
Profile

Gregorio

First Name

G

Middle Initial

Rocha-tabera

Last Name

Learning Arts

Employer

Technican

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 1

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Bachelor's 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:

As a Chicano who went back to school and got his degree I wanted to improve myself to finish up where I had left off. After completing my degree here in CSUS I had valued the importance of community. Community here has the potential to be better than most cities.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Learning Arts Indigenous Students in Activism- Mural assisted coordination and application Son Xinachtli writing group- creative and informative writing (pending publication) Son Jarocho (2nd Cohort)- performance art of Afro-Indigenous musical arts Mecha- photo documentary The Collective- document and writing correspondence with campus government

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

Voting and approval of proposal project from the community. Allocation of resources over time sensitive agendas.

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

Sat in frequently in city council members meetings in Salinas CA to see how Phillip Tabera (my Father) handled these meetings.

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

Thank you for your consideration and have a nice day

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Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ A Friend

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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

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Profile

Maria Del

First Name

R

Middle Initial

Zaragoza

Last Name

Mercy Outpatient Therapy
Services

Employer

Patient Registrar

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 2

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

no

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Some College, No Degree

Maria Del R Zaragoza

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 am looking to be more involved with improving our community. I love the arts and paint at home myself. I have a positive and creative outlook in life.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I currently work for Mercy Therapy Service on the Outpatient department and has been working here for about 15 years now. Before that I worked as a Spanish Interpreter for Health House. I have also been part of the Winton Rotatory Club in the past. I did also participate in the Merced/ Somoto Nicaragua sister cities in 1993 and then again about 6 years ago.

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

To help improve our community by participating as a citizen on finding answers as a group. The input of the members help to shape the policies under which the city operates. Willingness to function as a team member. Maintaining firm conviction on what I believe in and for the best interest of all. Also recognizing conflict of interests and willing to resolve issues

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

I have been on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission now for four years. I would be delighted to continue be part of this Commission in carrying out its vision and mission.

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

I am passionate and very dedicated to my job and what I do. I am self-motivated and work well under pressure. Having said this, I believe I have the commination and leadership skills need for this position.

Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

Flyers

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

Submission

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Maria Del Rocio Zaragoza

Profile

Tommy

First Name

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Middle Initial

Last Name

UC Merced

Employer

Lecturer

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 5

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: 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 have always been interested in the cultural life of cities and ways communities have used arts and culture to redefine themselves in these changing times. Having been a first-generation university student with a low-income background, I am both familiar with the various challenges that many in the Central Valley face and the many unique possibilities that can come with education and the arts. I therefore attempt to maintain a straightforward and practical perspective on the impact of arts and culture, neither dismissing them outright nor overestimating their impacts.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I have taught history and culture at UC Merced for more than three years. Though UC Merced's student population comprises many from various parts of California and beyond, the demographics are not too dissimilar to that of Merced itself. I also have experience in the arts and arts promotion as part of a guest curatorial team at the UCLA Fowler Museum.

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

My understanding of this advisory commission as presented on the City of Merced's primary web page is that members are to serve in an advisory capacity, providing recommendations on arts and culture projects and events for the city of Merced. Members are to develop an understanding of the particular arts and culture interests relevant to Merced community members, work with the local arts council, provide support to groups involved in arts projects, and to recommend standards.

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

I have not served on any commission in the past, but what I can contribute is my prior research experience in urban arts initiatives and familiarity of trends in culture-led urban revivals (including their potential benefits and pitfalls) on both sides of the Pacific.

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

Although much of my prior research experience is in Asia, the trends in arts and culture initiatives on both sides of the Pacific parallel one another. Referring to my experience with such initiatives in other regions, I would like to contribute to discussions on what kinds of arts and culture projects are more relevant to Merced's unique situation as an emerging Central Valley city

Requirements

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Attendance Policy

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Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

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Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ City Website

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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Profile

William

First Name

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Middle Initial

Obruba

Last Name

Retired educator

Employer

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 5

Are you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If so, please list:No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: 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:

My wife and I have a lifelong interest in the arts. We both are retired educators, she at the elementary level and me at the university level. We lived in a university environment for over thirty years and were involved in the cultural and art activities of each university where I was employed. We lived in a small university town before moving to Merced for 30 years before our retirements and relocating to Merced to be closer to family. We have lived in Merced for three years now and found it to be a city on the rise and we would like to be a part of that. Merced has been good for us and to us and we would like to give something back and wait better way that working to enhance it's cultural environment.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Retired educator and recent resident lookingfor the opportunity to serve the community.

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

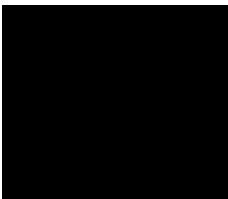
Be an advocate for the arts and to generate more involvement in local activities cultural happening. To better inform the general public of arts and cultural opportunities.

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

My long term interest in the arts and my willingness to be an advocate for a diversity in cultural activities and events.

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

One of my strengths has been my ability to work with diverse groups as I have during my 30 years of work at three different universities in various parts of the country.



Requirements

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Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Newspaper

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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Profile**Rob**

First Name

Edward

Middle Initial

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Last Name

self-employed

Employer

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

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 4

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

no

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Bachelor's 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 have spent the last fourteen years of my life, since I moved to Merced, dedicated to the arts in this community. I have seen the arts scene continue to grow all around the county and have been so proud I played a little part in making that happen.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently self-employed. I recently started an arts collective called the Phoenix Creative Collective. We are dedicated to continuing to work with artists and raising awareness of arts organizations all across the Central Valley. Prior to that I was the Artistic Director for Playhouse Merced for ten years, I currently serve on the board of Merced Theater, and I am a frequent collaborator with the executive director, Colton Dennis, at the Arts Center.

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

I understand that its purpose is to advise the City Council on projects involving public art, art events and activities.

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

I have spent a large portion of my professional career in the arts.

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

I think this is an amazing step for Merced County. The Arts are an incredible economic driver of its community and also one of the top three things outside companies look for when moving their companies into a new area.

Requirements

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ A Friend

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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Profile

Robert

First Name

B

Middle Initial

Goodman

Last Name

University of California Merced

Employer

Advisor IV - Career Specialist,
School of Natural Sciences

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 3

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Master's 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:

As a resident of Merced County for over 10 years, I've seen amazing developments for the City of Merced that have enhanced the quality of life of its citizens. I believe that the next 10 years offers even more optimism for the city's residents as we help build out a mid-21st century vision of economic and artistic growth. As someone with years of experience in the area, I am committed to helping build out a vision of Merced that assists with the development of common community interests around art, music, cultural identity, and general hobbies. Pandemic isolation, for many people, has meant a disconnect from common community events that have traditionally assisted in socializing and uniting the community in the past. I am motivated to help rebuild the spirit of Merced's community bond by listening and helping find solutions to current community needs. Currently, I work as the Natural Sciences Career Specialist with the University of California Merced's Office of Leadership, Service, and Career. I have a passion for developing memorable stories and experiences for those seeking adventure. I am applying for this board to help further enrich the Art, Music, and Crafts community for the residents of Merced, and I am eager to get to work with helping the community transition its ideas into tangible events and activities. I have a passion for cultural history and heritage which includes utilizing film, art, music, and other media to better understand the past. So much so that my Master of Arts thesis was developed on better understanding 1980's technological influences on art, music, and film. I am also understanding of the future of the space, and believe there may be interest from the community into Digital Art, NFTs, and metaverse technologies as a source for creative interest and development. I want to make an impact for the community I've grown into, and see this board as one that I can find likely success.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Employer: University of California Merced. Office of Leadership, Service Career. Career Specialist IV,
School of Natural Sciences Relevant Volunteer Experience: Castle Air Museum Education Board Member.
2013 - Present Polk Museum of Art Board Member 2010 - 2012

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

Those that serve on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission make recommendations to city staff and council regarding initiatives pertaining to Art and Cultural issues for the City of Merced. The commission is responsible for understanding the general Cultural and Artistic needs of the community and help craft ideas and proposals to find solutions to these relevant community needs.

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

From 2010 - 2012, I served as a Board Member for the Polk Museum of Art (Lakeland, FL), where I assisted with event planning, staff initiatives, fundraising programs, and ideation for the largest Art Museum in Polk County, FL. From 2013 - Present, I serve as an Education Board Member for Castle Air Museum in Atwater, CA where I help develop initiatives, events, and programming for K - 12 and Post-secondary education students. Events and programs include a thriving internship program, K - 12 friendly museum events, and a presentation series.

Robert B Goodman

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

Requirements

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

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Question applies to multiple boards
Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards
Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards
Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards
How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ A Friend

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

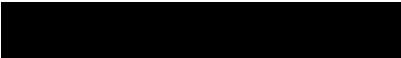
Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male



Date of Birth

Submission

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

RBG

Profile

Jasmine

First Name

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Middle Initial

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Last Name

My self

Employer

Independent contractor / artist

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 3

Are you currently serving on a Board or Commission? If so, please list:No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Bachelor's 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 have been advocating for public art and community art activities before this commission existed and I would like to continue from within.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am a contract artist and fulltime mom

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

Attending meetings and advising the City Council and art and culture related items.

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

I've advocated for its existence.

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


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Requirements

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

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Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

Instagram

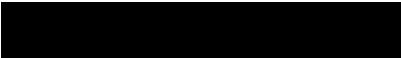
Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ American Indian/Alaskan Native Aleutian

Gender

☒ Female



Date of Birth

Submission

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

Jd

Jasmine M Diaz

Profile

Aftenthyn

First Name

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Middle Initial

Person

Last Name

Insight Global & Randstad

Employer

Platform Engineering & Digital
Specialist

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate Phone

Are you 18 years of age or older? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 4

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Associate's 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 love art and I have been been a artist for the past 22 years. I have my associates degree in art. I have worked in digital art, video production, web design and physical art since 2010.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Current employers: Insight Global -contracting @ Disney & Randstad - contracting @ City of Hope. Companies I have worked for in a artistic capacity as a contractor (via agency) in the past include Cnbc, AIG, Mercedes Benz, The College Board. I held a Board position for the New Jersey Public Relations Society. My position there during the time the organization was open was New Media Chair.

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

To serve the community regarding public art promotion and art services in the community. To serve as a advisory and advocate of the arts within the city.

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

Yes, I do. I have work experience as well as educational training.

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

During my youth, I spent a lot of time in city politics. Helping my mother run for district leader. I also spent time assisting city hall and mayoral candidates & mayors during this time. This included creating flyers, canvassing the neighborhood, working voting booths.


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AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

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Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

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Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

Went to city clerks office. Seen it on the bulletin board.

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

Submission

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

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Profile

Joy

First Name

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Middle Initial

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Last Name

Self

Employer

Writer, Author and Resolutionary
Heartist

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ Unknown

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

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ High School Graduate

Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

I am easy to reach by phone and love to connect in person

Interests & Experiences

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

I have always been drawn to the arts ever since I was a little person. I have been a cosmetologist for 35+ years. This livelihood has afforded me the freedom to explore many creative endeavor. As well as being a hair sculptor and colorist, I have expressed my joy in dance, poetics and songwriting jewelry design and visual arts, "with joy...life is art". I am a self published author of a very special and timely book called "Simply Rich - A Cosmic Romance" This book is unique in that it begins at both ends and resolves in the middle. I am applying for this position for the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission because I love the Arts and I love we the people! It would be an honor to serve the city of Merced in this way. I have a real passion for growing our community creatively!

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently in a transition of occupation. I have been doing hair for a good chunk of time and I am needing to establish by other services as livelihood. I am in the process of establishing an arts program for young people and people of all ages to bring all facets of the human experience into a new form of integrative theater. This is something that I have been envisioning for quite some time and I have a creative template to offer Community Theater as a medium of bringing people together to bring our true stories to life for fun and healing.

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

I have a basic understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Arts and Culture Commission for Merced as listed.

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

I do not have any previous experience with this Arts and Culture Commission. I have served on the board of my church for several terms and have a general understanding of serving on a board. It is wonderful to exchange perspective and ideas and work for creative outcomes!

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

We are living in a most challenging and artful times in all of history. I would be happy to contribute to the conversation and opportunities of this commission for the thriving arts within our community...and the world at large.



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Attendance Policy

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Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ City Website

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female



Date of Birth

Submission

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Profile

Sabrina

First Name

C

Middle Initial

Abong

Last Name

Tesla

Employer

Production Associate

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate 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 ☐ NoStreet AddressCitySuite or AptStatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *☒ District 3

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

yes

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Associate's Degree

Communication

The City of Merced uses email as a preferred method of communication regarding your application. Is this acceptable to you?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

[REDACTED]

Interests & Experiences

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

I have lived in the city of Merced since I was 19 currently 24 years old I own a home in Merced and I pay taxes I advocate, work full time and I am a mother of one child.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently sitting on the bicycle committee as a ex-officio on the third district.and on the redistricting advisory committee and want to apply for the at large position on the bicycle and pedestrian committee.

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

I have to respect and comply with the brown Act respect my fellow commissioners and advocate for the city I live in.

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

I am currently attending a cohort on behalf of Building Healthy Communities called boards and commission leadership institute, yes I have been on a national advisory board for foster youth.

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

I am a former foster youth and have loads of experience advocating and creating change in the legislative branch of government.

[REDACTED]

Upload a Resume

Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Sabrina C Abong

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Oath of Office

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

city clerk

Demographics

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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Kim

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Garner

Middle Initial

Last Name

El Capitan Hotel and Mainzer

Employer

Community Impact Director

Job Title

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Which Council district do you live in? *☒ Unknown

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

Yes

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Master's Degree

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Interests & Experiences

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

Prior to moving to the City of Merced, I worked the museum field for many years and in many disciplines including art, history and science. I have a Bachelors and Masters degree in art with an emphasis in art history and have taught art appreciation courses at the community college level and have also taught children's art and historic conservation classes. In the course of my museum career began as a registrar, I worked my way up to curator and then manager of exhibitions and education and have been employed at the following institutions: Fresno Art Museum, Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara, San Diego Historical Society, Society of California Pioneers in San Francisco and the Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley. The scope of my work has included large scale exhibition management, organizing education programs from lecture series to curriculum writing for K-12 programs. I have been involved with outdoor sculpture restoration projects and civic programs to make art and history accessible for disadvantaged audiences. When I came to Merced from the Bay Area over ten years ago, I had a young family and my time was taken up with my work and family responsibilities. Like many of us who grew up in the Valley, I came back to raise my daughter in an area where I could be close to my family and enjoy a lower cost of living. My daughter is now older and my scope of work has changed a bit allowing me to focus back on my passion for art and history. With that in mind, I am applying for the commission as an ex-officio member in the hope that I can use my past expertise to better art and cultural programming in the City of Merced. Our city has such potential to fill special niche that is not enjoyed by many smaller California towns. I look at arts programming in other towns of our size and know we can put ourselves on the map while enriching the lives of our citizens through proper organization, determination and commitment. If done correctly, the work of this commission should elevate the optics of our city, boost civic pride and make art exciting and accessible to all demographics.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

For the last 14 years I have been employed by the University of California. Initially I was hired at UC Berkeley and for the last decade I have been at UC Merced in the Office of the Chancellor. I have volunteered for the United Way, Merced City School District and for food insecurity issues on the UC Merced campus as well as sit on the Merced Theater Board.

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

After reading the scope of work on the City of Merced website as well as similar material from other cities, I understand that the role of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission is to advise the City Council on ways to the promote the arts in the City of Merced through developing and encouraging programs for the cultural enrichment of the city.

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

I have served on the Arts and Culture Commission for the last four years.

Kim Garner

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

[Upload a Resume](#)

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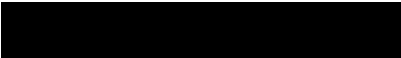
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