# HOUSING PLANNING AND ECONOMIC ANALYST

Class Code: 8504

Open Date: 02-20-15

(Exam Open to All, including Current City Employees)

# ANNUAL SALARY

\$67,233 to \$98,323

# NOTE:

The current salary range is subject to change. You may confirm the starting salary with the hiring department before accepting a job offer.

# **DUTIES**

A Housing Planning and Economic Analyst performs responsible administrative and technical work in the preparation of economic research, reports and feasibility studies related to policy analysis, housing policy, program development, legislation and affordable housing preservation, development and financing.

# REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university; and
- Two years of full-time paid professional experience in planning, financing and/or analysis of low-income or moderate-income affordable housing.

#### NOTES:

- 1. In addition to the regular City application, each applicant is required to submit the Housing Planning and Economic Analyst Qualifications Questionnaire at the time of filing. The Housing Planning and Economic Analyst Qualifications Questionnaire is located within the Supplemental Questions Section of the City application. Applicants who fail to complete the Qualifications Questionnaire will not be considered further in this examination, and their application will not be processed.
- 2. Applicants who lack six months or less of the required experience may file for this examination. However, they cannot be appointed until the full experience requirement is met.
- 3. A valid California driverous license is required. Applicants will be disqualified and not eligible for hire if their record within the last 36 months reflects three or more moving violations and/or at-fault accidents, or a conviction of a major moving violation (such as DUI).
- 4. For qualifying work experience gained outside the City of Los Angeles, the term % professional experience + applies to positions that require possession of a degree from a recognized four-year college or university in order to obtain that position. Therefore, to be considered % professional +, non-City qualifying experience must be gained in positions after obtaining a four-year degree.
- 5. A master degree in economics, urban planning, business administration, or public policy/administration may be substituted for one year of the required experience.
- 6. Please note that qualifying education must be from a college or university accredited by a City of Los Angeles recognized agency. A list of approved accrediting agencies can be found at http://per.lacity.org/Accredited%20Institutions%2008-21-08.pdf.

#### WHERE TO APPLY

Applications will only be accepted online. When you are viewing the online job bulletin of your choice, simply scroll to the top of the page and select the "Apply" icon. Online job bulletins are also available at <a href="http://agency.governmentjobs.com/lacity/default.cfm">http://agency.governmentjobs.com/lacity/default.cfm</a> for Open Competitive Examinations and at <a href="http://agency.governmentjobs.com/lacity/default.cfm">http://agency.governmentjobs.com/lacity/default.cfm</a>? for Promotional Examinations.

# NOTE:

Applicants are urged to apply early to ensure you have time to resolve any technical issues you may encounter.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications and Qualifications Questionnaires must be received by THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015.

In accordance with Civil Service Rule 4.2, all applicants who apply may not be tested in this examination. To meet anticipated hiring needs, only a limited number of qualified applicants will be invited to participate in the interview in the following order: 1) Los Angeles City Promotional applicants who meet the minimum requirements. You must have received a regular appointment to a City position or be on a reserve list to apply for this examination as a promotional candidate; 2) Applicants currently employed by the City of Los Angeles on a part-time or exempt basis who meet the minimum requirements; 3) Remaining applicants who meet the minimum requirements in sufficient numbers to meet hiring

needs in the order that applications were received. Applications submitted during the filing period will be kept on file for two years from February 20, 2015 in the event that additional applicants need to be tested to meet hiring needs.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW**

Should a large number of qualified candidates file for this examination, each candidates qualifications for the position of Housing Planning and Economic Analyst may be evaluated based on the candidates responses to the Qualifications Questionnaire. Those candidates considered possessing the greatest likelihood of successfully performing the duties of a Housing Planning and Economic Analyst based solely on the information submitted for qualifications review will continue in the selection process.

# SELECTION PROCESS

The examination will consist entirely of an evaluation of the candidates professional and personal qualifications by interview. In the interview, emphasis may be placed on the nature and adequacy of the candidate's experience and training as they have provided the background necessary to perform the essential job duties of a Housing Planning and Economic Analyst, including knowledge of: the major steps involved in planning feasibility studies sufficient to evaluate proposed housing programs or projects; economic, social and environmental factors which affect housing programs and development; research methods sufficient to plan and conduct logical and objective research; Federal, State, and local agencies involved in planning matters; and the ability to read complex technical documents such as U.S. Census and Federal Tax Codes; effectively review and analyze problems in order to find creative solutions and make written or verbal recommendations; pay close attention to details; interpret maps, graphs, charts and tables; plan and prioritize tasks and projects; use personal computers and computer software, including spreadsheets, word processing, databases, and other specialized software programs; communicate technical housing planning concepts; deal tactfully and effectively with other employees, management, elected officials, and the public; write comprehensive reports; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; and other necessary skills, knowledge and abilities.

Additionally, the interview board will consider the information in the candidates Qualifications Questionnaire in their overall evaluation of the candidatesqqualifications. Candidates may expect the interview panel members to discuss this information during the interview. Qualifications Questionnaires submitted by candidates on the day of the interview will not be accepted for presentation to the interview board.

Candidates will be notified by e-mail of the date, time, and location of the interview, which will be held in Los Angeles. It is anticipated that interviews will begin during the period of APRIL 27, 2015 to MAY 8, 2015.

#### NOTES:

- 1. This examination is based on a content validation study.
- 2. The promotional list will ordinarily be used ahead of the open competitive list. However, if open competitive candidates receive a higher score, without military credits, than the highest available promotional candidate, after adding 0.25 of a point seniority credit for each year of service, the Civil Service Commission, upon request of the appointing authority, may approve certification of such open competitive candidates ahead of the promotional candidates.
- 3. As a covered entity under the Fair Employment and Housing Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. To request a disability accommodation, please complete the Disability Accommodation Form within 14 calendar days of the submittal of the City application. The Disability Accommodation Form can be obtained at <a href="http://per.lactiy.org/exams/verity\_disability.pdf">http://per.lactiy.org/exams/verity\_disability.pdf</a>.
- 4. Applications are accepted subject to review to ensure that minimum qualifications are met. Candidates may be disqualified at any time if it is determined that they do not possess the minimum qualifications stated on this bulletin.
- 5. A final average score of 70% is required to be placed on the eligible list.
- 6. You must have received a regular appointment to a City position or be on a reserve list to file on a promotional basis.
- In conjunction with Civil Service Rules, applicants who have received a regular appointment to a City position or are on a reserve list will be considered Promotional candidates while all other applicants will be considered Open candidates.

#### Notice:

If you receive and accept an offer of employment to a regular position with the City of Los Angeles, your employee benefit coverage (including health and dental coverage as well as life insurance) will commence approximately six weeks after your original regular appointment. Not all positions in the City receive benefit coverage; you should inquire regarding the availability of employee benefits prior to accepting a position.

# THIS EXAMINATION IS TO BE GIVEN BOTH ON AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL AND AN OPEN COMPETITIVE BASIS

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