



# City of Moreno Valley

## Boards and Commissions

### Membership Application Form

For City Clerk's Use  
Stamp Date and Time Received

Name: Samantha Contreras  
Home Address: [REDACTED]

How long have you resided in Moreno Valley? 9 years

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Board or Commission applying for\*: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Public Arts Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

\*If applying for the Accessibility Appeals Board, please indicate which position you are applying for:

Physically Challenged Person  Person Experienced in Construction  Public Member

\*If applying for the Utilities Commission, please indicate which position you are applying for:

Public Member  Customer of Moreno Valley Utility  Business Customer of Moreno Valley Utility

\*If applying for the MV Citizens Public Safety Committee, please indicate which position you are applying for:

Non-Profit  Business  Public Member

Why do you wish to serve on this Board and/or Commission?

I wish to serve on the Public Arts Commission to aid in the development and implication of the arts, while increasing access within the community.

Serving on this board can provide me with the ability to increase awareness and access to the arts, which historically have been denied to underrepresented community members. Connecting with the community can allow that gap to close and provide the community with the access it needs.

List any education, training, or special skills, you have which may be relevant or of particular benefit to this Board and/or Commission:

I obtained my BA in Art History from UC Riverside and MA in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University. I can benefit the Public Arts Commission by using the knowledge I've gained from my educational background to provide a unique and technical perspective.

Explain briefly your understanding of what this Board and/or Commission does, including its powers and limitations.

From my understanding a commissioner represents the community interest and, within reason, comes up with an action plan to address the community's concerns. Unfortunately due to budget restraints, limited space, and even recourses not all projects are achievable. However, by thinking creatively and partnering with other community resources the opportunities are endless.

What do you hope to accomplish by your participation?

I hope to increase awareness and access to the arts within Moreno Valley. The arts are an important part of society and being able to increase access within the community can in-turn strengthen community ties and continued support for the rest of the community.

List any employment, volunteer work, or membership in a service/community organization that you have served on, or are now a member of. Please provide the name(s) of the agency (ies), contact person, and dates served:

Chairperson, Public Arts Commission - City of Moreno Valley, CA - 05/2023 - 06/2025

What other areas of interest do you have in our City government?

General support and community awareness, especially through education and the arts

Would you be available for meetings during the day  or evening?

Attendance of at least one (1) meeting is required prior to appointment.

Date(s) of the meeting(s) attended: 02/26/25, 03/26/25, 04/23/2025

Pursuant to Resolution 2016-42 all board and commission members must be registered voters of the City of Moreno Valley.

I authorize the City of Moreno Valley to obtain and review, on a confidential basis, such information regarding me as may be contained in the California State Summary Criminal History and in records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Yes  No  (The application shall not be considered if the NO box is checked.)

I hereby agree to attend all board or commission meetings, unless excused, and understand that I may be removed for lack of attendance, pursuant to Municipal Code, Subsection 2.06.010(C) which states, "If a member is absent without advance permission of the board or commission or of the appointing authority, from three consecutive regular meetings or from 25% of the duly scheduled meetings of the board or commission within any fiscal year, the membership shall thereupon become vacant and shall be filled as any other vacancy."

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT: I certify that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements of material fact will subject me to disqualification or dismissal if appointed. I release the City of Moreno Valley from any liability for the use of the aforesaid information.

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

04/21/2025

Date

Please Note: Applications will be kept on file for potential future vacancies for one year after the application submittal date. Applications are accepted year-round. All applications are public record; personal information may be redacted to protect applicants' privacy.