



Below is a list of some of the appointed and elected opportunities in our community.

## Appointed Opportunities

### City of Visalia

The City of Visalia has the following Committees and Commissions:

- Citizens Advisory Committee: Acts as a liaison between the general public and the City Council concerning community issues.
- Disability Advocacy Committee: Advises the City on the needs of disabled people. Promotes physical, social, communication and attitudinal access for every citizen of Visalia.
- Environmental Committee: Heightens environmental awareness and conservation. Issues addressed include air quality, hazardous waste, recycling, water conservation and all other natural resources.
- Historic Preservation Committee: Administers and carries out standards and specifications of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Promotes historic preservation including encouraging building owners to initiate preservation efforts. Develops funding and/or incentive options, conducts tours, and oversees building identification.
- North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee: Serves as a liaison between the City and the North Visalia community. It is a forum for citizen complaints, problems and provides recommendations to City Council.
- Park and Recreation Commission: Advises the City Council and City staff in matters pertaining to parks, playgrounds and recreation centers.
- Planning Commission: Makes recommendations to the City Council concerning land use, building and subdivisions, administers the Zoning Ordinance and handles matters that affect the growth and development of Visalia.
- Transit Advisory Committee: Researches and analyzes the community's continuing transit needs, reviews operations, markets the transit program and makes recommendations about the business affairs of the transit system.
- Waterways and Trails Committee: Advises the City Council on matters related to the Bikeway Master Plan and the Waterway and Trail Master Plan. An advocate for policies, programs, and projects that will enhance bicycle and pedestrian opportunities, reviews projects, and is an advocate to secure additional resources.

The City of Visalia has the following Boards which have City appointees:

- Delta Vector Control Board: Monitors, controls abates and otherwise controls animals which carry diseases.

- Tulare Mosquito Abatement District Board: As a political subdivision of the State of California, the district monitors, inspects, abates and otherwise controls insects which carry transmittable diseases.
- Visalia Civic Facilities Authority: Serves as the governing body for matters pertaining to the Convention Center, the L.J. William's Theater and the Rotary Theater. The authority acquires constructs, manages, maintains, operates and leases buildings.

Visit <http://www.visalia.city/government/committees/default.asp> to learn more about the City's Committees and Commissions and to learn how to apply.

## **Tulare County**

Tulare County's list of Committees and Commissions includes (but is not limited to):

- Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee: The Committee shall advise the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on those matters related to land use and development of agricultural land that are referred to it by the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.
- Assessment Appeals Board: To increase after giving notice or to lower upon application individual assessments in order to equalize assessments on the local tax assessment roll; to review, equalize, and adjust penal and escaped assessments on that roll except escaped assessments made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 531.1; and to exercise the powers specified in Section 1613 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- Tulare County Council on Child Youth Development
- Employees' Retirement Board: Duties of this board are to set policy for operation of the Association, consider applications for disability retirement and control the investments of assets and authorities all disbursement of Association funds.
- Financial Advisory Committee: Duties of this board are to serve in an advisory capacity to review and report back to the Board of Supervisors on all proposals for borrowing by the Public Finance Authority or Public Facilities Corporation, issuance of bonds by the County, review current and future financing programs to determine their viability, develop a debt management policy and program, and other financial matters referred to the Committee by the Board of Supervisors.
- Fish and Wildlife Commission: This Commission shall advise the Board of Supervisors from time-to-time concerning the expenditure by the County of monies deposited in the County Fish and Game Propagation Fund and shall perform such other duties as this Board may prescribe from time-to-time and advise the Board of Supervisors on all matters relating to fish and game.
- Flood Control District: Make recommendations as to expenditures of funds derived from ad valorem taxes flood control and drainage purposes. Recommend priorities for action recognizable or defined flood control projects. Recommend zone of benefit boundaries with technical assistance from district staff.
- Health Advisory Committees: The purpose of this committee is to assist, give recommendations and develop public health strategies, goals and funding resources.
- Housing Authority: The purpose of this committee is to rent housing to families of low income throughout Tulare County.
- Ambulance Independent Compliance Committee: Review Ambulance Service Provider Agreement (Contract) compliance and performance; Consider and resolve disputes or

grievances concerning the Contractor's performance or quality of patient care matters which may arise during the term of Agreement.

- In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee: The Committee shall study the delivery of In-Home Support Services and various methods by which it can be delivered and make recommendations to the Board.
- Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Duties of this board are to participate in and advise the Board on the planning process, including the needs assessment, monitoring, and evaluating services to seniors, to serve as a point of contact or communication between the client population and the agency, and to advocate for older persons.
- Library Advisory Board: Duties of this board are to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding all phases of library services and operations of the Tulare County Library System.
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
- Measure R Citizen's Oversight Committee: Review and comment upon Measure expenditures to ensure that they are consistent with Expenditure plan. Annually review how sales tax receipts are being spent and publicize the results.
- Mental Health Board (Tulare County): Duties of this Board are to continually review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and specific challenges; Develop strategies to meet those needs, provide those services, improve those facilities and address those specific challenges; make recommendations to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors and the Tulare County Mental Health Director as appropriate.
- Museum Board (Tulare County)
- Planning Commission (Tulare County)
- Public Facilities Corporation: This Board's focus is to provide financial assistance to the County of Tulare by financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, and remodeling of public buildings and facilities.
- San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Treasury Oversight Committee: In accordance with Government Code Section 27134, the Tulare County Treasury Oversight Committee shall cause an annual audit to be conducted to determine the county treasury's compliance with article 6 of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Government Code.
- Water Commission (Tulare County)
- Workforce Investment Board: The purpose of this Board is to implement the Workforce Investment Act and to provide strategic planning, policy development, and oversight of local workforce investment activities.
- Youth Commission: Receive, review, and recommend Step Up Youth Activities Grant Program awards to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

Tulare County's list of Special Districts includes (but is not limited to):

- Alta Cemetery District
- Exeter Public Cemetery District
- Delano Mosquito Abatement District
- Delta Vector Control District
- Southern Tulare County Citrus Pest Control District

- Deer Creek Water District

Visit <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/clerkoftheboard/index.cfm/board-commissions-and-committee/> to learn more about the County's Committees, Commissions and Special Districts and to learn how to apply.

### **Visalia Unified School District (VUSD)**

VUSD has the following Advisory Committees:

- American Indian Advisory Committee: Guide/advise on district American Indian Education.
- Board Policy Committees: Review and draft board policy.
- VPIE (Career Technical Education Advisory): Develop recommendations on District's CTE program and serve as a liaison between the district and potential employers.
- District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC): Guide/advise on district English Learner (EL) program.
- District Advisory Council: Review of Categorical Budget and School Site Council meetings.
- Executive Committee: Review board agenda.
- Forum for Advanced Scholarship and Achievement (FASA): Forum for discussion of the needs of advanced students.
- Hispanic Community Advisory Committee: Guide/advise on issues related to Hispanic Community.
- Measure E Bond Oversight Advisory Committee: Board appointed committee to review Measure E expenditures and audit to ensure funds are spent according to Measure E Official Statement and provide annual report.
- Migrant Education Parent Meetings: Guide/advise on district Migrant Education.
- Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force: Gang awareness, prevention, and intervention.
- Visalia Civic Jt. Powers Authority (JPA) Board Meeting: Coordinate the use of three theaters with the City of Visalia.
- Visalia Civic Facilities Authority: Coordinate the use of the theaters between the VUSD high school and middle school productions.
- Visalia Education Advisory Forum: Community advisory on VUSD issues.
- Visalia Education Foundation: Promotion of Performing Arts/Scholarships.
- VUSD Attendance/Boundary Committee: Study and propose changes in school attendance boundaries.
- VUSD Facilities Advisory Committee: Facilities assessment, planning, construction, and funding.
- VUSD Finance Advisory Committee: Monitor, analyze, and understand the budget and finances.
- VUSD Superintendent's Property Advisory Committee: Advisory on issues related to properties that have been purchased with bond or public revenues.

Visit <http://www.vusd.org/about.cfm?subpage=20581> to learn more about the School District's Advisory Committees and to learn how to apply.

### **College of the Sequoias (COS)**

COS has the following committees:

- COS Community Advisory Committee – Contact Stan Carrizosa for more information at [stanc@cos.edu](mailto:stanc@cos.edu).

- Agriculture Advisory Committee: Contact Dr. Louann Waldner for more information at [louannw@cos.edu](mailto:louannw@cos.edu).
- Law School Advisory Committee: Made up of professionals from various legal fields. Contact Professor Pura Cordero for more information at [purac@cos.edu](mailto:purac@cos.edu).

There are many other opportunities to engage through various programs like “Student Mentors” and smaller programs that maintain their own advisory committees in areas like Culinary Arts, Construction Trades, etc.

### **Kaweah Delta District Hospital (KDHCD)**

KDHCD has the following Community Advisory Committees:

- Community Relations: This committee will seek to enhance local partnerships between Kaweah Delta and the community and build better community relationships.
- Healthcare for Today and Tomorrow: This committee will provide ideas about how Kaweah Delta will meet future community healthcare needs and what can be done to start addressing those needs now.
- The Hospital of the Future: This committee will study Kaweah Delta growth, buildings and other facilities and will work with Kaweah Delta staff on a plan to meet the community’s future healthcare needs.

KDHCD is not currently accepting applications for their committees. Reach out to Laura Florez-McCusker at [lflorez@kdhcd.org](mailto:lflorez@kdhcd.org) if you are interested in serving on one of these committees in the future.

## **Elected Opportunities**

### **City of Visalia**

City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

### **Tulare County**

Supervisor – 1<sup>st</sup> District, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 4<sup>th</sup> District, 5<sup>th</sup> District

Assessor/Clerk-Recorder

District Attorney

Sheriff-Coroner

Superintendent of Schools

Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector

### **Schools**

Tulare County Board of Education – Trustee Area 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Visalia Unified School District – Area 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

College of the Sequoias Trustee – Ward 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

### **Hospital**

Kaweah Delta Health Care District Board of Directors – Zone 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

## Federal/State

Office	Name	Term of office
<b>State Offices</b>		
Governor	Edmund G. Brown	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Lieutenant Governor	Gavin Newsom	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Secretary of State	Alex Padilla	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Controller	Betty T. Yee	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Treasurer	John Chiang	01/05/2015/01/07/2019
Attorney General	Xavier Becerra	01/24/2017-01/07/2019
Insurance Commissioner	Dave Jones	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Member, State BOE 1st District	George Runner	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Senator, 8th District	Tom Berryhill	01/05/2015-01/07/2019
Senator, 14th District	Andy Vidak	12/01/2014-12/03/2018
Senator, 16th District	Jean Fuller	12/01/2014-12/03/2018
Member, Assembly 23rd District	Jim Patterson	01/03/2017-01/03/2019
Member, Assembly 26th District	Devon Mathis	01/03/2017-01/03/2019
<b>Federal Offices</b>		
United State Senator	Dianne Feinstein	01/03/2017-01/03/2019
United States Senator	Kamala D. Harris	01/03/2017-01/03/2021
Unites States Congressman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Devin Nunes	

## Terms of Office

Offices	Taking Office Date	Code Section	Term Length	Term Limits
<b>Federal Offices</b>				
President & Vice President	Noon on January 20th	US Constitution Art. XX, Sect 1	4 years	2 terms
U.S. Senator	Noon on January 3rd	US Constitution Art. XX, Sect 1	6 years	none
U.S. Representative in Congress	Noon on January 3rd	US Constitution Art. XX, Sect 1	2 years	none

<b>State Offices</b>				
Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction	1st Monday after January 1st	Cal. Const. Art. 5, Sect. 2, 9, 11 & Art. 9 Sect. 2	4 years	2 terms
State Senator	1st Monday in December	Cal. Const. Art. 4 Sect. 2	4 years	2 terms
Member of State Assembly	1st Monday in December	Cal. Const. Art. 4 Sect. 2	2 years	3 terms
Member of State Board of Equalization	1st Monday after January 1st		4 years	2 terms
<b>Judicial Offices</b>				
Chief Justice of California	1st Monday after January 1st	Cal. Const. Art. 6 Sect. 16	12 years	none
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	1st Monday after January 1st		12 years	none
Associate Justice , Court of Appeal	1st Monday after January 1st		12 years	none
Superior Court Judge	1st Monday after January 1st	Cal. Const. Art. 6 Sect. 16(c)	6 years	none
<b>County Offices</b>				
County Supervisors	Noon on 1st Monday after January 1st	Gov 24200	4 years	none
Assessor/Clerk-Recorder, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner	Noon on 1st Monday after January 1st	Gov 24200	4 years	none
County Superintendent of Schools	Noon on 1st Monday after January 1st	Gov 24200	4 years	none
County Board of Education	Last Friday in November	Elect. 1007	4 years	none
<b>Local Offices</b>				
City Council	(Determined by City)		4 years	none
School Boards	1st Friday in December	Ed. 5017	4 years	none
Community Colleges	1st Friday in December	EC 5017	4 years	none
Special Districts	1st Friday in December	Elect. 10554	4 years	none
<b>Member of a Party Central Committee or Council</b>				
Democratic Party	At Organizational Meeting		2 years	none
Republican Party	At Organizational Meeting held in December or January	Elect. 7441(b)	2 years	none