

**CITY OF TULARE  
APPLICATION FOR ELECTIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE**

The Tulare City Council has authorized the creation of an ad hoc committee which will be charged with determining the desires of the community related to at-large versus district elections for the City Council. Responsibilities will include conducting surveys and collecting data from registered voters regarding outcomes of past elections, concerns over racially polarized voting and the interest in changing to district elections. Other responsibilities include studying the pros and cons of these methods of elections. The committee will ultimately compile all of their data and form a recommendation as to whether the at-large election process should change to district elections.

**Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a registered voter in the City of Tulare.  
Deadline to submit application is 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to establish a diverse committee that reflects Tulare's constituents, please answer the following.

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you lived in Tulare? \_\_\_\_\_

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You may include in your following responses any occupational, academic, volunteer, or other life experience you have had that supports your statements.

**1. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Committee.**

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**2. Please describe your ability to be impartial.**

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3. Please describe your appreciation for Tulare’s diverse demographics.

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4. Please describe the analytical skills you have that are relevant to serving on the Committee.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 411 EAST KERN AVENUE, TULARE, CA 93274  
(PHONE: 684-4206; FAX: 685-2398)

***Glossary of Terms:***

***Ad Hoc Committees*** - Purely advisory and generally serve only a limited or single purpose, are not perpetual, and are dissolved when their specific task is completed. The Elections Ad Hoc Committee will not have a schedule for regular meetings, but will only meet as needed.

***At-large election*** - The current method the City of Tulare uses in which the voters of the entire jurisdiction elect the members to the governing body.

***District election*** - A method of electing members to the governing body of a political subdivision in which the candidate must reside within an election district that is a divisible part of the political subdivision and is elected only by voters residing within that election district.

***Racially polarized voting*** - Voting in which there is a difference in the choice of candidates that are preferred by voters in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates that are preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate.

***Protected class*** - A class of voters who are members of a race, color or language minority group, as this class is referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act.