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CITY SEEKS LODGING REPRESENTATIVE FOR LODGING TAX ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (May, 2017) The City of Bainbridge Island is seeking one lodging representative to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).

Applicants must be a representative from a Bainbridge Island business that collects lodging taxes. Eligible individuals must apply online on the [City website](#) by close of business on Wednesday, May 31.

The Lodging Tax Advisory committee is responsible for recommending awards from the City's Civic Improvement Fund, a fund created through a state tax on overnight stays in lodging establishments (i.e., hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts). These funds can be used to support projects to promote tourism, for event operations or marketing, or for operating expenses for tourism facilities owned by nonprofits. In recent award cycles, this committee has helped to provide City support in the amount of \$200,000 for local projects. A list of past projects is available on the [City's website](#).

Volunteers on LTAC will review funding proposals and recommend award allocations. The structure of the committee is defined by RCW Chapter 67.28 and Bainbridge Island Municipal Code 3.65.040. Two volunteers must be representatives from Bainbridge Island businesses which collect lodging taxes, and two volunteers must be representatives of businesses or agencies authorized to receive lodging tax funding. City Councilmembers Roger Townsend and Michael Scott will act as co-chairs on the committee. LTAC participants should expect to meet four to six times from August to November.

To learn more or to download the application, visit the [City's website](#).

For questions about the application process, contact [Roz Lassoff](#), Executive Assistant at 206.780.8624.

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