

City of Carpinteria

Complaint and Grievance Procedure

This Complaint and Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint or grievance alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Carpinteria. The City of Carpinteria's Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The City of Carpinteria wants to hear concerns and complaints from citizens in order to provide accessible programs, services, and activities. A member of the public can contact the City of Carpinteria with a comment, concern, or complaint without filing a formal grievance. A formal grievance can be filed by completing the City of Carpinteria's Grievance Form.

It is preferred that the formal grievance be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request. If additional accommodations are needed, please contact the ADA Coordinator. The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Michael Ramirez
ADA Coordinator / Interim Human Resources and Risk Manager
City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013
michaelr@carpinteriaca.gov
805/755-4450
California Relay Service: dial 711

Within 30 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, Michael Ramirez or [his/her] designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 30 calendar days of the meeting Michael Ramirez or [his/her] designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Carpinteria and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by Michael Ramirez or [his/her] designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within 30 calendar days after receipt of the response to the City Manager or [his/her] designee.

Within 30 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the City Manager or [his/her] designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 30 calendar days after the meeting, the City Manager or [his/her] designee will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by Michael Ramirez or [his/her] designee, appeals to the City Manager or [his/her] designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the City of Carpinteria for at least three years.