



Application to Serve on the Planning and Transportation Commission

Palo Alto welcomes volunteers and we appreciate that you are taking the time to apply. Completion of this application provides valuable information to the City Council. Please complete the application to the best of your abilities. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the City Clerk's Office.

The Planning and Transportation Commission is responsible for:

- Preparing and making recommendations to the City Council on the City's Comprehensive Plan regarding development, public facilities and transportation in Palo Alto;
- Considering and making recommendations to the City Council on zoning map and zoning ordinance changes;
- Reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council on subdivisions, on appeals on variances and use permits;
- Considering other policies and programs affecting development and land use in Palo Alto for final City Council action;
- Reviewing and making recommendations on individual projects such as Planned Community Zones, Open Space development, and those other projects as are directed by the zoning code, staff and City Council.

Please see Palo Alto Municipal Code Sections [2.16](#) and [2.20](#), and [19.04](#) for more detailed information.

The Planning and Transportation Commission is composed of seven Members who are not Council Members, officers, or employees of the City, and who are residents of the City of Palo Alto. Terms of Commissioners will be for four years.

The Planning and Transportation Commission typically meets on the second and last Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm. In addition to regular meetings, Commissioners may be asked to participate on at least one sub-committee which could hold additional meetings.

Click here to receive email notifications of vacancies [CLICK HERE](#). You are also welcome to contact the City Clerk's Office at 329-2571 or David.Carnahan@cityofpaloalto.org.