

Application

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission : Submitted

Please read the following before completing an application:

The Oaks Initiative, also known as the "Taxpayer Protection Act," was adopted by Santa Monica voters in November 2000 and amended in November 2016. Its requirements affect all City-elected and appointed officials, including Council-appointed board and commission members. Additional information is available on the City's website in City Charter Article XXII – Taxpayer Protection.

All persons are invited to apply for membership on City Boards and Commissions regardless of race, age, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual preference, or disability. Applicants shall not, however, be under 18 years of age or serve on more than one Board, Commission or Corporation. Some Boards and Commissions do require special qualifications and requirements. Appointment of members will be made by Councilmembers at an open City Council meeting. Upon appointment, designated members will be required to file a Conflict of Interest disclosure statement. Please answer all questions on this application. This application will become a public record and will be available for public inspection or duplication.

[Additional Conflict of Interest Information for applicants](#)

Profile

Mr. Paul L. Winnemore
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Email Address

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Street Address

[Redacted]
Suite or Apt

[Redacted]
City

[Redacted]
State

[Redacted]
Postal Code

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Question applies to multiple boards

Reside in Santa Monica?

Yes No

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If yes, number of years residence in Santa Monica:

Question applies to Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

Are you applying for the seats reserved for those ages 18-22 years old?

Yes No

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What is your occupation?

Deputy City Attorney

Written Request to Serve Additional Term/s

Interests & Experience

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Specify current or prior service on City Boards/Commissions:

None.

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List community activities in which you are involved:

None at present, although I served as an Assistant Scout Master for Culver City BSA Troop 50 until the COVID-19 pandemic.

Personal qualities identified in the criteria include leadership, creativity, and innovation as well as the ability to work effectively in a group setting and an ability to balance competing needs. Provide examples of how you have demonstrated those qualities:

The leadership, creativity, and innovation that I bring to my employment career has not involved working in a group setting; however, I am an Eagle Scout and have been an Assistant Scout Master for the BSA, which has taught me how to work with individuals in a group setting or team environment.

Mr. Paul L. Winnemore

Question applies to Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

Please share any knowledge of or experience with law enforcement, public safety policies and issues, or social services policies and issues.

I have extensive experience with law enforcement, from a legal perspective, in my 23 year career with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. I have defended police officers in civil lawsuits alleging false arrest, excessive force, and other civil rights violations. From such trial work, I gained a thorough knowledge of police tactics and training. I have 10 years experience handling appeals of police employment discrimination cases brought against the LAPD, which has fostered my understanding and sensitivity regarding issues of sex and race discrimination. For the past six years, I have specialized in handling appeals of police discipline matters, which involves review of Board of Rights hearings for LAPD officers charged with misconduct, such as excessive force, biased policing, false/misleading statements, and conduct unbecoming. From this appellate work I have gained a thorough knowledge of all aspects of police discipline: LAPD manual policy provisions, citizen complaint intake process, administrative and criminal misconduct investigations, Board of Right hearings and decision process, termination process, and the resulting lawsuits by officers seeking to overturn the discipline decisions. In addition to handling police discipline appeals, I am now assigned to the Public Safety General Counsel Division of the City Attorney's Office, where I give advice to the Los Angeles Police Department on policy matters and assist in the drafting of newly proposed policies. Additionally, having had 10 years experience in business management and an MBA, I have an understanding of economics, financing, and budgetary matters that is helpful background when working to reform a city department that has such a large budget. In summary, I believe that my knowledge and experience uniquely qualify me for a position on the Commission and provide me with the skills necessary to perform all of the duties required of a Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commissioner.

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Why you are interested in serving on the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission?

My background, education, and experience representing police officers and the LAPD make me uniquely qualified for a position on the Commission, and I view this application as an answer to a call for service. Police reform and oversight is one of the most prominent social issues in the nation today, and community support for law enforcement is at an all-time low. I want to be a part of making a positive change in policing that respects the dignity of individuals while increasing community support for law enforcement. I believe that I possess the knowledge, experience, and compassion necessary to be an effective Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commissioner, and my desire to fulfill such position comes from a duty to serve.

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Participation on the board requires a significant commitment over the length of the term including attendance at approximately two scheduled meetings per month, and possibly other tasks and meetings outside of board meetings. Will you be able to commit the necessary time to perform your duties if appointed to the board?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you learn about the vacancy in this board or commission? (select all that apply) *

Word of Mouth- Council or Board/Commission member, City Staff, neighborhood groups, etc.

Business Information (Public)

Occupation:

Deputy City Attorney

Business name:

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Business Address

200 N. Main Street, CHE 8th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012

Business Phone

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Notes

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