



APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

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Instructions: Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee for which you desire consideration and attach a resume. For information or assistance, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's Office at (714) 834-2206. Please print in ink or type.

NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP. SEE LIST AT <https://cob.ocgov.com/boards-commissions-committees/bcc-name-list-and-contact-information>

Housing & Community Development Commission

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: ☒ First ☐ Second ☐ Third ☐ Fourth ☐ Fifth

APPLICANT NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

Ben

Wong

First Name

Middle Name (Optional)

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

CURRENT EMPLOYER:

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE:

Assistant Controller

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER

☐ **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Please attach a resume to this application and provide any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. **A RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES: ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN:

Orange

LIST ALL CURRENT PROFESSIONAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.

<u>ORGANIZATION/SOCIETY</u>	<u>FROM (MO./YR.)</u>	<u>TO (MO./YR.)</u>
City of Seal Beach - Councilman	12/2024	Present

WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT AGENCY(IES)? ☐ YES ☒ NO

DO YOU OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR HAVE FINANCIAL HOLDING WHICH MIGHT PRESENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST? ☐ YES ☒ NO

HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CRIME SINCE YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY? YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONVICTION; CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN JUDICIALLY DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR ORDERED SEALED; INFORMATION CONCERNING REFERRAL TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE OLDER THAN TWO YEARS, AS LISTED IN CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 432.8 (INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – AS THEY RELATE TO MARIJUANA)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

N/A

PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

See attached

DATE: 09/03/26

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:

APPROVED

By Ben Wong at 4:00 pm, Sep 03, 2026

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Date Received: _____ Received by: _____
 Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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☐ All BOS ☐ BCC Contact Person Name _____

Ben Wong, Mayor Pro Tem – City of Seal Beach

Letter of Application - As “City Member” on the Housing & Community Development Commission

1) What would you hope to accomplish in your term as a member of this committee?

In hopes of my initial two-year term on HCD, I want to achieve strong and realistic goals that include:

- 1) sharpening funding priorities,
- 2) build durable partnerships with cities and service providers, and
- 3) to champion the need for more affordable senior housing.

My career experience includes audit involving Lower-Income Housing Tax Credits, corporate accounting, and I currently serve as Assistant Controller for a publicly traded real estate company. With my work background, I believe I can work to better align dollars with measurable housing outcomes when it comes to funding and budgets.

I believe that my advocacy for improved transparency and clarity for the public will help me in building durable partnerships that will accomplish the County’s housing and community goals.

Lastly, for the city of Seal Beach, I represent half the retired population in the Leisure World community. Moreover, the median age in Seal Beach is nearly 62 years old vs. the median age in the state is 39. I’ve seen the need for more affordable senior housing in my community and believe that this is likely symptomatic of Orange County as a whole. More needs to be done to help our County’s aging population and I hope to be a strong advocate for this growing dilemma.

2) The Opportunity Notice lists the Objective and/or Responsibilities of this position; what qualifications or skills do you bring to the position you are seeking appointment?

- **Mayor Pro Tem**, City of Seal Beach
- **Assistant Controller**, publicly traded real estate company
- **Board of Director**, West Cities Police Communications
- **Alternate Director**, Orange County Sanitation District
- **Founding Board Member**, Leisure World Cares Fund
- Former Auditor, Lower-Income Housing Tax Credits
- Former Planning Commissioner, City of Seal Beach



**Orange County City Selection Committee
Candidate Statement Form**

Name: Ben Wong

Specific Position Applying For: Housing & Community Development Commission

District: 1st District

Home address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mobile phone: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

City: Seal Beach

Years as elected official: 2 Occupation: Assistant Controller

Please list other positions held (both state and local service):

Mayor Pro Tem - City of Seal Beach

Board of Director - West Cities Police Communications

Alternate Director - Orange County Sanitation District

Please use a separate sheet to answer the following questions.

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Signature

04/30/26

Date

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- References:
 - **OC Supervisor**, Janet Nguyen
 - **Assembly Member**, Tri Ta
 - **Mayor of Seal Beach**, Lisa Landau
 - **Councilwoman of Seal Beach**, Patty Senecal