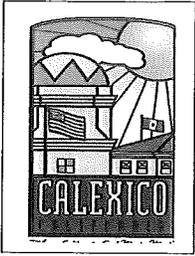


**AGENDA  
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# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 6, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** David B. Dale, City Manager *DD*

**PREPARED BY:** Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk *GTG*

**SUBJECT:** Appointment by Council Member Hodge to the Economic Development /Financial Advisory Commission

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends City Council Member Hodge make appointment to the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission.

**Background:**

In 2015, Council voted to change the way appointments were made to all City boards, commissions, and committees. The new ordinance states that the term of an appointee will run concurrently with the appointing councilmember's term, and the term of the appointee will automatically terminate at the time the election results are certified by the City. (Calexico Municipal Code section 2.19.050).

Pursuant to section 2.19.010, each councilmember will appoint one member to each board, commission or committee. No ratification/approval by the whole Council is required. All commissions, boards and committees are now composed of only five members. The criteria for an appointee to hold office is listed below:

To be eligible for, and to hold appointment, each appointee shall neither hold public office, or city employment, nor shall s/he be an officer of any local, state or national partisan official group. All members of commissions, boards and committees of the city shall be residents of the city or shall regularly work within the city. (§ 2.19.030.A). Pursuant to Section 2.19.30.D - An individual may serve on only one committee, board or committee at any time.

**Discussion & Analysis:**

Due to the resignation of Commissioner Lopez at the February 6, 2019 meeting, the position on the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission was advertised on the city website, city bulletin boards and Camarena Library. The following persons have submitted an application of interest in the commissions to date:

1. Benjamin Horton

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**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Coordinated With:**

None.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Commissioner Applications.



**CITY OF CALEXICO**  
**APPLICATION FOR CITY COMMISSION**  
 And  
**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

ALL APPLICANTS MUST EITHER RESIDE, BE EMPLOYED, OR REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO. PROOF IS REQUIRED WHEN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION.

**APPLICATION IS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION:**  
*(A separate application is required for each commission)*

**ED/FA COMMISSION**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name BENJAMIN J. HORTON

Residence Address [REDACTED]

Length of time at this Address: 5 YEARS E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone No. [REDACTED] Cell/Message Phone No. [REDACTED]

Are you 18 years of age or older? YES Are you registered to vote in the City of Calexico? YES

Do you currently serve as an elected or appointed official for any board and/or agency within the City of Calexico? NO  
 If yes, name of agency and position: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:** Highest level of education completed: 4 YEARS

Name of Institution where Highest Level of Education was completed: CALIFORNIA MILITARY ACADEMY

Location of Institution: SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY / IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE FOR REAL ESTATE CERTIFICATE

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION / EXPERIENCE:**

Name and Address of Employer (s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
R.H. PROPERTIES, L.L.C. NEWPORT BEACH, CA	REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON	2015

**IMPORTANT:** Read the following carefully and answer completely. A conviction is not an automatic bar to appointment. Each case is considered on its individual merits.

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION?** NO  
 If yes, Please list all offenses, date and place of offenses(s), and the sentence/fine received:

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CERTIFICATION:**

I understand that upon filing, this application becomes a public record. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

[Signature] 25 FEB 2019  
 Signature and Date

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Applicant furnished proof of eligibility requirements via:

Proof of residency:  Yes  No  
 Proof of employment:  Yes  No  
 Voter Registration Verification:  Yes  No

Appointment By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date & Clerk Verifying: \_\_\_\_\_

## BENJAMIN J. HORTON

[REDACTED]  
Calexico, California 92232 [REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

- **Summary:** I am offering 30 years in the military, over 20 years of experience, in management and about 10 years in real estate sales, financing of real estate, both in California and Baja California in Mexico and a comprehensive background in areas of advertising and marketing.
- **Objective:** Economic Development Commission and Financial Advisory Commission Member
- **Experience:**
  - Job Title: Owner / Photographer  
Employer: The Horton Gallery Art Photography & Design  
Dates: 09/2008 to Date.  
Duties: Utilizing professional photography skills in a fast-paced media organization.
  - Job Title: Independent Contractor in Real Estate Sales.  
Dates: 08/1998 to Date.  
Duties: Real Estate Sales and Loan Officer.
  - Job Title: Area Sale Manager.  
Employer: Dillard's Department Stores, El Centro, CA.  
Dates: 02/2005 to 03/2006.  
Duties: Managing the sales floor and personnel.
  - Job Title: Instructor  
Employer: Educational Administrative, El Centro, CA.  
Dates: 10/2003 to 06/2004.  
Duties: Instructor for a military program.
  - Job Title: Store Manager  
Employer: Fashion Conspiracy  
Dates: 02/1974 to 07/1980  
Duties: Managing of the store, advertising and marketing.
  - Job Title: Floor Manager  
Employer: Garlan's Department Store  
Dates: 09/1972 to 02/1974  
Duties: Managing the sales floor and personnel.

- *Skills:* PROPOSE CREATIVE SOLUTION, ANALYZE SITUATION, DEVELOP REPORTS, AND BRING PROJECTS TO A FINAL END.

- *Education:*

California Military Academy, U.S. Army Armorer School Fort Knox, San Jose State University, Imperial Valley College, a Certificate in Real Estate; California DRE awarding the License for Real Estate; Justice Department awarding a Post Certificate in Law Enforcement; New York Institute of Photography awarding a Certificate of Graduation in Fundamentals of Digital Photography.