



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

1. Name: Karen Prescott-Loeffler
2. How long have you lived in San Clemente? 12 years
3. What is your occupation? Dir of Gov Relations /Econ Dev

4. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Planning Commission.

As a resident, homeowner, and current planning commissioner in San Clemente, I will continue to serve as a voice of the public while maintaining the overall integrity, of the General Plan. I share the concerns of my neighbors that the long term impact of development decisions can have unintended consequences to both our community and our economic outlook. It would be my desire to serve my community based on my experience and provide a measured approach by considering our natural surroundings, our distinctive assets and our economic well being, with each decision made.

5. Please explain how your background and experience would contribute to the Planning Commission.

As a current planning commissioner, this past year provided the opportunity to become more familiar with General Plan, local ordinances, Mills Act and the specific issues that only relate to this special community. COVID -19 has presented many challenges for our building department, city staff and local businesses and it was important that our planning commission maintained a level of standard while also being flexible explore new solutions. This experience has made me better equipped to deal with future scenarios.

My past and present occupations have provided a working knowledge of RHNA and CEQA to include legislative alterations addressing Environmental Justice concerns, ADU and increased housing demands, Traffic Impact Analysis (VMT) and how cities are looking to navigate the guidelines. All of these elements will have an effect on a small community.

I possess an extensive background in government. Serving as Policy Aide SD County Board of Supervisor 5th District (Bill Horn), District Director CA State Legislator 74th (Mark Wyland) and Legislative Aide US Congressional Office 49th (Darrell Issa).

Present position: 15 years with National Electrical Contractors Association-San Diego as Director of Gov Relations/Economic Dev. and as a local registered lobbyist. I represent the interests of 75 signatory electrical contracting firms, many are small business. In commercial and some in residential. I work with all issues relating to construction projects, to include, bid process, building codes, prevailing wage, renewable energies, Cal/OSHA and regulations that both promote or hinder construction. To include a vast array of COVID- 19 regulations and protocols.

6. What is your educational background?

High School/Colleges Attended	Major Field of Study	Degree?
Eagle Rock	Business	

7. In your opinion, what are the three top qualities of San Clemente that should remain unchanged for future generations?

- 1. Small town values
- 2. Natural surroundings
- 3. Historic preservation

8. In your opinion, what are three characteristics of San Clemente that are most in need of correction?

- 1. Stronger economic support for small business
- 2. Streamlining building permits and plan checks
- 3. Measred growth/protection of property values

9. Please explain any experience that you have had in community, governmental, charitable or educational affairs.

Governmental was address in question 5.

I serve as a member of the executive board for 11 years and CFO for 10 years with WCC Women's Construction Coalition-501 (c) 3. Promoting the advancement of women in construction either through college or apprenticeship. Lead advisor for Camp NAWIC (National Women In Construction) Electrical Trade segment-Highschool girls. Served for 7 years as SDSU/NECA Student Chapter Administrator - National Renewable Energy Team.

Serve as Independent Citizen Over-site Committee Construction co-chair to oversee \$8.4 Billion construction bond projects (projects are 5% under budget).

Member of Military Summit Strategy Team- NO. SD County Business Chamber.
Serve on the National Electrical Contracting Assoc. National Business Task Force.

10. Please describe your ideal vision for San Clemente's future (as it pertains to growth and development).

Simply put,
"To grow without losing the heart and soul of our community". - unknown author.

11. The Planning Commission meets on the Wednesday following the City Council's Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. Please explain any challenges, if any, you may have in meeting this commitment.

I have commuted to San Diego from San Clemente daily for the last 12 years. I plan for traffic so I don't plan on missing a meeting, however occasionally there is an unforeseeable issue on the 5 north bound. I am required to travel with my current position several times a year.

12. If you could influence the City of San Clemente in just one way, what would that be?

To protect and preserve property values.

13. Do you have any experience with historic preservation or architectural history? If so, please explain:

As planning commissioner, I have certainly become more familiar with San Clemente's rich history and the importance of preserving it. I also come across the nuances of both preservation and architectural history within the current field I work in. The lighting of the Coronado Bridge is an architectural landmark, Oceanside Pier retro fit and the USS Midway Museum.

14. Please use the space below to explain any other factors about yourself that you would like for the Council members to consider as they review your application.

My reasons given last year still stand as stated below - the outside influences and unbelievable legislation with regards to local control and zoning, is troublesome and requires continued research and a prudent approach.

"I have witnessed an increased pressure by outside influences and Sacramento legislation that would directly change the uniqueness of San Clemente. This same influences has forever changed the landscape in other areas with little regard for the community's well-being. I will give the Toll Road as one example as to how one decision would have a lifelong detrimental effect".

In closing, I would like to continue the opportunity to serve on planning. The make up of the current board includes past board experience, the commissioners are prepared, eager to participate and have a strong desire to reach a positive outcome, for the good of the order.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my community.

Warmest regards, Karen Prescott-Loeffler