

California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members

Responsibilities of Commissioners and Board Members are to:

Provide park and recreation services to your community.

Make these services available to all residents regardless of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, and physical or mental limitation.

To effectively implement your role as a Commissioner, you should:

Assess the Needs of your Community

- Invite all residents to express their opinions so that you may be properly informed prior to making decisions.
- Ascertain the conditions of the parks and recreation facilities in your community by tours and visits.
- Be familiar with the hours of operation and programs offered at the recreation facilities.
- Keep the commission or board aware of deficiencies, if any or noted.
- Offer suggestions for improvements via the commission or board to staff if improvements are needed.

Be Proactive

- Park and recreation services will not be viewed as a needed service with high priority concerns until political decision makers are convinced that Park and Recreation resources are more than places to have fun and games.
- The commission or Board Members persuasiveness and influence on the legislative process can enhance recreation's place in the total milieu of provided services.
- Commissioners and Board Members should support legislative efforts favorable to parks, recreation and conservation.

The Effective Commissioner or Board Member:

- Is involved and is proactive
- Listens to the needs of the Community
- Knows the locations and conditions of all the parks and facilities in the community
- Understands the benefits to the community of Parks and Recreation
- Devotes the time necessary to improve the parks, recreation facilities and programs in the community
- Works as a team with the staff and other commissioners or board members