

## LAC Fast Facts

- LAC Mission Statement
  - In order to support Lakewood as a vibrant and inclusive community, the Lakewood Advisory Commission is an advocate and informed voice for the community by providing research and recommendations on local issues to the City Council.
- Ambassadors for the City
  - LAC commissioners are considered ambassadors for the city. You are expected to learn about city-wide issues and treat city officials, residents and fellow commissioners with respect and civility.
- LAC Committees
  - The LAC works primarily through a committee system. As a new commissioner you choose the standing committee on which you want to serve: Sustainability, Neighborhoods or Civic Awareness. Most of the work you will do as a new member will be with your standing committee researching and reviewing material and having discussions relating to policy proposals.
- Time Commitment
  - With meetings and research and writing assignments you can expect to spend 5-10 hours per month on LAC business.
- Proposal Process
  - Most proposals come from the City Council. The executive committee (overall LAC officers and committee chairs) typically assigns a proposal to a standing committee and the committee begins its study, research and analysis. Once the study, findings and recommendations have been completed, the proposal is submitted to the LAC coordinator. The proposal is then reviewed by the overall LAC officers and a standing committee member presents the proposal to the executive committee. The executive committee often has comments and suggested revisions. The standing committee then revises the proposal in a manner that meets the executive committee's approval. The proposal then moves on for consideration by the full LAC, which also may make changes. After approval by the full LAC, the proposal is referred for presentation to the City Council. (See elsewhere in the guide for more details and timeline)
- Advice for new LAC Commissioners
  - Dive into the LAC work, concentrating on your standing committee assignments. Don't be afraid to ask questions or seek advice from your committee chair or others. Also, you may always contact the LAC Coordinator Rosa Tate at [rostat@Lakewood.org](mailto:rostat@Lakewood.org) or 303-987-7069.
- What can I expect by serving on LAC
  - According to our surveys, you will:
    - **Learn** about Lakewood and its government and officials.
    - **Make a difference** by studying proposals and making recommendations to the City Council.
    - **Have fun** making friends on LAC.
    - **Build your skills** by strengthening research, writing, speaking and networking skills.