



In accordance with the Bylaws of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce, the membership is hereby notified that nominations are open to fill two (2) vacancies on the Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2026 for a three-year term.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, or if you wish to nominate some other willing Chamber member, please complete and return the form below to the Chamber office no later than Wednesday, April 15 by 6:00 p.m. or via email at chamber@gilroy.org. Please call or email our Chamber Executive Director, Cristina Cortes, at (408) 842-6014 or cristina@gilroy.org if you have any questions.

NOMINATING PETITION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As a voting member of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce, I herewith submit the following name to be placed in nomination as a candidate for election to the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. A voting member is an individual who is a part of an active Chamber member business. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominee's Name: _____

Company Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

I hereby declare that the above-named nominee has been notified of this action and has given his/her consent to being nominated for Director.

Voting Member's Signature: _____

Company Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

PLEASE RETURN BY April 15, 2026.

Eligibility and Board of Directors roles and responsibilities

Eligibility: The Nominating Committee must determine that each candidate is an active member in good standing, has never been convicted of a felony, and has agreed to accept the responsibility of a directorship. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership within the Chamber and the community through participation on councils and committees, serving as chairs, or active involvement within committees of the Chamber for at least two years. No Board member who has served two (2) consecutive three-year terms is eligible



for election for a third term. A period of one (1) year must elapse before eligibility is restored.

Role of Board Directors: The Board of Directors is the government and policy-making body of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce. It authorizes the program of work, approves the budget, controls its property, receives and acts on committee and staff recommendations and directs the general operations of the chamber. All Board Directors are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month from 1:30 – 3:30 PM at the Chamber office. Directors cannot miss three consecutive Board meetings or four in one calendar year.

Other specific duties:

1. Board Directors are expected to maintain close contact with members of the chamber and various leaders of the community.
2. The Board has the fiduciary responsibility of the Chamber operations.
3. Board Directors are encouraged to attend the monthly Networking at Noon Lunch, Mixers, ribbon cuttings, and other Chamber-sponsored events such as: Legislative Summit, Annual Spice of Life Awards Gala, and Rock the Mock.
4. Each Board Director is assigned as a liaison to at least one council or committee. As the liaison, the Board member attends the council or committee meeting and reports to the Board at the monthly meeting.
5. Each Board Director dedicates time in the management and operation of the Garlic City Car Show and Harvest Festival, the major fundraising event of the year.
6. Board members are not eligible to win Chamber Spice of Life awards as an individual or with their company while serving their term of service.

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