# Balcones Heights City Council
# NOMINEE APPLICATION

**Please fill out the application completely.** Your submission of the application confirms your willingness to serve on the City Council, to attend meetings, and generally fulfill the responsibilities of the appointment. Applications are due no later than Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 12 noon. City Council will then convene at a time and location to be determined to consider the applicants, interview, and consider an appointment. If an appointment is made to fill the vacant Place 2, the appointment will be until the next municipal election in May 2020; it is at this election, that the Mayor, Places 1, and 2 will be up for a full two-year term ending in May 2022.
Meeting notices and materials are distributed via email and City-issued tablet. Please be sure and include your email address in the space provided. Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Balcones Heights.

| GENERAL INFORMATION | OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION |
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| **Name:** Gloria J. Cantu | **Business Name/Employer:** Retired |
| **Home Address:** *708 Beryl Dr* | **Business Owner:** No |
| **City:** San Antonio, Texas | **Position:** |
| **Zip:** 78213 | **Address:** |
| **Mailing Address (if different from above):** | **City:** |
| | **Zip:** |
| **Home Phone:** none | **How long in current position?** |
| **Cell Phone:** 210-215-8534 | |
| **Preferred Contact Number:** | **Work phone:** |
| | **Work email:** |
| **Personal E-mail:** gloriacantu51@yahoo.com | |

Do you live inside the city limits of the City of Balcones Heights? _X_ Yes ____ No

Have you lived in the City of Balcones Heights for at least the past 6 months? _X_ Yes ____ No

Are you 18 years of age or older? _X_ Yes ____ No

Are you registered to vote? _X_ Yes ____ No Voter Registration # 1067812922

Is your schedule such that you have the available time to commit to regular and consistent attendance at meetings? _X_ Yes ____ No

**YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND OPINIONS: (Please attach additional sheets if necessary)**
Please briefly explain why you want to serve on the Balcones Heights City Council.

***Please see attached document for my response.***

Please briefly explain your opinions about the overall quality of life and issues you see are important to the City of Balcones Heights and its future:

***Please see attached document for my responses.***

What are your Vision and Goals for the City?

## YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND OPINIONS:

**Please *briefly* explain why you want to serve on the Balcones Heights City Council.**

First and foremost I love Balcones Heights it's the place I call home. As a long term resident of the City of Balcones Heights, I have witnessed our community's businesses, neighborhoods, and population evolve in both positive and negative ways. At this juncture of my life, I am retired and I am ready to roll-up my sleeves to support this great city. Additionally, my overall work and life experience has prepared me to serve on the Balcones Heights City Council.

**Please *briefly* explain your opinions about the overall quality of life, and issues you see are important to the City of Balcones Heights an its future.**

In my opinion: it is critical to maintain a thriving community, form positive relationships, and I believe it is vital to re-invent parts of our city to make it a special and desirable place again.

In my opinion: improve internal communication within Balcones Heights City Council, and strengthen communication with the overall Balcones Heights community.

In my opinion the senior and youth of our community are valuable groups and under-utilized.

- In terms of our senior population I suggest the following:
  - Identify, develop, and establish resources in support of their needs
  - Learn from their life experience and knowledge,
  - Utilize their leadership skills
  - Encourage and develop a mentoring program
- We have an un-tapped opportunity in our youth:
  - They are technically savvy and they possess a broad world view with opinions
  - They need to be invited to participate in their community
  - They need to know they matter

Lastly, in my opinion we need to address the issue of Balcones Heights' unemployed population.

**What is your vision and goals for the City?**

It is my vision and goal to assist in adopting a strategic plan that works for our City that will include *priorities, action items, designated responsibilities, and timelines* to carry out the plan.

**Current/past occupations or areas of expertise:**

*Education System:* Student Recruitment, Finance and Budget, Fundraising, Public Relations

*Medical System:* Office Administrator, Patient Outreach, and Public Relations

**Professional and/or community activities:**

Balcones Heights Planning and Zoning Commission

Treasurer – SAFM

Finance Council – Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

**Additional pertinent information/references:**

I have in-depth knowledge including related experience that will compliment the duties required of a successful council member. I believe a strong work ethic is vital for the mission of the Balcones Heights City Council and key to the success of the City of Balcones Heights.

The information on this Application is true and correct.

Signature Gloria J. Carter

Date 1/17/2020

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