



News Release
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City of Lemon Grove Now Accepting Applications for City Council Vacancy

LEMON GROVE, CA – At its August 5, 2025, City Council meeting, the Lemon Grove City Council directed staff to open the application process for the appointment of a City Councilmember. The City is now accepting applications for appointment to the City Council following the passing of Councilmember Sitivi “Steve” Faiai on July 8, 2025. The appointed Councilmember will serve through December 2026.

This is a part-time position offering monthly compensation of \$803, complete with benefits.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age on or before appointment
- Be a resident and registered voter in the City of Lemon Grove at the time of application
- Must not have been convicted of certain felony crimes involving bribery, embezzlement, extortion, theft of public funds, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes (as outlined in California Elections Code Section 20)

All applications will be reviewed by the City Clerk, who will verify voter registration status with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.

Key Dates & Events:

Application Period

Thursday, August 7 – Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
(Deadline is firm; late applications will not be accepted)

How to Apply

Applications are available at:
City Clerk’s Office, City Hall
3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945
Or online at www.lemongrove.ca.gov

Council Applicant Information Forum

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
Lemon Grove Community Center
3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

City Council Interviews & Presentations

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Lemon Grove City Council Chambers

All qualified applicants will have three minutes to present their qualifications. A Q&A session may follow. Presentation order will be determined by a random drawing conducted by the City Clerk prior to the meeting.

The City Council may make an appointment during the September 16 meeting or may schedule further consideration for a later date.

Next Steps

After the application period closes, City staff will verify each applicant's eligibility. Qualified applicants will be interviewed during the Regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Lemon Grove Community Center, located at 3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove, CA 91945.

The City Council may make an appointment decision at this meeting or may direct staff to schedule the matter for a future agenda.

Additional Information

For further details, please contact:
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