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**City of Costa Mesa**  
**Application for Committee/Commission Appointment**

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Name: Jonathan (Jon) Zich

Indicate the name of the Committee or Commission you are interested in serving on:  
Planning Commission



City of Costa Mesa  
77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. Indicate why you wish to serve on this Committee/Commission. Provide any experience or qualifications you may possess that you think would be beneficial to this Committee/Commission. A resume (optional) may be attached. (Note: All information contained on the resume is public information, will be distributed to the public and posted on the City's website).

I am applying for re-appointment to serve on the City's Planning Commission. I believe that I have demonstrated myself to be prepared and engaged, fair and open minded and a positive asset to this important City Commission. I have enjoyed working with Staff and the other Commissioners on numerous challenging projects and issues and would consider it a privileged to be selected to continue serving—there is more work to be done and I would like to be part of the team that works on it.

My family has lived in Costa Mesa since 1980. I have been involved in the community in numerous capacities, including as a former Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Parkways Commissioner, and a former member of the City's Residential Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Committee (3R). I was Regional Commissioner for Costa Mesa's American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO Region 120) for three years, and a board member for ten years serving in various other capacities. I have also been a reader/evaluator for the school district's Teacher's Grant Reader Committee.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and am licensed as a Professional Engineer in the State of California. I was Senior Manager of Facilities and Real Estate for Raytheon Company's Space & Airborne Systems business prior to my retirement in 2013 after more than 30 years of service. I currently own a small business providing photography services primarily to realtors throughout Orange County.

2. As a Committee/Commission member, what ideas or projects are of interest to you?

I have an interest in land use issues, and recognize the importance of having a vibrant business community, including retail, commercial, and industrial uses, balanced with the enhancement and improvement of our residential neighborhoods, parks, as well as increased home-ownership opportunities.

I am very interested in the State's housing challenges and priorities, including the City's RHNA allocation and finding ways to respond with planning, plan elements, zoning, etc, with an eye towards preserving what's great about our neighborhoods, and expanding housing stock to the greatest extent possible while maintaining and even expanding the City's economic development.