City of Garden Grove

Application for Appointment

Commission: Planning

Background and Personal Data Outline

Last Name: Barker First Name: Michael

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List courses of study or emphasis which may have a bearing on selection:

Master's Degree in Architecture/Urban Planning (minor in Industrial Design) from Syracuse University, N.Y. Studied in Syracuse, N.Y., Florence and Rome, Italy, and Paris, France. (graduated May 1993) Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from California Polytechnic University of Pomona, Ca. Studied in Pomona, Ca. and Florence, Italy. (graduated December 1991)

Present or past employment which may relate to your interest and/or ability in this area:

I've been working in the architectural profession since approximately 1986 and have been an independent architectural consultant since 2002. I have presented projects to Planning Commissions and am familiar with the entitlement process. I understand how demographics, land use, and zoning ordinances can affect the economic development of a community. The Planning Commission is an integral part of the decision making process affecting that future development. I therefore believe that, as a member of the Planning Commission, my knowledge and experience will provide the necessary leadership to help quide the commission's decisions within it's purview of Garden Grove's General Plan.

List current membership in organizations and offices held as they may relate to this selection:

Member of Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952 Board of Directors Central Garden Grove Little League AYSO coach boys U14

Please provide any additional information which may be helpful for selection:

Other than the few years I spent studying architecture in Europe I've lived my entire life in Garden Grove. I love this city and am looking for an opportunity to give back. I have no political agenda nor do I intend to use a position on the commission as a springboard into local politics. As a member of the Planning Commission my goal would be to assist the commission, as a whole, in making decisions based on what is best for the future development of Garden Grove. Thank you for your consideration.