

# Application for Commissions, Boards, and Committees



**City of Sierra Madre**  
 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
 Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
 626.355.7135 Fax 626.355.2251  
 www.cityofsierramadre.com

Please note: All information provided on this front page is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act and will be posted on the City's website.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME	<i>Joan M. Spears</i>	DATE	<i>07.08.14</i>
CITY OF RESIDENCE	<i>Sierra Madre CA.</i>	YEARS AS RESIDENT	<i>14</i>

## COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

*Senior Commission*

Why are you interested in serving as a member of this commission / board / committee?

*see attached*

What specific attitudes, skills, and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission / board / committee?

*see attached*

## SERVICE HISTORY

Are you currently, or have you ever been a member of any City of Sierra Madre Commission, Board, or Committee?

Yes     No

NAME OF COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE	<i>Senior Commission</i>	DATES OF SERVICE
NAME OF COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE		DATES OF SERVICE

You are invited to attach additional information or submit supplemental information which you feel may assist the City Council in its evaluation. Supplemental information is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

senior commission app

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE?

In the past the seniors in Sierra Madre have had to take a "back seat" in having a comprehensive and vigorous program to participate in.

It is a shame we have relegated this program to the bottom of our City's priority list.

I feel this is a very crucial time in our City's history for instilling a more positive and active program for our seniors. I would also like to see more men get involved. Currently there is no reason or incentive for them to become involved as there are basically no programs offered. They, too must be made to feel welcome.

With the addition of our newest business in town, The Kensington I intend to see if our Commission can work side by side with them in attempting to offer programs that would benefit both campuses. Ideally I believe it would benefit both the City and The Kensington to participate in a cohesive joining of forces.

WHAT SPECIFIC ATTITUDES, SKILLS AND EXPERTISE DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE TO ENHANCE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE?

First and foremost I am a "people" person and always tend to listen to all sides of people's concerns before offering my opinion - (boy is that hard sometimes!)

I was a former Senior Commissioner and helped co-sponsor the change of the name of the Hart Park House to add Senior Center

I was on the 2010 Senior Master Plan committee

I am on the current 2014 Senior Master Plan committee

I volunteer at the SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPT. where I do office work and occasionally get called in to watch toddlers/children who have been displaced from their homes.

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - help out where and when needed

CAG - former Board Member and active participant

SOLDIERS ANGELS - a non-profit volunteer group based out of San Antonio (formerly Pasadena) who help to fill our military's needs. I have been on several 'Teams':

6 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS - donating specific items for the month from June-Dec. that are then sent in packages to our Troops in Afghanistan for Christmas.

SEWING GROUP - making fleece blankets for our servicepeople

Collecting paperbacks/magazines to be sent overseas

LADIES OF LIBERTY - a letter writing team that sends monthly notes to our female military - I average about 18 letters a month

OPERATION TOT SITE - a virtual baby shower for women who are either spouses or military women who are going to have babies that month. We send them directly to their homes. (This has probably been the hardest thing to do as I have been in contact with very young women who have lost their husbands before their child is ever born and families who are currently suffering with a spouse who has PTSD.

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB - I have been and am on a variety of committees: Halloween Winow Painting, Civic Club Shoppe (a crafts group that raises money through handmade goods - last year I knitted over 30 items), Beautification, Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Philanthropy, Educational Awards, Mt. Wilson Trail Race, Spring Luncheon Fundraiser

WATERWORKS/CITY - liaison