Q: **Who can be a Volunteer?**

A: Anyone wanting to volunteer their time, engage in their community and support City of San Diego programs and services.

Q: **How does one apply for volunteer opportunities?**

A: All interested applicants can view a list of opportunities and sign up by clicking here to apply.

Q: **What do Volunteers do?**

A: City of San Diego volunteers assist City staff by providing support that enhances the work of City employees. Some of the help volunteers provide includes; removing litter from open spaces, lakes, neighborhood parks, helping students and adults gain literacy skills, engaging seniors at dances and enjoying recreational activities with individuals with special needs. Volunteers also help promote community safety awareness and prepare citizens for disasters.

Q: **How much time will I need to commit if I want to volunteer?**

A: Each volunteer opportunity will request a minimum time commitment. Volunteer opportunities can be a few hours on a Saturday morning, or a weekly commitment for the span of a season or year. Whatever your availability, there may be an opportunity that fits your schedule and meets your needs.

Q: **What are "ongoing opportunities"?**

A: Ongoing volunteer opportunities request an extended commitment from volunteers (between 3 and 12 months). These volunteer opportunities require training, additional paperwork, and in some cases, background checks.

Q: **How old should I be to volunteer?**

A: Volunteers under 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers under 18 years old must have their parents sign a waiver before they begin volunteering. Some opportunities have other specific age requirements.

Q: **What is the difference between a Mentee an Intern and a Volunteer?**

A: An Intern is required to be enrolled in school during the Internship. A Mentee is interested in developing workplace skills and experience, and is not required to be enrolled in school. The experience of a Volunteer is simply to serve and to engage in their community.