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Temple City to Offer Citizen's Academy Webinar on Feb. 25

The free interactive civic education program is open to those who live or work in Temple City.

TEMPLE CITY, CA (Feb. 5, 2021) — National politics of the past few years have inspired some Temple Citians to learn more about the inner workings of local government and how best to engage with City Hall, local agencies and departments.

To provide civic engagement information and guidance to those who live or work in Temple City, the city is bringing back its Citizen's Academy, an interactive education program, on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the session will be held virtually via Zoom.

The free webinar will feature presentations on the operations of City Hall, with each department providing an overview on their responsibilities, current projects and how citizens can access services and stay engaged. Participants will meet the department heads and can ask Temple City staff questions throughout the night.

"Our Citizen's Academy is a great introduction to the departments and teams that run the city," said Mayor Tom Chavez. "Throughout the session, participants can discuss various topics with key staff, ranging from city finances and planning, to parks and recreation and economic development. It's also a way for us to hear directly from our residents about roadblocks they may have encountered, too."

Mayor Tom Chavez continued, "Our version of the Citizen's Academy is a 'crash course' that demystifies the work of local government. We know that people may be short on time or may not want to hop on Zoom weekly for a full class, so this one-night session is a perfect solution."

During the webinar, participants can take part in mini-quizzes and other fun opportunities to win Temple City swag. Those who complete the course will receive a special certificate of completion.

To apply to Citizen's Academy and take your civic engagement to the next level, please make sure to register by Monday, Feb. 22.

For more information, visit templecity.us/citizensacademy or call the City Manager's Office at (626) 285-2171, ext. 4111.

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