



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

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.**

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Applicant Name: Margaret McAustin

Home Address: [REDACTED] Pasadena

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Pasadena

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Available to Start: when needed

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

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 2

**At-large Representative** City Council District \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

1998 Charter Reform Task Force, Pasadena

1993-1998 & 2005-2007 Pasadena Planning Commission

2007-2020 Pasadena City Council, District 2 Presently City appointee to RBAC

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

Retired

**Education** – Include professional or vocational licenses or certificates.

BA CSULA Business Administration/Economics

Paralegal

1. **Have you ever worked for the City of Pasadena?** *(If yes, please list dates/department)* YES  NO   
Only as a Councilmember

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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

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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

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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:**

My previous experience on the Charter Reform Task force of 1998 gives me a unique understanding of the process, and my experience on the City Council gives me a unique understanding of the implications of Charter Reform Task Force decisions.

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

As directed by the City Council, including the possibly application of term limits, considerations for filling vacant seats on the City Council and compensation of Councilmembers .

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**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?**

As a city we need to ensure the voices of everyone are heard and the cost of being a councilmember is not so prohibitive in terms of time and money to allow only the wealthy and retired to participate in our civic government. Long encumbancies can act as a barrier to new members.

**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?**

As a member of the CRTF, my role would be to become informed by experts, staff and the public on the issues outlined by the Council and to act in furthernace of the best interests of the City. All recommendations are submitted for consideration by the Council.

**Signature:** /s/ Margaret McAustin

**Date:** 10/1/23

*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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ethnicity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If City resident, number of years:** \_\_\_\_\_