



City of Yakima

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Subject: Applicants Sought for Board, Committee and Commission Openings

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Volunteer Opportunities on City Boards, Committees and Commissions

The Yakima City Council is seeking volunteers interested in serving on City of Yakima boards, committees, and commissions.

The **Community Review Board** and **Tree City USA Board** each have one available position. There are two vacant youth positions on the **Community Integration Committee**. The **Board of Appeals** and **Henry Beauchamp Advisory Committee** each currently have two available openings.

It is the responsibility of the City Council to appoint people to serve on the governing bodies of those organizations.

More about the volunteer opportunities:

There are two youth positions available on the **Community Integration Committee**, which are for two-year terms. Applicants must live within Yakima city limits and be between the ages of 16-22 at the time of appointment. Appointments shall be made to ensure that varied community perspectives are represented and, to the extent possible, reflect the current demographics of the City, including consideration of historically underrepresented communities. The purpose and intent of the Community Integration Committee is to advise the Yakima City Council on ways to improve community engagement; diversify the city government and workforce; provide additional review of policies, ordinances and resolutions if requested; and give a voice to all Yakima residents.

There is no residency requirement for members of the **Community Review Board**, but the positions must represent different aspects of the public as a whole. Currently there is one vacancy on the board for a representative of the healthcare community.

The **Tree City USA Board** consists of five members who must live within Yakima city limits. People with experience related to trees and other plantings, specifically those with training as arborists, are encouraged to apply. However, not all positions on the board require such experience.

There are seven members on the **Board of Appeals** who serve three-year terms. The board currently requires a mechanical contractor or a developer to fill one of its vacancies.

There are seven members of the **Henry Beauchamp Community Center Advisory Board**, all of whom serve four-year terms and must live within Yakima city limits. Currently, there are two vacancies on this board, which holds quarterly meetings and makes recommendations to the center operator and the City regarding management policies, operations, maintenance, and capital improvement needs. The appointees are based upon the recommendation of the board of directors.

Additional information on the duties and responsibilities of each committee can be found at

<https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/boards-commissions/>.

Anyone interested in applying for openings can download an application from the City of Yakima website -

<https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/assets/Application-form-for-City-of-Yakima-Boards-and-Commissions.pdf>

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