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Emanuel E

First Name

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Cowdrey Banker Commercial
Select Real Estate

Employer

Realtor/Associate

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

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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 3

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

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Pending Commissions: Submitted

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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 am a second generation Realtor. I work for Coldwell Banker Commercial Gone Realty which recently got purchased out by Century 21 Select. I have obtained a lot of knowledge on different zoning restrictions and what it takes to build and develop housing. I am passionate about making Merced a better place. As a Realtor, I get to see we are attracting so many new residents from all different places. I want to have an involvement in helping develop my city to attract those new residents and help the residents that have always been here. My father has also shown me what it takes to help the city. He is a currently elected official that sits on the Merced College Board of Trustees. He has shown me that is so important to get involved in the city one way or another. I am applying to the Planning Commission as a way to get involved in my city and make an impact in Merced. The Planning Commission is a way I see myself leaving an impression on the city and using this as an avenue to run for other positions in the city.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently employed by Coldwell Banker Commercial Select Real Estate which was previously Coldwell Banker Commercial Gone Realty. I have been employed by this brokerage for a year and a half. I am the head of the Merced Young Professionals Network which is a group of Realtors and Affiliates helping young real estate professionals excel in their careers by giving them the tools and encouragement to become more involved in the Realtors Association, the industry as a whole, their peers, and in our community. We are a nonprofit that holds fundraisers for things like the Merced Association of Realtors Continuing Cost Assistance program and other charities around Merced. We recently put on a Rib Cook Off that was featured in the Merced Times. These funds are going to be used for a backpack drive for local students and schools that are in need.

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

I see the Planning Commission as a branch of the City Council. The Planning Commission is put in place to make sure development is done properly in the city and we are properly optimizing the resources the city has available. The Planning Commission also updates the General Plan as new development comes in or something like water capacity changes. They also have responsibilities with zoning adjustments, reevaluation appeals, design review, and historic preservation. The Planning Commission makes decisions on new businesses coming into town, making sure all the conditions are met to keep up with the city in the future, making decisions on housing, and use, and conditional use permits.

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

Working in a commercial real estate office has given me some knowledge about zoning and land uses. They are things I look at often to see if a client can use a particular piece of land for something the client wants to do. I have met a few of the planning commissioners like Mary Camper and Robert Dyna to ask them how their experience has been on the planning commission. They both gave great insight into what they do on the planning commission and the work it takes. I also have a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of California, Davis. My background in Economics has helped me in real estate and will definitely help me in this position as well. I have always been one to push for more knowledge and to have a deeper understanding of whatever I am involved in. I am always willing to learn.

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

I have always wanted to be more involved in my city. When I was applying to a job in San Francisco, the interviewer asked me what my overall goal in life was. I told her it was to move back home and make my city a better place. I did not know how to do that at the time. When I moved home, I got into real estate and started to get involved in the Association of Realtors. Having the opportunity to help someone buy a home has had a huge impact on me. It's a way I feel like I get to help the residents of Merced. Running the nonprofit for our association also gives me that same feeling. However, I am wanting to do more and the Planning Commission is another avenue to helping my city grow and prosper. I am young and ready to serve my community. I care deeply for Merced as I am sure we all do. Merced continues to grow and I want to be involved in the expansion of Merced especially when we are the precipice of huge city growth out by UC Merced.

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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 *

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Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ City Website

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

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☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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Which Council district do you live in? *

☒ District 1

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Yes

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☒ Some College, No Degree

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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Interests & Experiences

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

Interested in the future development of the city

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

County of Merced Human Services Agency

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

To study and subdivisions, planning, and zoning matters. Recommend the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the City's Master Plan for the City's physical development to the Council. If appointed, I would serve a four-year term of office.

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

Yes, Currently serving on the commissions representing District 1

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

No

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☒ A Friend

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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Jeremiah Greggains

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LAZ Parking

Employer

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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Interests & Experiences

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

I'm 42 years old. Currently employed as a commercial driver for LAZ Parking, transporting UC Merced Students to and from campus. I do have an associate degree from Merced College, and planning on going back to school for a bachelor's degree. I'm always interested in learning something new. This board interests me to learn something new, and do more community service.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

My current employer is LAZ Parking. They currently have the contract for bus service with UC Merced. I did volunteer at Mercy Hospital when in high school, (1995-1999). I have also spent a few years running the fireworks booth, for the Merced Eels Lodge.

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

My understanding regarding this is to take the time to look at everything, take the time to do it correctly, listening to concerns and comments.

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

I did work in construction industry for 13 years.

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

No.

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Panning Commission: Submitted

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *

☒ Professional 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:

Please see the attached resumé for a full and complete profile. The City would benefit from thoughtful and diverse voices on this panel as we undertake the important task of updating our Districts to reflect population changes, while also respecting long-held precedents and successful public policy. I have had the opportunity to strike such a balance in proposing, crafting, and later educating others about State statutes in my profession. Additionally, these values have guided my participation in community and nonprofit organizations - the results of which are self-evident. We MUST proactively engage ALL segments of the Merced community, especially the underserved.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

These are addressed in the appended resumé document.

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

Panning Commissions were created under California Government Code 65000 et seq and carry out a variety of important functions including quasi-judicial application of city planning policies to specific properties/applicants, making and use-related recommendations to the city council, and updates to the general plan, among other duties. The City Council sets the policy making entity and the planning commission follows the Council's policy and state statutory guidelines.

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

I have experience working as a Council Deputy for the City of Los Angeles (District 2 - Krekorian), as a planning and use deputy. I was also awarded the Wilkinson distinction for academic excellence in Land Use Law during law school, and have over a decade of direct, government-related experience.

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

I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered.

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RRH

Ryan Richard Heller

2019 - 2020 Resume Supplement

Sections, for Reference:

EDUCATION —

San Joaquin College of Law
Clovis, CA

Anticipated Completion: Spring
2022

Class Rank: 5 of 34

Distinctions: Witkin Award for
Academic Excellence – Land Use

Philanthropic and Non-Profit Volunteer Service

Merced Rotary Club and Foundation

President
July 2018 – June 2019

Negotiated the merger/absorption of the North Merced Rotary Club – a distinct, chartered entity for nearly 50 years, taking care to integrate policies, traditions, and governance practices of both organizations. Following the merger, I successfully reprogrammed the philanthropy budget with a focus on sustainability and impact. We made approximately \$50 in grants to small, local organizations with a special focus on homelessness (D Street Shelter), job-training (Restore Merced), and food insecurity (Merced County Food Bank).

Designed and implemented new procedures for member recruitment and retention, which led to a larger, younger, more diverse, and more engaged membership.

Merced Symphony Association

President
July 2020 – Present

Leveraging donor support and a strategic partnership with the Merced County Office of Education, programmed and produced one of California's first (and only) COVID-19 compliant live symphony broadcasts.

The event was met with positive press coverage, unsolicited, community-based donations, and tentative agreements for subsequent broadcast events, including an educational program to be made available to every school site in Merced County.

Committees, Panels, Distinctions

City of Merced – Charter Review Committee

May – August 2019

Originated several specific, concrete proposals to streamline government communication and operations – including a best practices approach for council compensation (Citizen’s Stipend Committee) and removal of charter language that adversely affects the Chief Finance Officer’s ability to provide accurate, honest budget information. Of those that were accepted by the Committee and the City Council, each was adopted decisively by Merced voters.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request



RYAN R. HELLER

Public Affairs & Non-Profit Development

PROFILE

Meticulous, results-oriented **community impact professional** who effectively meets complex strategic and managerial challenges while employing a proactive approach to stakeholder and donor engagement, including relationship management for several high net worth individuals (HNWI) and institutional partners. Exercises strong, thoughtful leadership strategies to maximize organizational performance and leverages key community relationships to enhance civic philanthropy and institutional success.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Fundraising
- Press Relations
- Event Planning
- Grassroots Organizing
- Social Media
- Constituent and Stakeholder Data Management
- Crisis Communications
- Board Development
- Non-Profit Management/ Compliance
- Cultural Competency
- Speechwriting
- Legislative Analysis/Advocacy
- Sustainable Outreach/Logistics
- Budgeting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ADAM C. GRAY

Legislator representing 461,301 constituents from Merced and Stanislaus Counties in the State Assembly.

Merced County Director | January 2015 Present *Merced, California*

- District-based stakeholder engagement professional responsible for directing scheduling and event advance operations for the Assemblymember and managing staff participation in the community.
- Responsible for leading media relations for Merced County outlets including print media and radio programming as well as drafting speeches and press releases for Asm. Gray's media and public appearances. Composition of short and long-form newspaper editorials. Writing samples available on request.
- District office management includes recommending sponsorships, honorary resolutions and other presentations for events, working with corporate partners on behested charitable contributions, representing Asm. Gray at gatherings, meetings, and committees, managing district-based correspondence for the Assemblymember, reviewing staff-generated official correspondence, and performing and managing casework for

**PROFESSIONAL
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- constituents related to state agencies and local government.
- Outreach efforts include regular reports to advocacy organizations and service clubs, “office hours” events throughout Merced County and management of relationships with key elected, business, and civic leaders, as well as partnerships with local Latino, African-American, Punjabi, and Hmong ethnic communities.
- Stakeholder engagement duties center around generating expressions of support for authored legislation and securing approval from local governments and key advocacy organizations; managing constituent data and groupings of stakeholder categories; organizing, populating, and staffing advisory committee meetings of relevant groups; and special projects and summit planning

**Principal Assistant | December 2012 December 2014
*Sacramento, California***

- Directed staff-generated communication to other legislators and constituents.
- Production of legislative and floor analysis / policy research across a variety of issue areas, under the constraints of a fast paced legislative cycle.
- Supervised communication between District and Capitol operations - articulating District priorities to the legislative unit and prioritizing legislative happenings for District staff messaging.

**Sole Proprietor, Valley Oak Strategies | August 2011
Present**

- Public affairs consulting firm specializing in strategic communication and grassroots organizing, message development, voter data analysis and targeting, policy drafting, rapid-response, and coalition-building.
- As field director, finance director, media director, lead consultant, or campaign manager for 14 political and issue campaigns over six years, I was responsible for complex logistics and public relations budget development, fundraising strategy (ranging from \$8,000 - \$160,000 usually over a 9-12 month period), event planning, management of media and canvass subcontractors, scheduling and executing media buys across several platforms (online, social media, newspaper, radio), developing strategic alliances, completing policy questionnaires, and media/crisis communication training
- Work also includes fundraising, political affairs, and event planning for a regional labor organization over a two year period. Specific client references available upon request.

Member, Merced Boosters Club | July 2017 Present
Merced, California

Founding Director, Merced Downtown Neighborhood Association | March 2015 Present
Merced, California

- 501(c)(4) social welfare organization representing renters and homeowners in historic neighborhoods;
- Led organization to several successes at the city level, including adoption of Council district maps that protected communities of interest, adoption of Merced's first officially recognized historic district, award of the Merced County Historical Society Rossotti Capital Improvement Grant, and volunteer partnership with Merced Walks to remove several tons of litter from downtown.

Member, Los Banos Sportsmen's Association | January 2014 Present
Los Banos, California

- Plan and coordinate an annual dinner each year for 200-300 guests.

Board Member, Merced Symphony Association | April 2012 Present
Merced, California

- Chair, Development Committee from 2014 to present;
 - Fundraising increase of 32% over five years to ~\$110,000;
- Development of new donor benefits matrix and donor analysis program;
- Graphic design/advertising/program notes for concert program booklets from 2012 to 2017;
- Expansion of children's education concert program to Los Banos;
- Board Development: oversaw recruitment of younger, more diverse board members.

Merced Rotary Club and Merced Rotary Foundation | October 2012 Present
Merced, California

- 2017-2018 President Elect;
- 2017 Ken Randol Scholarship BBQ Chairman;
 - Organized event for 475 attendees, with \$22,500 net profit;
- 2017 Scholarship Committee
 - Interviewed several dozen applicants, awarded ~\$3,000 in scholarships;
- 2016-2017 Board Member

Officer, Italo-American Lodge | April 2011 Present
Merced, California

- 2018 Vice President-Elect;
- Endowed annual scholarships: \$13,000/year.

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 **Merced Sun-Star's "20 Under 40" | September 2017**

- Recognized alongside several elected officials and non-profit executives as one of 20 young "emerging leaders" in Merced.

Legislative Participant, Central Valley Higher Education Consortium | May 2017 Present

Planning Committee, Merced FEAST Agricultural Scholarship Dinner | Summer/Fall 2016

"Honor our Veterans" (Veterans Blvd.) Committee | Summer 2016

Merced County Passenger Rail Committee | Spring 2016

- Mobilized regional interests to successfully convince CA High Speed Rail Authority to keep the construction of the Merced station in the 2016 business plan update.

Transportation Expenditure Plan committee for MCAG | September 2015 December 2015

- Drafted \$450 Million infrastructure bond measure from community input and survey data;
- Brokered compromise during tense negotiation between regional stakeholders;
- Final ballot measure adopted by a 2-1 margin.

Yosemite Continuation High School Portfolio Project Interview Committee | June 2015

Guest Speaker, "Empowerment, Engagement and Advocacy" | 2014 2017

- Parent Institute for Quality Education 2014;
- Parent Leadership Training Institute 2015;
- Neighbors United for a Better South Merced 2017.

Participant, CalSPRA Crisis Communication Workshop | April 2014

Panelist, League of Women Voters "Impact of Social Media on Elections & Voters" | September 2013

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER CATHLEEN GALGIANI
Intern Field Representative**

December 2010 August 2011 | Merced California

- Represented Asm. Galgiani at community events, drafted constituent correspondence, performed casework for a diverse community in Merced County.

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Planning and Development Service Intern

September 2010 - December 2010 | Merced - California

- Implemented community needs survey and data collection for
- California Department of Transportation Grant designed to upgrade State Highway corridor through a low-income community. This included infrastructure and pedestrian/cyclist travel patterns assessment, and a robust, in-person engagement strategy for residents and business owners in the affected areas.

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KREKORIAN
Council Fellow**

June 2010 - August 2010 | Los Angeles - California

- Implemented community survey relevant to a major land use policy change (Studio City RFA) and analyzed results, reported on disposition of homeowners associations and area planning commission (APC) meetings, provided staff support on the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee, policy research and white paper briefings on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and tax-increment financing (TIF).

EDUCATION

University of California, Merced

Bachelor of Arts in Cognitive Science

December 2015 | Merced - California

Activities include:

- Concentration on Linguistics;
- Lead for "I Will Vote" voter-registration drive, resulted in on campus polling location;
- UC Merced Chorale.

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

Bicycle and pedestrian advisory commission, and regional airport authority

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

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

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

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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 26 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 regional airport authority as a voting member.

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 alumna of a cohort on behalf of Building Healthy Communities called boards and commissioners leadership institute, yes I have been on a national advisory board for foster youth and currently sit on two committees 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.

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EDUCATION:

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| 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.

Profile

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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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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? *

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

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

☒ Assoc ate'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:

Text or Email

Interests & Experiences

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

I've been in Merced County most of my life. I'm one of Merced Park Commissioners, I referee, and coach.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

SER, Progress, Inc., SJV Fresno, CA

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

Perform planning and zoning functions on behalf of the City

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

None

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

I referee basketball for the Boys & Girls Club. I coach football, feed the homeless, District Sheriff with the Mayor Matt and I work at the Senior Center.

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? *

☒ Other

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

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Demographics

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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

Yang

First Name

Pao

Middle Initial

Thao

Last Name

Merced Lao Family Community,
Inc.

Employer

Program Coordinator

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 2

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

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Pending Commissions: 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:

1. First of all, thank you for giving me this opportunity to introduce myself. My full name is Yang Pao Thao and so go by Pao for short. I was born in Laos and came to the United States in 1991 to Merced, CA. I grew up in Merced and graduated from Merced High School May 2002 then attended CSU-Fresno State. I graduated from Fresno State in 2007 with a B.S. in Community Health. Since graduated, I've always been involved with community work, volunteer and leadership development. Currently I work for Merced Lao Family as a Program Coordinator. As a Program Coordinator I work with the Southeast Asian community, low-income families in Merced County including all ethnicities and seniors citizens. Some of the services I provide are translation/interpretation, assisting with Housing Authority forms, Social Services and other general services. I am applying to be a planning commission because I believe that my background and experiences is an asset to be a part of the planning commission. Also, I am wanting to learn the process of community development, zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance. I believe as a citizen of Merced it is our duty to help Merced build a healthy environment and make good decisions for development to serve the needs of Merced residents.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Current Employer: Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. Volunteer at Merced County Library, American Red Cross and Merced Hmong New Year.

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

My understanding is as a Planning Commission roles and responsibilities to studies and subdivisions, planning and zoning matters. As Commission we recommend to City Councils about planning and development.

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

I believe that my experiences serving as board member for non-profit in the past, started/founded a cooperative and part of IDEAL program for Great Valley Center is a strength for me to carry out the duties and roles of a planning commission.

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

I believe my background, culture and experiences bring a unique perspective to the planning commission. Besides, I am wanting to learn, work hard and work well with other people.

Requirements

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

From Council Member Ronn e De Anda

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ As an or Pacific Islander

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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Yang Pao Thao

EDUCATION

May 2007

Bachelor of Science in Community Health

California State University, Fresno

SKILLS

Bilingual in **English** and **Hmong**

Microsoft Office: Word, Works, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Microsoft FrontPage, Adobe Professional

WORK EXPERIENCE

Tutor

August 2002-May 2004

Stone Soup

Fresno, CA

- Mentored, tutored, and advised minority students on academic and social progress.

Team Leader

March 2005-July 2007

Kids Invent! California State University, Fresno

Fresno, CA

- Educate students to use the five scientific methods to test their creation and inventing ideas.
Teach students skills to succeed academically and socially at an academic setting.

Fresno County Health

September 2009-September 2010

Fresno, CA

- Educated public, Health Educators and Nurses about H1N1 Influenza.
- Planning and preparation for evacuation site in case of emergency.

Vantage Financial Alliance

September 2020-August 2022

Merced, CA

- Educated consumers regarding budgeting, Life Insurance and Annuity.
- Facilitated meeting, events and training onsite or zoom.

Merced Lao Family Community, Inc.

August 2022- Present

Merced, CA

- Provide translation services, community outreach and application assistance to Southeast Asian community.

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Founder/Chapter President/Chairman

August 2004 - July 2007

Eta Alpha Gamma (HAF) Hmong-American Fraternity

Fresno, CA

- Supervised and worked as part of a four-member team to establish bylaws, Officer positions, fundraising activities, vision, mission, purpose, recruitment, value, and community services for the organization.

Great Valley Center

Class 2009

IDEAL Program

Modesto, CA

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Instructor

July 19, 2004-August 2008

American Red Cross, Fresno.

Fresno, CA

- Volunteer to teach adult CPR, child CPR, infant CPR, Automated external defibrillator (AED) and first aid to members of the community in Hmong.

Merced Hmong New Year

2009-Present

Merced, CA

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available Upon Request