

Arcata City Council

The Arcata City Council is composed of five members elected at large by the citizens of Arcata to be the legislative policy-making branch of city government. The Council directs the course of local government through its power to adopt ordinances, levy taxes, award contracts, and appoint certain city officers, commissions, and committees.

Terms

All positions are at-large; Council Members serve four year terms, with no limitation on number of consecutive terms; Mayor & Vice Mayor positions rotate.

Meetings

Regular Council meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at City Hall Council Chambers (736 F Street, Arcata).

Compensation

- Salary of \$581.60 per month plus monthly benefits for medical, dental and vision insurance.
- Eligible to participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System, CalPERS.

How to Run

- Requirements: Be a registered voter; live within city limits; follow city filing rules
- 2018 filing deadline is 8/10/2018, with an extension to 8/15/2018 if no incumbents file.
- Where to file: Arcata City Hall, 736 F St.
- More information: Humboldt Co. Elections Office – (707) 445-7481; City of Arcata – (707) 822-5953

Current Office Holders

Susan Ornelas (Mayor) – elected in 2008; current term ends in 2020

Sofia Pereira (Vice Mayor) – elected in 2014; **current term ends in 2018**

Paul Pitino – served 2004-2008; appointed in 2014; elected again in 2016; current term ends in 2020

Michael Winkler – elected in 2008; current term ends in 2020

Brett Watson – appointed in 2017; **current term ends in 2018**