

# CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE

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## Application to Board, Committee, or Commission

PLEASE PLACE A CHECK MARK NEXT TO THE BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY (You may make more than one selection):

☐ Planning Commission  
☐ Tourism Business Improvement District Advisory Board  
☐ Downtown Parking Advisory Board

☒ Architectural Review Committee  
☐ Community Service Grant Committee  
☐ Special committees/subcommittees

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Date of Application June 15, 2023

Name Huston Janet  
Last First

Home Address 744 [REDACTED] Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Preferred Home or Cell Phone [REDACTED] Home Business Phone [REDACTED]

E-mail address (Optional) [REDACTED]

Do you reside within the City limits of Arroyo Grande? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you a registered voter? Yes ☒ No ☐

Occupation Retired

Employer Retired From State of California

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses or certificates)

MPA, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

BA, Psychology, UC Irvine

Community involvement (List organization memberships and committee assignments)

UC Certified Master Gardener, SLO County - Exec Comm Co-Chair

UC Certified California Naturalist, SLO County

Harvard College Admissions Interviewer - SLO and SB Counties  
(representative sample of volunteer activities)

Please describe any background, training, education or interests that qualify you as an appointee

See attached

(Please attach additional pages if necessary)

**(PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)**

What do you see as the objectives and goals of the advisory board, committee or commission for which you are applying? See attached

Please list three (3) Arroyo Grande references. PLEASE OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM INDIVIDUALS BEFORE LISTING THEM AS A REFERENCE.

Name: KATE SEQUEST Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Randy Jost Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Rebecca Bishop Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

**Current meeting schedules are indicated below:**

Planning Commission, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

Downtown Parking Advisory Board, meets as needed

Architectural Review Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 2:30 p.m. each month

Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Advisory Board, last Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in January, February, April, June, August, and October

Are you willing to commit to the time necessary to fulfill the obligations of an appointment to a Board, Committee or Commission? Yes ☒ No ☐

I hereby declare that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[REDACTED]  
Applicant Signature

June 15, 2023  
Date

**Notice to Applicants:**

1. Applicants appointed by the City Council are required to take an Oath of Office.
2. State law and the City's Conflict of Interest Code requires that Board Members, Committee Members, and Commissioners file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) upon assuming office, annually, and upon leaving an appointed office (e.g. sources of income, loans, gifts, investments, interests in real property within the City).
3. This application is a matter of public record and portions thereof are subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act.
4. Applications will remain active and on file for one (1) year.

**Please return completed Application to:**

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
300 East Branch Street  
Arroyo Grande CA 93420**

**Supplemental to Application to City of Arroyo Grande. CA Architectural Review Committee**

**Applicant: Janet Huston**

**Date: June 15, 2023**

**Please describe any background, training, education or interests that qualify you as an appointee.**

My professional career was entirely in public service beginning with local government and eventually including positions in regional and State government. I retired from public service as the Associate Director of the California Department of Public Health (one of three senior executives reporting to the Director). I held oversight over the Department's Legislative, Communications, External Affairs and International Relations (Mexico) functions as related to all aspects of public health. While serving under two Governors (Schwarzenegger and Brown) I also served as Assistant Secretary of Communications for the Business, Housing and Transportation Agency (since restructured) as well as the Director of Communications for the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Prior to State service I held the position of Executive Director of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities (a semi-autonomous unit within the larger League of California Cities organization) which interacted with other regional, state and federal offices on issues specific to Orange County city governments) as well as serving as Director of the Orange County Council of Governments.

I am deeply familiar with the relationships between and among city departments as well the protocols to be respected when communicating with other components of the organization, as well as outside groups. I have many years' experience working with diverse groups of professionals, organizations and the general public to achieve consensus on often divisive policy issues.

On a personal note, I am also a Certified Professional Photographer with several exhibits over the past few years (primarily pre-Covid) including the honor of being selected as an Artist in Residence for the National Park Service. My most recent achievements include being included in juried exhibitions at the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel and The Art Center of Morro Bay.

**What to you are as the objectives and goals of the advisory board, committee, or commission for which you are applying.**

The City's brief website description of the Architectural Review Committee responsibilities is accurate but does not capture the inherent responsibility of the Committee to consider the history of this unique community and how that history will shape the future. Arroyo Grande is experiencing the competing pressures to maintain the decades of charming features which define it and the need to diversify and expand commercial and housing resources to fund basic public services and shelter workers. The Architectural Review Committee is one of the first opportunities in the public process to advise the Departments and City Council on how to achieve this balance.

IF chosen to serve on this vital Committee I would commit to not only attending the meetings as required but to be well-prepared for the issues presented to the Committee, to conduct my discussions and information seeking activities in a respectful and productive manner and to respect the protocols (chains of command) which exist within the City of Arroyo Grande.