

## **LA HABRA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

The City of La Habra Community Services Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters relating to public recreation, cultural development, and child development and social services, and helps the City Council to coordinate with local school districts and other civic groups. In addition, Commissioners may advise the City Council on matters concerning the social needs of the community, serve as the Head Start and Early Head Start sub-board in accordance with federal requirements, conduct educational and informational outreach efforts to promote City Council approved Community Services programs, and hold public hearings concerning recreation, cultural development, child development, and social service needs of the community.

The Commission has also developed several standing subcommittees to help accomplish these goals. Subcommittees are reviewed annually and may be changed or eliminated based on the Commission's interests. Each subcommittee meets as needed. Currently, the subcommittees are:

- Community Development Block Grant
- Head Start
- Parks
- Special Events
- Youth Committee

The Commission's powers are advisory only and are not administrative, operational or policy-making legislative duties or powers. The City Council may choose to follow the Community Services Commission's recommendations, revise/modify Community Services Commission actions, or send a proposal back to the Community Services Commission for further review. The City Council retains final authority in all City matters.

The Community Services Commission consists of seven members, each of whom is a La Habra resident. He/she is appointed by the City Council and serves a term of three (3) years. Each member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed by the City Council. The Community Services Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chamber.

The Community Services Department is the Community Services Commission's staff. City staff may advise Community Services Commissioners on matters, answer technical questions, and make sure meetings are properly advertised in accordance with law.

A Community Services Commissioner is an individual who can serve the long-range interests of the La Habra community, who is unbound by election promises, political expediency, or narrow interests. A Community Services Commissioner should always consider how an action taken today may affect the La Habra of tomorrow. Because they may have different perspective on matters that come before them, Community Services Commissioners should exhibit respect for others and be aware of La Habra's traditions and heritage of the past.