

## City of Clearwater, FL: Citizens Academy Application 2018

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**CITIZENS ACADEMY  
Class Application, Fall 2018**

**Name:** Marita Lynch  
**City:** Clearwater  
**Zip Code:** 33756  
**Business Phone:** Not answered

**Mailing Address:**  
**State:** Florida  
**Home Phone:**  
**E-Mail Address:**

2. I am a resident of the incorporated city of Clearwater

(o) Yes

3. I am a business owner in the incorporated city of Clearwater

(o) No

4. Tell us a little about yourself (past employment, organizations in which you are, or have been active, and special interests):

Hi -I've been a resident of Clearwater since 1991 and a resident of Pinellas since 1983. I love this area. I spent twenty-two years working for the organization that eventually became BayCare, first as a bedside nurse at Morton Plant, where I moved from clinical care into Physician Quality Management for both Morton Plant and Mease, then as a Compliance Coordinator for all of BayCare. I became a Lean Six Sigma process improvement specialist with BayCare and eventually moved to the Information Services department where I helped build the electronic medical record. During my time at BayCare I earned an MBA and I also graduated with the class of 2002 from Leadership Pinellas. I left BayCare to work for healthcare vendors and to work as a consultant to large healthcare systems throughout the country. Over the past several years, I have been traveling to different hospitals, health systems, cities and communities across the United States to help these entities improve the quality of health care that they deliver to the community. Everywhere I travel to reminds me of how happy I am to live in Clearwater.

5. Please tell us why you would like to participate in Clearwater 101:

I've always been interested in civic life and civic responsibilities but the demands of raising a family while working full time and going to school prevented me from becoming as involved as I would have liked to have been. However, I've been able to volunteer as a Big Sister and a Guardian Ad Litem for several years. This past year I stopped traveling for work and now have the time and energy to devote to my interests and civic responsibilities. In the past year I've attended several city council meetings and have

observed the process by which changes are made in Clearwater. I would like to become more involved in the civic life of Clearwater. It has become abundantly clear to me over the past few years that in order to have a government by and for the people, we the people must live up to our civic responsibilities and be aware and involved in civic life at the city, county, state and federal level. I am very interested in Clearwater 101 as a means to learn more about the city I live in and to be more responsible in my civic duties.

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**6. What do you consider your major strengths and qualifications for Clearwater 101?:**

- A strong sense of responsibility to my community
- A high level of motivation to become involved and to stay involved
- An appreciation and understanding of the complexities involved in running a city the size of Clearwater
- An appreciation and understanding of the unique challenges that Clearwater faces at this time
- An appreciation of the great opportunities that are available to Clearwater at this time
- Leadership skills in influencing, motivating and managing individuals and groups of people
- A desire to serve, not for my personal ambition but to support and improve the community that I love
- Highly educated with the ability to envision a future state and to develop strategies to reach that future state
- The ability to work well with many different types and levels of people, from C-suite all the way through service level.

**7. How will the community benefit from your participation in Clearwater 101?:**

Communities benefit when the people of that community provide their time and talent to the development and betterment of that community. I have a desire to serve for the betterment of Clearwater. My life knowledge, my life experience, my leadership skills and my Clearwater experience are all assets that I can bring to this program and to the City of Clearwater upon completion of this program.

I hope that you will consider me for this program.

**8. Shirt Information (ALL SHIRTS ARE PRE-SHRUNK COTTON also WOMEN'S SHIRTS TEND TO RUN A BIT SMALL)**

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**9. Do you or have you served on a city board in Clearwater? If so, which one?:**

I was on the Jazz Holiday Committee in 2003.

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**10. How did you hear about the Citizens Academy?:**

I heard about this program through the Tampa Bay Times and I received an e-mail with a link to this application. I also am a friend of Olin (Skip) Wright, who previously went through this program and speaks highly of it.

**Applicant Personal Commitment**

If selected I will devote the time necessary to meet graduation requirements. If chosen, I will attend at least eight (8) of the ten (10) sessions. I will continue to stay involved in city government to the best of my ability and act as an ambassador by sharing my knowledge with other Clearwater citizens.

**11. For the safety of participants, a background check will be completed on all applicants. For that purpose, please include the following:**

Race	Caucasian
Gender	female
Date of Birth	

**12. If selected to participate, do you prefer a printed handbook or electronic file?**

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Thank you,  
City of Clearwater, FL

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