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Name: Jesse Acosta

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I want nothing more than to see the City of Hawthorne continue to grow and prosper.

I also studied Real Estate Development and took multiple classes on Urban Planning in College, and I remember learning about the importance that a General Plan has for a city in how it will shape the vision for the city's future. Because I have a history and a vested interest in the city, I hope you will consider me for an appointment on this Committee.



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Name: Joselyn Barrios-Villagran

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I am eager to join the GPAC as a lifelong Hawthorne resident and new homeowner who is deeply invested in the future of our city. I am passionate about contributing to initiatives that enhance housing opportunities, support youth and senior citizens, expand recreation options and improve overall quality of life. As a first-generation Latina, I am committed to bringing a diverse perspective to the decision-making process and ensuring that our community's growth reflects the voices of all residents.



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Name: Bethany Bauer

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I would really appreciate the opportunity to join GPAC and help plan the city's trajectory. I am passionate about urbanism and the environment, as well as quality of life as a Hawthorne resident. As a frequent pedestrian and cyclist (and driver), I have many ideas for how to make our streets safer for everyone. I do volunteer work with unhoused folks every week in West LA and am interested in housing and how zoning can be used to increase equity and economic mobility. I understand that the housing element has already been adopted, but there are likely housing considerations in other parts of the General Plan, such as the Land Use Element. The "Environmental Justice" category stood out to me as a crucial element and one that I would like to focus on. Lastly, it would be a privilege to connect and collaborate with others in the community, and to listen to their thoughts and ideas for the future of Hawthorne.



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Name: Andrew Cook

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I moved to Hawthorne about a year ago and truly see its great potential and would love to have input in the general plan. I have a passion for urban planning and have called the LA area home for close to a decade. I am a home owner within the city of Hawthorne and work in the tech industry. I hope I can provide a unique perspective for the committee. I love the diversity of our city and the kind people within it. I'm hoping I can give back to the community and continue to put them first and make Hawthorne a City everyone feels welcome and proud of.



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Name: Frank Di Pasquale

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I have lived in a numerous places throughtout the city since 1960. I also feel I have a
sense of what our citizens are looking for in their city. I have also interacted with different departments
in the city. Owned my own business for over 40 years.



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Name: PATRICIA DONALDSON

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IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME THAT THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE IS ON POINT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT IN OUR CITY.



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Name: Kathleen Harris

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I think Hawthorne at this moment is full of possibilities, though I already love it here. I've lately been trying to think of ways to get more involved with the community beyond my immediate neighbors, so I applied to be on at city commission and I have just joined the Kiwanis Club of Hawthorne. I think being a commissioner has given me some idea of the "nuts and bolts" of city administration and government, and the Kiwanis are putting me in touch with its heart, with the special bonus of meeting some of Hawthorne's young people.

As a retired university administrator, I always built programs based on consensus and collaboration -- the fun, creative and sometimes surprising part of my job was the process of imagining, planning, and refining. I would love to be part of this group.



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Name: Claudia Huezco

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I would like to be appointed to the committee because I am committed
to contributing to Hawthorne's long-term vision and growth. Having lived here
since high school, I understand the city's character and opportunities. I want to
collaborate with city staff, the consultant team, and fellow residents to help shape
goals and policies that support sustainability, economic vitality and most importantly
the quality of life for our community. I hope to bring a constructive and solutions-
oriented perspective that reflects both my long-standing connection to Hawthorne
and my commitment to civic engagement. I believe in data-driven decision making
balanced with community input.



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Name: John L. Jefferson

Telephone: [REDACTED]

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As a homeowner and pastor in the City of Hawthorne with over 26 years of community service, I bring both a personal and professional commitment to the well being of our city. My experiecne has allowed to work closely with families, youth seniors and other community organizations, giving me a broad understanding of the challenges and opprotunites facing our city. I stronly believe the City would benefit from my perspective because: Deep Community Roots - I have lived and worked in this community for many years and have built relationships of trust across neighborhoods and demographics. As I Pastor , I have engage with every aspect of our community bring people together arcross raical and cultural lines. I understand what the importance to have equity in our community, ensuring all voices an resprmented especially those who may not be heard. My history and a pastor and community service advocate requires vision and planing



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Name: Elizabeth Mercado

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I was born and raised in Hawthorne and love this city very much.

I'm passionate about shaping inclusive, people-centered communities.

Having lived in several major cities, worked as a community organizer, and now as a UX researcher,

I bring a unique perspective on how people interact with their environments

and how thoughtful planning can improve everyday lives.



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Name: Jennifer Myers

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The City of Hawthorne has provided my family a lot of great opportunities, including affordable sports and free community activities; I want to give back to our community. I have been involved in our school district and my kids' schools. Now it's time for me to learn more about how our city works and improve it. I bring a solid mix of public and private sector experience to the GPAC. I hold a Master's Degree in Business and Management and a Doctor of Law from the University of Chicago. As a former lawyer and business consultant I have experience reviewing financial plans in legal and financial audits as well as directing entrepreneurs and nonprofits through creating and evaluating planning documents. I enjoy creating new efficient and inclusive solutions. Now that I'm a stay-at-home mom, I look forward to being more involved. I want to be an asset to our city and community members.



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Name: Joseph Quan

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As a new Hawthorne resident and long time South Bay local, I want to serve on the GPAC to help the
its full potential. I'm especially focused on streamlining the permitting process, supporting strong
schools, and revitalizing key corridors like Hawthorne Blvd and Prairie Ave. Prairie, in particular, is a
vital connector to major venues that will host the World Cup, Olympics, Paralympics, Super Bowl and
NCAA tournaments and opportunity for Hawthorne to shine on a global stage. With the right planning,
our city can mirror the thoughtful growth seen in neighboring communities like Westchester and
El Segundo, while building a vibrant, lasting future of its own.



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Name: Carmen L. Rodriguez Lopez

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My primary motivation for seeking this appointment is to serve as a representative for the Latin women in our community.

Please see attached letter with a full description of my why and my strengths for this role.

I am eager to listen intently to the concerns and ideas of my peers, and to translate their collective vision

into actionable recommendations for the committee. I believe that authentic representation is a cornerstone of effective planning,

and I am prepared to dedicate myself to this responsibility with humility and diligence.

I am including a link to my LinkedIn page with more details about my experience:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/cal%C3%BA-rod%C3%ADguez/>

August 22, 2025

Dear Planning Committee Members,

I am writing to express my profound interest in being appointed to the General Plan Advisory Committee for the City of Hawthorne. As a dedicated resident and a passionate advocate for community representation, I believe I possess a unique perspective and a set of strengths that are essential for shaping a truly inclusive and equitable blueprint for our city's future. The General Plan is not merely a document; it is a promise to our future generations, and I am committed to ensuring that this promise reflects the full spectrum of voices and aspirations that make up Hawthorne.

My primary motivation for seeking this appointment is to serve as a representative for the Latin women in our community, a critical perspective for planning and development conversations. The decisions we make today will have a lasting impact on our neighborhoods, from housing affordability and economic opportunity to access to green spaces and public services. I am eager to listen intently to the concerns and ideas of my fellow community members, civilians and residents of this beautiful city, and to translate our collective vision into actionable recommendations for the committee. I believe that authentic representation is a cornerstone of effective planning, and I am prepared to dedicate myself to this responsibility with humility and diligence.

Beyond my commitment to representation, I bring a strong background in collaborative problem-solving and a deep understanding of the importance of an inclusive process. In my professional and civic life, I have honed the ability to facilitate constructive dialogue among diverse groups with differing viewpoints. I understand that the most robust and resilient solutions are born from a process that values every voice, seeks common ground, and builds consensus rather than division. I am not afraid to ask difficult questions or to challenge the status quo, but I do so with a commitment to mutual respect and the overarching goal of achieving the best possible outcome for the

entire community. I am skilled in synthesizing complex information, articulating clear and compelling arguments, and working in a team environment to achieve shared objectives.

I recognize that a successful plan must be both visionary and practical, and I am dedicated to ensuring that the committee's recommendations are grounded in sound data and a clear-eyed understanding of the city's resources and challenges. Furthermore, I am a natural communicator who is adept at presenting complex ideas in an accessible manner, which I believe is crucial for fostering transparency and public engagement throughout this process.

In conclusion, my passion for my City of Hawthorne, my dedication to representing the Latin voice of our community, and my skills in collaboration and analysis make me a well-qualified and highly motivated candidate for the General Plan Advisory Committee. I am confident that I can be a valuable asset to this important initiative, helping to create a plan that is not only a blueprint for growth but also a testament to our shared values of equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carmen L. Rodriguez

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open space/Recreation | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior citizens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land development | _____ |

In the space below, please describe why you would like to be appointed to the GPAC.

I would love to be able to contribute to the city of Hawthorne's general plan for improvement

With my strong interpersonal skills I wish to stand up for our city and be the voice of all of our Hawthorne residents

who just like me wish to see our city thrive.



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Name: Mekessa Seale

Telephone: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]@icloud.com

What issue areas are of particular interest to you? (Pick as many as you are interested in)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of life |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (write in below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business/Economic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open space/Recreation | _____ |
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In the space below, please describe why you would like to be appointed to the GPAC.

I have lived in Hawthorne 45 years (almost my whole life). I learned how to swim at Hawthorne Pool was a camper at Hawthorne Youth Camp was a huge fan of the Hello Kitty Store at the Hawthorne Mall. My education was all in Hawthorne as was my first job at the Hawthorne Pool.

All of this to say I love Hawthorne and have seen the changes and growth in the city. I would very much enjoy to be part of the General Plan Community. To see the Economic Growth is very exciting. All the elements are very important. Hawthorne is a wonderful city and I am so thankful to call it home.



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Name: Amy Squires

Telephone: [REDACTED] E-Mail: [REDACTED]@mac.com

What issue areas are of particular interest to you? (Pick as many as you are interested in)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (write in below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business/Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <u>Community engagement</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open space/Recreation | <u>Animal welfare/TNR (trap/neutralize)</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior citizens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land development | _____ |

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Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the GPAC. We are fairly new to Hawthorne, having purchase



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Name: Olivia Valentine

Telephone: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]@gmail.comthe

What issue areas are of particular interest to you? (Pick as many as you are interested in)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of life |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (write in below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business/Economic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety | <u>Parking</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Open space/Recreation | _____ |
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As a former member of the City Council, I realize how important it is that the Council receive input from the public as how the public wants to prioritize the spending of resources. The General Plan should reflect the best ideas the public has to offer, after much debate and discussion, as to how to maximize the economic development of Hawthorne. For example, I have ideas about how and where to integrate housing and commercial development, with the use of local transit vehicles, so that residents and shoppers will be able to shop without having to take public transportation or drive their primary vehicles. I also have ideas about how to reduce parking congestion.