervisors.

How much time is involved?

Participation on the Taskforce requires a commitment to attend at minimum of three meetings. All regular WAC meetings are expected to occur at pre-set meeting dates and times. There may also be occasions when the WAC members are expected to attend additional public workshops on a weekday evening or weekend. There may be two such workshops, about two hours each.

How do I apply?

Applying is easy. Please complete the attached application. Once complete, mail the application form to Angela Robinson Piñon of the Alameda County Planning Department, 224 West Winton Avenue, Suite 111, Hayward, CA 94544, or fax the completed application to (510) 785-8793. We will also accept this form via e-mail. Please contact Angela Robinson Piñon at angela.robinsonpinon@acgov.org for more information.

All applications must be received by June 7, 2013.

If you have a resume outlining your professional and community experience, feel free to attach it to your application.

Please provide succinct answers to the following five questions (attach a separate answer page if necessary).

1. Please list and describe your qualifications (formal education, technical, professional, community activism, or otherwise) that demonstrate knowledge about the community's needs and assets, and demonstrate your ability to provide feedback on the Community Health and Wellness Element.

2. Please list all current appointments or memberships in County commissions, boards, committees, or other groups, and the expected length of your tenure.

3. Why do you want to be on the Wellness Advisory Committee?

4. What do you want to accomplish with the Community Health and Wellness Element process?

5. Can you commit to abide by the recommendations of a 2/3 majority vote of the Wellness Advisory Committee for recommendations on the Community Health and Wellness Element?

Signature

Date

Printed Name