

## Planning Commissioner Candidate Questions

The Planning Commission is an essential group of the City of Mt. Shasta that assists the City Council in creating rules and reviewing development proposals. The commission works together, with the public, and other groups to create rules that are fair, equitable, and address the needs of the city. The work of the Planning Commission involves listening and respecting numerous opinions, developing rules with the other members through compromise, and addressing difficult, sometimes unfavorable topics like homelessness, large commercial development, and environmental impacts. It is important that Planning Commissioners are objective and open to new ideas.

The Planning Commission works with the state Subdivision Map regulations, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and General Plan regulations to review development proposals and create city rules. Candidates should familiarize themselves with these three state rules to better understand the work of Planning Commission.

1. Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission.
2. What do you view as the duties of the Planning Commission?
3. What sections or goals of the City's General Plan do you feel should be prioritized in the next 5 years?
4. Some issues that the commission hears may be controversial and draw large audiences. At public hearings, planning commissioners must discuss openly among themselves any given matter before a decision is made, and they must do so before sometimes large and unfriendly audiences. Are you comfortable making decisions that may be deemed unfavorable by some, perhaps even at odds with your own preferences?