



CITY OF PASADENA APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE

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The information contained on this form will be used by the City Council to appoint members to the Charter Study Task Force. Please answer all questions. You are invited to attach additional pages, a copy of your resume, or submit supplemental information which you feel may assist the City Council in its evaluation of your application. **Please note that, once submitted, this form, and all attachments, will become subject to public access under the Public Records Act, with the exception of personally identifiable information.**

Applicant Name: Denise Robb, Ph.D.

Home Address: **REDACTED** Pasadena, CA 91106

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Business Phone: **REDACTED** Date Available to Start: Nov. 21, 2023

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Indicate if you wish to be considered for a District, At-Large, and/or Mayoral Nomination (mark one or more):

- District Representative representing City Council District 7
- At-large Representative City Council District 7
- Mayoral Representative

Community Service – List boards, commissions, committees, and organizations on which you are currently serving or have served, offices held and in what city.

I was a PTA President and officer for 7 years at Hamilton Elementary. I serve on various committees with ACT Pasadena, Democrats of Pasadena, Foothills, Sustainability Educational Institute w/Los Angeles Community College District, ADEM 41, QPR Suicide Prevention Trainer, LA, AFT 1521 COPE, Los Angeles

Employment – Title and duties, current and past (acceptable to attach resume as an alternative).

Professor of Political Science, Pierce College 2012-Present (before that I taught at UC Irvine, Pasadena City College and Glendale Community College)

Education – Include professional or vocational licenses or certificates.

Ph.D. 2011 University of California, Irvine (Political Science), M.A. from University of California, Irvine in Political Science, B.A. Cal State Los Angeles, Political Science.

1. **Have you ever worked for the City of Pasadena?** *(If yes, please list dates/department)*

YES NO

2. **Are you related to any employee, appointed or elected official of the City of Pasadena?** *(If yes, please indicate name and relationship)*

YES NO

3. **Rules of law and ethics prohibit members from participating in and voting on matters in which they may have a direct or indirect financial interest. Are you aware of any circumstances which may develop from your occupation or economic holdings, that might relate to your service as a member of a Charter Study Task Force?** *(If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts)*

YES NO

4. **Have there been, or are there now, any personal or business circumstances which might reflect adversely on your service as a member of a Charter Study Task Force?**

YES NO

5. **Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to fulfill the obligations of a member on a Charter Study Task Force, including meetings on nights and weekends?**

YES NO

6. **What specifically in your background, training, education, or interests qualifies you to serve on the Charter Study Task Force? Please highlight any relevant experience with the City of Pasadena or other municipality that involves Charter Study, elected experience, or knowledge of City Charter laws and provisions:**

I have four decades of experience in politics. In Los Angeles I was actively involved in charter reform and various issues regarding the structure and function of governments. In my job as a Professor of political science at Pierce College I teach an Introduction to

Government and I also teach a course on the process and structure of

governmental institutions. I serve on numerous committees both in and outside of Pierce.

I have a Ph.D. in political science and a passion for government reform. I would be honored to serve.

7. **What objectives and goals should the Charter Study Task Force consider?**

I agree with the Council that we should look at term limits, increasing the pay to encourage more people to serve. I also think election reform in order to save money such as IRV might be useful. Campaign reform is also an issue of great interest to the community of Pasadena.

8. In your opinion, what is the importance of the scope and charge of the Charter Study Task Force, as approved and assigned by the City Council?

I believe the Charter Study Task Force should take an unbiased look at structure and functions of the current charter, hold hearings and do research to determine the best course of action to be taken when rewriting the Charter. We also need to involve the public in open forums and hearings so that we are sure we are doing our job in the most democratic way possible.

9. How would you help to achieve the Charter Study Task Force's objectives and goals, while adhering to the City Council's approved Scope and Charge?

I would be an excellent listener and researcher and I would reach out to the greater community to get diverse voices and opinions on various issues that have come up over the years. This is an amazing opportunity to open ourselves up to change that will be beneficial to the residents and the elected officials as well.

Signature: *Denise Robb*

Date: 9/27/2023

I hereby certify that the following information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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One of the goals of the City Council is to balance advisory body appointments in terms of geographic residence, location, ethnicity, gender, and age. *The following information is desirable, but not required for appointment.*

Year of Birth:

REDACTED **REDACTED** **REDACTED**

If City resident, number of years: 15