

Profile

Andrew

First Name

A

Middle Initial

Garcia

Last Name

Plantology / Cope Health Solutions

Employer

Founder and Community Health Worker

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

Suite or Apt

City

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 5

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

N/A

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Personnel Board: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

- ☒ Associate's Degree
- ☒ 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'm a local small business owner and lifelong Merced resident with a deep appreciation for this city and the people who make it what it is. I run a plant shop here in town, and through that work I've gotten to connect with a wide range of residents—families, students, seniors, and other small business owners. I also work in community outreach, where I help people navigate everyday challenges and connect them to helpful resources. I'm applying for these Boards and Commissions because I care about where I live and believe in being involved. Whether it's improving our parks, supporting local arts and events, or making sure things are fair and well-run behind the scenes, I want to play a part in keeping Merced moving in a positive direction. I bring a strong work ethic, a practical mindset, and real experience working with the public, and I'd be proud to serve the city in any of these roles.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I currently work for COPE Health Solutions as a Community Health Worker, helping connect individuals and families across Merced County to healthcare, services, and support programs. I also own Plantology, a local plant shop in Merced that serves as both a small business and a community space, hosting pop-ups and events that bring people together. In both roles, I stay actively involved in local outreach, volunteering at farmers markets, neighborhood events, and other initiatives that support connection, wellness, and civic pride.

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

From what I understand, each of these Boards and Commissions plays a key role in helping the City of Merced run smoothly and serve its residents better. The Arts and Culture Advisory helps support and promote creative opportunities in the community, whether that's public events, local artists, or cultural programs. The Personnel Board is focused on making sure hiring, discipline, and personnel policies are handled fairly and in line with city standards. And the Parks and Recreation Commission helps guide how our parks, programs, and public spaces are used, improved, and enjoyed by everyone. To me, being on any of these Boards means showing up, listening, giving honest input, and working with others to make smart, practical decisions that benefit the community. It's not about talking just to talk—it's about being reliable, respectful, and contributing to something bigger than yourself.

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

While I haven't previously served on a Board or Commission, I bring strong experience from community work and an entrepreneurial spirit that's grounded in management, business, and economics. Running my own business has taught me the importance of leadership, problem-solving, and balancing practical needs with creative solutions. My role as a Community Health Worker has given me firsthand insight into the challenges and opportunities in Merced, and the importance of clear communication and collaboration. I'm confident that this background equips me with a fresh perspective and the skills needed to contribute effectively, ask thoughtful questions, and help guide decisions that benefit the community.

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

I believe I'm the right person for these roles because I bring real-world experience as a business owner combined with hands-on community work that keeps me connected to the people of Merced. I understand the day-to-day challenges our city faces and have the practical skills to help find effective solutions. I'm committed, dependable, and ready to bring fresh energy and a results-driven mindset to the table. Choosing me means adding a voice that's deeply rooted in this community and focused on making meaningful, lasting improvements. I'm eager to serve and make a positive difference for all Merced residents.

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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

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? *

☒ City Website

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.

AG

Andrew Garcia



Skills

- Excellent Oral and Written Communication
- Fluent in English & Spanish
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Google Workspace
- Client Advocacy
- Care Coordination
- Cultural Competency
- Supervision

Experience

Marketing Manager / Plantology

2023 - Present

Develop and implement marketing strategies to enhance brand visibility and customer engagement. Build strong community relationships through events, workshops, and outreach initiatives. Collaborate with local businesses and organizations to drive foot traffic and foster a vibrant plant-loving community. Oversee branding, social media, and promotional campaigns to support business growth.

Operations Manager / All American Trucking & Transport

2011 - 2024

Led and optimized logistics operations, enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and ensuring regulatory compliance. Managed high-volume shipments with seamless execution while leading a high-performing team to drive productivity and customer satisfaction. Implemented process improvements that streamlined workflows, increased scalability, and maximized profitability.

Office Coordinator / Menlo Suite Executive Offices

2009 - 2011

Provided professional front desk support, greeting clients and directing them to the appropriate departments. Managed administrative tasks, including scheduling appointments, handling deposits, and maintaining accurate records. Oversaw office operations by coordinating supply orders, preparing mail, and managing a multi-line phone system.

Education

University of California, Merced / 2020-2022

Management, Business, and Management

Merced College / 2018-2020

Business Management

Profile

Caroline

First Name

Meraz

Last Name

Middle Initial

Concierge Consulting

Employer

CEO

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Merced? (Required)

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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?

Personnel Board: Submitted

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *

☒ Associate's Degree

Communication

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Interests & Experiences

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

I want to join a commission for the City of Merced because I believe in being an active participant in shaping the future of our community. As someone who has worked extensively in both public and nonprofit sectors—and who is deeply rooted in Merced—I have seen firsthand the challenges and opportunities our city faces. Joining a commission is a way for me to bring my experience, perspective, and commitment to service to the table in a meaningful and solutions-focused way. I'm passionate about creating inclusive, sustainable, and community-centered progress. Whether through youth development, public health, economic opportunity, or civic engagement, I want to contribute to policies and initiatives that reflect the needs and strengths of the people who call Merced home. I see this as a chance to listen, collaborate, and advocate for positive change.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently the CEO of Concierge Consulting, where I lead strategic operations, community outreach, and capacity-building initiatives for nonprofits and small businesses throughout the Central Valley. In terms of volunteer experience, I have been actively involved in the Merced community for over a decade. I currently serve on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for Merced City School District and have held roles on various advisory boards focused on health, family engagement, education, and community development. I am a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster youth, an active member of Kiwanis of Greater Merced, and have served as a coach and Assistant Commissioner for a local youth sports league since 2013. I have also worked closely with local law enforcement, school districts, and nonprofits to build inclusive partnerships that address critical community needs, especially in underserved populations. My goal is always to bring a collaborative, equity-focused approach to every role I take on—whether in a professional or volunteer capacity.

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

My understanding is that members of a City of Merced Board or Commission serve as vital links between the community and local government. These bodies are designed to provide informed recommendations, insight, and oversight on specific issues that impact city policy, planning, and services. Commission members are responsible for attending meetings regularly, reviewing materials, participating in discussions, and voting on matters within the scope of their advisory role. Each board or commission typically focuses on a specific area—such as planning, arts, youth, or recreation—and members are expected to bring a combination of lived experience, community perspective, and critical thinking to help guide city leadership in making decisions that reflect public needs and priorities. Ultimately, the goal is to support transparency, accountability, and community involvement in local governance. I also understand that being a member requires a commitment to ethics, public service, and collaboration—and I’m fully prepared to meet those responsibilities with professionalism and dedication.

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

Yes, as both a Merced resident and a local business owner, I bring a unique combination of lived experience and professional insight that aligns closely with the goals of city commissions. Through my work as CEO of Concierge Consulting, I’ve collaborated with government agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations on initiatives related to youth engagement, economic development, education, and public health. I have experience navigating local systems, leading community programs, and supporting underserved populations through capacity building and civic education. Additionally, I have served on multiple advisory boards and committees, including the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for Merced City School District, which has given me direct experience in public accountability, fiscal oversight, and policy review. My volunteer work with CASA, Kiwanis, and youth athletics has also kept me closely connected to the diverse needs and strengths of our community. This combination of leadership, community service, and grassroots engagement allows me to contribute meaningfully to the responsibilities of a City of Merced Board or Commission.

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

I am deeply committed to the long-term growth, equity, and well-being of the City of Merced. As someone who has both lived and worked in Merced for many years, I understand the unique challenges our community faces—but I also see its incredible potential. I bring a collaborative, solutions-focused mindset and a strong history of public service, leadership, and community advocacy. If selected, I will approach this role with dedication, professionalism, and a sincere desire to represent the voices of Merced residents. I am ready to listen, learn, and contribute in a meaningful way to help ensure our city continues to grow in ways that serve all of its people. Thank you for considering my application and for the opportunity to serve.

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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 Staff and Mayor

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.

CM

Caroline Meraz

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

May 2, 2025

Hiring Committee

Merced City School District
444 W 23rd Street
Merced, CA 95340

Dear Members of the Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the **Executive Assistant/Confidential** position with the **Merced City School District**, as advertised on EDJOIN. With over **10 years of experience** working with the **Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)** and various local school districts, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of the district's needs and operations. This experience, coupled with my skills in executive support, bilingual communication, and administrative management, positions me well to contribute effectively to the Superintendent's Office.

As a **business consultant** with experience providing **confidential administrative assistance** to high-level executives, I am skilled in managing complex, sensitive tasks independently while maintaining the utmost discretion. I am adept at composing a wide range of **written materials** including reports, memos, and official correspondence—skills that directly align with the duties described in the job posting. Additionally, my **bilingual proficiency in Spanish and Portuguese** has allowed me to serve diverse communities, a key asset when working with students, parents, staff, and other stakeholders.

I have also had the privilege of working on the **MCSB Bond Measure** last fall and currently serve on the **Bond Oversight Committee**. These roles have provided me with a deeper understanding of the district's operations and financial priorities while strengthening my ability to collaborate with district leadership and provide oversight in a confidential and professional manner.

Key aspects of my experience and qualifications include:

- **Confidential Administrative Support:** Managing sensitive materials and communication for senior leadership, ensuring confidentiality in all interactions and documentation.
- **Calendar & Travel Coordination:** Organizing and maintaining the schedules of executives, including travel arrangements and event coordination, as well as assisting with the preparation and distribution of agendas and meeting minutes.
- **Policy & Compliance Management:** Assisting in the interpretation and enforcement of district policies and procedures, ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal

regulations. I have experience researching and applying **education codes** and government policies, which aligns with the requirements outlined in the job description.

- **Board & Committee Support:** Attending board meetings, preparing minutes, and supporting the **Superintendent and Board of Trustees** in all aspects of meeting preparation and communication.
- **Community & Stakeholder Engagement:** Serving as a liaison for parents, staff, and the public, answering inquiries, and ensuring positive and productive relationships with all stakeholders.
- **Technology Proficiency:** Highly skilled in a variety of software programs, including **word processing, spreadsheet management, and data systems**, enabling me to manage complex files, databases, and reports effectively.

I am excited about the opportunity to support the **Superintendent's Executive Cabinet** and contribute to the smooth and efficient operation of the **Merced City School District**. I am confident that my experience in **executive support, bilingual communication, policy compliance**, and my **long-term experience with MCOE** will allow me to make meaningful contributions to your team.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can support the district's goals and contribute to the success of the Superintendent's Office. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Caroline Meraz

Profile

Johnathon

First Name

Ln

Middle Initial

Allen

Last Name

National Insurance Inspections

Employer

Independent Contractor

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

Suite or Apt

City

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:

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Personnel Board: 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'm a proud American Patriot I love my country I see the economic distress that we're in as well as the danger from a lot of the migration of the criminals and I really want to do what's right and help support the community more importantly my state even greater in my country and add value to these services and these community group sessions

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

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

Transparency honesty consideration accountability responsibility and sustainability

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

No not really just the potential in the drive to do what's necessary and listen and be transparent as possible.

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 *

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? *

☒ City Website

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Other

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.

JA

Profile

Jose

First Name

Mendoza Ramirez

Last Name

Middle Initial

ag link

Employer

fleet manager

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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City

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 5

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Personnel Board: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

☒ Some College, No 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:

With a background in the blue-collar field (Welding, Trucking, Sales) and extensive experience as a manager at a reputable trucking company (Ag Link), I have developed a comprehensive understanding of our community and valuable insight to multiple fields. I am particularly enthusiastic about helping my community and its tremendous future in growth. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a commitment to excellence, collaboration, and innovation. I have successfully managed logistics, coordinated large teams, and implemented efficiency improvements. I am confident that I can bring this same level of dedication and creativity to the role at Merced County. This position represents an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the community that I care deeply about of which I've lived in for most of my life. I am eager to contribute to initiatives in income growth, affordability and job creations. My passion, coupled with my professional background, will enable me to make valuable contributions to the county's ongoing efforts.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Ag Link Park and Creek Cleaning

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

Enacting Local Ordinances and enforce local laws and regulations. Budget Approval and County spending Hiring County Employees Managing County Services, overseeing various county services such as parks, trash collection, water quality, and social welfare programs. Administering Courts and Jails like managing the county's judicial and correctional facilities. Collecting Taxes like property and sales taxes.

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

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

I am eager to improve our city and represent the younger generation in a setting where young voices are often underrepresented. My goal is to bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to address the challenges our community faces and ensure a brighter future for all residents.

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

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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? *

☒ Newspaper

☒ City Website

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.

JMR

Jose Mendoza

Fleet Manager, logistics and Sales



SKILLS

- Problem solving
- Strategic Planning
- Teamwork
- Inspection
- Road Safety Knowledge
- Safety Coordination
- Update Policy

EXPERIENCE

Truck Driver/Delivery Driver. 11359 Newport Rd Ballico, Ca

Ag Link | 10/2022 - Current

Fleet management

- Manage a team of 10
- Coordinate safety
- Plan and schedule
- Optimize using Artificial intelligence
- Fulfil orders
- Train Employees
- Update Policy to compliment new laws and regulations
- Implement new technology in existing systems

Truck Driver

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- Offered every customer outstanding service, promoting satisfaction and cementing loyalty
 - Load and unload produce into warehouse, schools and docks using Hand Truck, pallet jack and on hand
 - Deliver to multiple locations a day
 - Operated with safety to avoid accidents and delays
 - Secured loads with proper strapping and bracing techniques to prevent damage to valuable assets across transport
 - Demonstrated safe driving by following regulations and safety procedures, resulting in zero accidents.
 - Inspected vehicle before and after every trip and conducted minor repairs.
 - Maintained safe driving record by observing road rules, remaining cautious and alert in unfamiliar areas and keeping control of vehicle

Welder/Fabricator

Westmark Atwater 06/2021 - 08/2022

- Welder/Fabricator
- Welded in flat, horizontal, vertical and overhead positions.
- Drilled and fabricated parts to meet requirements and specifications
- Fabricated shop parts directly from blueprints.
- Inspected welds and checked critical measurements to meet requirements
- Pressure, hydro and dye check welds for leaks and imperfections

EDUCATION

Merced College - Business Management: Graduation year 2026

Advanced career institute - Class A License

08/2022- 10/2022

Profile

Leland

First Name

P

Middle Initial

Haugen

Last Name

Retired

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

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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?

Personnel Board: 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 was employed for 31 years with the County of Merced in various management positions with the last 13 years as the Superior Court Executive Officer\Court Administrator. In my managerial capacity, I dealt with many personnel issues and was the Court's representative in labor negotiations in a public employment environment.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Retired

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

To provide an appeals process for personnel issues.

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

Please see above.

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

I think my many years of experience would be of value for the Commission.

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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? *

☒ City Website

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

Internet notice.

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.

LPH

Profile

Melissa

First Name

Middle Initial

Rosales

Last Name

City of Merced

Employer

Account Clerk

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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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?

Personnel Board: Archived

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

- ☒ High School Graduate
- ☒ Associate's Degree
- ☒ 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 am a previous employee of the City of Merced, I worked for the Human Resources department during my employment I had the opportunity of working closely with the personnel board where I grew very interested in the duties and responsibilities of being a board member. I feel that I would be very a strong candidate as I have a background HR and have a background specifically working with the City Of Merced. I am familiar with the culture and the employees, and am familiar with the job descriptions. In my role with the city I became very comfortable navigating the MOUs in place at the time of my employment. I would love the opportunity to be able to use my knowledge to help the community and city maintain good business practices and be of assistance in their development.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently a Human Resources Specialist for the Merced County Office of Education. I am responsible for recruiting for the Headstart program.

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

My understanding of the personnel board is meeting once a month where they review the stats of the month of how many positions were posted, how many positions were filled, and reviewing anyone who is wanting to appeal to the board for reinstatements or items of that nature?

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

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



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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

Melissa Rosales

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.

MR

Profile

Sabrina

First Name

C

Middle Initial

Abong

Last Name

Tesla

Employer

Production Associate

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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regional airport authority Parks and recreation meeting

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☒ Associate's Degree

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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 28 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 regional airport authority as a voting member for the third district.

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 an alumni of 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 and currently sit on one committee of Merced city.

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.

[nonprofitresume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

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
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? *

☒ A Friend

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-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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Sabrina Abong



EDUCATION:

Los Banos High School Los Banos, CA High School diploma obtained	2013-2015
Willow Glen High School San Jose, CA	2011-2013
Atwater High School Atwater, CA	2011-2011
Merced College Merced, CA Associate's degree with transfer in psychology	May 2018

Experience:

Quality Parenting Initiative conference-panelist

September 2018

- Be a panelist and share my experiences as a former foster youth to improve resource parents to create stability for foster youth and to be nurtured and to have a long lasting home.

Foster youth support coordinating program-participant

July 2018-Current

- Improve services for current foster youth in the public educational system to improve their experiences while being in public schools from kindergarten to senior year in high school.

CASA(court appointed special advocate)-mentor

April 2018-current

- Advocate for a current foster child in merced county for whatever he or she may need and write court reports and recommend the court whatever needs he or she may have.

Rural Justice Summit-participant

March 2018

- Attend a conference on how to better organize, solve issues from grassroots, the importance of emerging, the importance of why young people should vote and observe what other communities have done and use their model to make Merced Community better.

Golden Valley High School opportunity conference-panelist speaker.

February 2018

- Communicate to foster parents, probation officers, social workers, teachers, CASA workers about the benefits of coping in foster youth and understanding what he or she is going through or what he or she has gone through.

The positives and negative of AB 12 and SB 12-participant

February 2018

- Attend a round table on how to better implement these bills to better serve the foster care population.

Youth Connect committee-participant

February 2018-present

- Attend a monthly meeting about how to better serve the displaced youth or homeless youth of Merced county and how to partner him or her with resources in the community to make him or her a better productive individual of society.

San Diego futures foundation-participant

December 2017

- Disseminate refurbished computers to foster parents who had foster children in San Diego county.

Foster Parent Focus Group-Trainer

September 2017-Current

- Facilitated training to foster parents on how to improve a foster youth mental health and how to build a relationship built on trust and respect.

Merced College Guardian Scholar

September 2017-May 2018

- Provided foster youth attending Merced College resourced for them to be successful in college.

Big Bear Retreat-Facilitator

August 2017

- Facilitated training and workshops to develop a guardian scholar club at Merced college.

Continuum Care Reform- Speaker

July 2017

- Disseminate and provide vital feedback on the “healthy kids” survey to be presented to Foster Youth in group homes to measure level of happiness.
- Provide them with steps that can be taken to positively create relationships with youth that are in care.

PBS SoCal- Participant

July 2017

- Provide input about foster care and how to best support foster youth through the use of documentaries.

Merced City School District LCAP Meeting-Participant

May 2017

- Participated in district talks as an impacted youth and provided ways to use the money meant for foster youth to ensure more youth become successful.

Merced City School District Board Meeting- Participant

Feb 2017- July 2017

- Attended School Council Meetings and provided a “best practices” approach in how to help the district's foster youth and ensure their success.

California Youth Connection – Merced Chapter

May 2016- Current

- Spoke with legislators and provided them personal experiences and information as to why certain legislation will be beneficial for foster youth if passed such as Senate Bill 1060 which aims to keep siblings connected after adoption.
- Met with my Local Assembly member and informed them of what Foster care is and how their support can secure a better future for the nation's Foster Youth.

Tay Member of Alameda Behavioral Health- Panelist

February 2020- Current

- Attend monthly meetings on behalf of TAY(Transitional Age Youth) and as a TAY to better help the TAY youth from 16-24.

Nytd Reviewer

March-current

- Attend virtual training biweekly to review the NYTD survey and the findings that have been found from administering the survey to youth in foster care on a federal level from every state.

Boards commission and leadership Institute

August-current

- Attend bi-monthly training on how to publicly speak on a board and be on different boards how to efficiently speak publicly.

HeartMath Training

May-August

- Attend a weekly virtual training to breathe efficiently through stressful times and better calm down.

