
Profile

Greg

First Name

Wright

Middle Initial

Last Name

UC Merced

Employer

Assistant Professor

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are you 18 years of age or older? (Required)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you live within the City Limits of Merced? (Required)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If so, please list:

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizens Oversight Committee - Measure C: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

☒ Doctoral Degree

Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If you selected no, please identify how you would like to be contacted:

Interests & Experiences

Tell us about yourself, and why you are applying for this particular Board or Commission:

I'm an Assistant Professor of Economics at UC Merced. I have a BA from UC Berkeley and a PhD from UC Davis. I'm originally from Oakdale, so have strong ties to the Central Valley. I'd like to get involved in the community and this seems like an interesting way to do so.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I'm currently employed at UC Merced. I have never served on a Board or Commission. Prior to graduate school I worked for the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and so became familiar with city governance in a general way.

What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?

My understanding is only what I have read on the internet. I understand that the Measure allows a lot of flexibility in how the funds are spent and I understand this the community oversight role was part of the measure.

Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?

My expertise in Economics may not be useful in any specific way but I will likely bring a unique perspective when thinking about how to allocate scarce resources.

Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?

I am a product of the Central Valley and was excited when I was given the opportunity to return. I'd like to contribute to the community beyond my role at UC Merced, and this could be a nice way to do so.


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Requirements

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

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Oath of Office

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

Mayor's Twitter feed!

If you selected other, please indicate how you learned about the vacancy:

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male


Date of Birth

Submission

GW

I declare under penalty of disqualification or termination that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Greg C. Wright

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Contact Info:



Personal

Married to Rowena Gray, 2-year-old daughter Zoe
Born: Mt. Shasta, CA
Raised: Oakdale, CA

Current Position

2014- Assistant Professor, University of California at Merced

Past Positions

2011-2013 Assistant Professor, University of Essex
2005-2011 Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Davis
2003-2005 Research Associate, Public Policy Institute of California
2001-2003 Economic Development Specialist, Oakland Chamber of Commerce
2000-2001 English Teacher, Japan

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of California at Davis, September 2011
M.A. Economics, University of California at Davis, 2006
B.A. Astrophysics, University of California at Berkeley, 1998

Teaching

2017 Intermediate Microeconomics, *University of California, Merced*
2015-17 International Trade & Finance, *University of California, Merced*
2014 International Microeconomics, *University of California, Merced*
2012-13 International Trade, *University of Essex*
2012-13 International Trade Theory (Post-Graduate), *University of Essex*
2008 Global Economic Analysis, *CSU East Bay, Hayward, CA*
2001-2002 English Teacher, *Funabashi, Chiba, Japan*

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MMSA, Chamber Of Commerce,
Art HopAre you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If
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Citizens Oversight Committee - Measure C: Submitted

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☒ Some College, No Degree

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Email

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Tell us about yourself, and why you are applying for this particular Board or Commission:

I want to make Merced Great Again, good catch phrase, but I want downtown and Merced in a whole to be amazing.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?

I dont know to much about this board, yet!

Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?

Sure, I am a smart business owner, and fast learner and know a little about everything that happens in Merced.

Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?

I am a great down town business owner, and president of the MMSA, on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, and part of the board of directors of the ART HOP.

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

City Staff

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Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender

☒ Male


Date of Birth

Submission

RM

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Jesse

First Name

Dekker

Last Name

Middle Initial

Modern Air Mechanical

Employer

Office Manager

Job Title

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Economic Development Advisory Committee: Submitted
Citizens Oversight Committee - Measure C: Submitted

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☒ Bachelor's Degree

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Interests & Experiences

Tell us about yourself, and why you are applying for this particular Board or Commission:

I am a business-minded and concerned citizen who'd like to contribute my personal and professional work experience, education, and background to further the economic development of our community. I hold integrity in the highest regard and believe this is an integral component of any local government agency or entity. I am a young(er) working career professional who believes more citizens need to not only speak up about their community and how it conducts its business, but to also contribute our own skills, experience, and passions in specific areas that will further the development and opportunity for all those living in our community. We as citizens cannot simply sit back and expect our communities to change around us for the better; we must initiate and contribute to change.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?

Measure C Oversight Committee oversees the use of the City's Measure C funds since 2006. These funds come from hard working citizens and businesses, all of whom have a right to ensure the thoughtful, worthy, and ethical expenditure of these funds. My understanding of the Oversight Committee is to manage, approve, and generally oversee the use of these funds, ensuring they are used for the highest value for the community. The Economic Development Advisory Board assists the City Council and other local governing bodies make sound and informed decisions on business-related matters happening within the city limits. The board assists by providing recommendations for or against various projects, business proposals, and other business related activities that have requested authorization to operate within the city's limits. It is the board's responsibility to represent the city and it's citizens, speaking for them on these business matters, while always looking out for the community's best interests in terms of welcoming new business and various projects that will further the economic development of our community. The ED Advisory Board and its members also have the privilege and responsibility to represent the city and its citizens in relevant capacities, whether at trade shows or various programs and agendas within the city. It is the members' responsibility to maintain the best interest of the city and it's citizens. The board may also be required to advise and assist the City Council in creating policies that effect the city's economic development and business opportunities, including educating the general public on these policies and how they impact the community.

Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?

In addition to my 8+ years of professional work experience in various industries and business environments, I bring 3 years of office/business management experience, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, with an emphasis in business and business administration. More recently, my professional and daily responsibilities are with personnel management, budget management, sales management, business operations, and business development. Additionally, I have a strong background in hiring and recruiting, and have learned a lot about the difficulties in our current economic climate, specifically for jobseekers. All of these give me a well-rounded, informed, and experienced business acumen that allows me to thoughtfully understand and integrate business and economic processes and systems to positively impact an organization/company or community (in this case). Working in the contracting field has lead me to be proficient in cost management as well, which is key in ensuring a project is profitable and/or beneficial for the benefactors, which in this case would be the citizens of Merced.

Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?

Although I have minimal local government experience, I have always made efforts to positively impact the community in which I live. I moved to Merced in August 2014 from the city of Palm Desert. In Palm Desert, I was actively involved in a mentorship program called Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Desert, the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce, and regular job fairs and career fairs, due to my employment as a Recruiting Specialist with a staffing and recruiting firm. For years I've always been involved in local business groups such as Chambers of Commerce, and mentorship and volunteer programs, among other things. Since moving to Merced, I've been looking for ways to serve my new community. I have contacted both the Merced Rotary as well as Merced Kiwanis and am currently debating which is a better fit for my interests and goals. I care about my community and the challenges and opportunities it faces. My hope is to provide a fresh perspective and additional line of support to these boards, our City Council, and the citizens they serve. I am happy to provide both personal and professional references whom the existing board members and City Council are welcome to contact.

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