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Ana

First Name

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Middle Initial

Quintana-ceja

Last Name

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

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 1

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

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ High School Graduate

☒ Some College, No Degree

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## 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:**

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## Interests & Experiences

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

I am applying to be apart of the Citizens Advisory Focus Group because I would like to be apart of an effort to gather resident's opinions as we plan for the future. I believe it is important to have as much input as possible when creating plans that will affect residents in years to come. I have spent lots of time in the community and through my own experiences, I have been motivated to be apart of the Citizens Advisory Focus Group. As for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, I really enjoy walking and biking. My experience as an avid biker and walker in Merced has led me to make observations to the quality of the walking and biking paths. I believe that in either the Focus Group or the Commission, my experiences will be valuable to carry out the roles and responsibilities.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

I am an undergraduate Sociology student with a minor in Economics at UC Merced. My full-time occupation is being a student. Currently, I am participating in the Summer Undergraduate Research Institute. As a student researcher, I am working with Public Health Professor Dr. Irene Yen in her Housing, Opportunity, Place (HOPE) Lab. In this project, I also work closely with a local non-profit to share Merced County housing testimonies. I have other employment and volunteer experiences all mainly working as an organizer in Merced County. One of my earlier experiences is from my time on the Merced Youth Council where I was introduced to civic engagement and local politics where having the opportunity to advocate for Merced youth.

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

My understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Citizens Advisory Focus Group is that it will serve as an advisory body to the City Council as the Comprehensive General Plan is updated. Members of the Focus Group will collaborate and share ideas regarding local matters. My understanding of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission is that it serves as an advisory group to the City Council on matters related to pedestrians, cyclists, and other modes of transportations. Members of the Commission help to determine transportation related matters such as bike paths, policies, and programs.

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

My experience pertaining to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission comes from my interest and passion in being a casual bike rider and walker. I find the outdoors to be of great relaxation especially when taken care of and advocated for in an equitable manner. My special knowledge pertaining to the Citizens Advisory Focus Group comes from my years of organizing in Merced County. I have learned how to engage residents in the current issues so they use their voice to advocate for themselves. My academic experience in research and through my studies as a Sociology student have given me an additional lens to the importance of civic engagement.

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

[AQC Resume.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? \***

☒ Other

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

Social media

**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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# Ana Quintana-Ceja

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## SKILLS

- California Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish
- Typing Certificate: 75 WPM/96% Accuracy

## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology (Minor in Economics) - University of California, Merced**

- Expected Spring 2026

## EXPERIENCE

### **Summer Undergraduate Research Institute Participant, UC Merced**

June 2025 - August 2025

- Participate in a research program by conducting research with Public Health Professor Dr. Irene Yen
- Engage with Cultiva Central Valley and their community members to collect and disseminate housing testimonies
- Write housing testimony briefs and research stories for easy access of community member's housing testimonies
- Attend graduate school preparation workshops and academic research workshops

### **Gateway Scholars Mentor, UC Merced Bright Success Center**

January 2024 - May 2025

- Provide peer support to first generation, low-income Gateway Scholars through one-on-one meetings
- Conduct small group tutoring sessions, develop & implement college related workshops to ensure success for mentees
- Design and implement a summer college readiness academy for high school students to aid in supporting individuals navigating the UC system, and empowering them in career readiness
- Create digital content and support in the management of Instagram account

### **Outreach Associate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Merced, CA**

August 2024 - January 2025

- Created outreach materials such as flyers to support base building and mobilization efforts for Leadership Counsel
- Conducted phone outreach to residents, maintaining organized call lists to facilitate engagement and recruitment
- Represented Leadership Counsel at community events by tabling to recruit and engage local residents in initiatives
- Assisted in local, regional, and state policy advocacy efforts by participating in community and coalition meetings and encouraging residents to engage in advocacy actions

### **External Campaigns Representative, United Farm Workers of America, Madera, CA**

August 2023 - October 2023

- Assist in the continuation of current company campaign by conducting four to six house visits to farmworkers per evening
- Provide farmworkers with opportunities to sign authorization cards, information about their labor rights, and information about UFW services by assisting in translation and interpretation of complex language into easily understood verbiage
- Maintain effective communication with UFW recipients and staff
- Enter, report and maintain data related to UFW home visits

## **Student Research Assistant, UC Merced**

September 2022 - May 2023

- Conduct research on the Emerging from the Rubble: Recovering Merced's Lost Chinatown 1870-1920 history research project
- Read and document archaic newspapers from the time period of the project
- Prepare for the articulation and presentation of found research at a presentation
- Complete solo tasks then communicate findings in a timely manner to Professor Dr. Torres

## **Merced Youth Council, Merced, CA**

June 2021 - June 2022

- Serve on a council with other high school students to serve the youth of Merced, CA
- Represent youth in Merced's Central District by voicing concerns
- Attend community events, help run community events, and uplift community events to engage with the community
- Create content for and manage Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter social media accounts

## **Jakara Labor Rights Initiative, Merced and Stanislaus Counties**

April 2021 - August 2021

- Canvass and table at community events to inform Spanish and Punjabi speaking industrial and essential workers about SB 95 and other laws to assist workers
- Provide assistance and support to industrial and essential workers applying to state programs
- Assemble Personal Protective Equipment bags to distribute
- Prepare for, interpret at, and run vaccination clinics

## **We'Ced Youth Media, Merced, CA**

March 2021 - May 2022

- Create media pieces to publish in an online format and through social media
- Cover community events through social media
- Attend weekly meetings to engage with other young people while obtain skills relating to media

## **Youth Health Advocates, Merced, CA**

February 2021 - February 2022

- Gain knowledge, skills, and tools to create local change for healthier communities
- Participated in a statewide conference with other youth advocating for tobacco control

## **99Rootz, Merced, CA**

February 2021 - December 2021

- Participate in and facilitate meetings to further the political knowledge of local high schoolers
- Attend trainings and academies to advance knowledge of leadership and local politics
- Participate in meetings with local politicians to vocalize needs of youth in Merced schools and the City of Merced

## **Summer At City Hall, Merced, CA**

July 2019

- Learn more about local government and the 21st-century workforce skills
- Gain knowledge of how local government operates to strengthen intergenerational relationships
- Attend field trips throughout the city of Merced such as the Fire Department, Police Station, City Attorney's Office, and MID to learn how we could better help the city

Profile

Caroline

First Name

Meraz

Last Name

Middle Initial

Concierge Consulting

Employer

CEO

Job Title

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Question applies to multiple boards

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☒ 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?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Associate's Degree

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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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 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?**

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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?**

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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?**

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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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Upload a Resume

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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? \***

☒ Other

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

City Staff and Mayor

**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Hispanic

**Gender**

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☒ Female

Date of Birth

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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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**Caroline Meraz**

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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

<div>Craig</div> <div>First Name</div>	<div>R</div> <div>Middle Initial</div>	<div>Harmelin</div> <div>Last Name</div>
<div>University of California, Merced</div> <div>Employer</div>	<div>Assistant Director for Study Abroad</div> <div>Job Title</div>	
<div></div> <div>Email Address</div>		

<div></div> <div>Primary Phone</div>	<div></div> <div>Alternate Phone</div>
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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? \*

☒ District 1

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

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Master's Degree

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## 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:**

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## Interests & Experiences

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

I am interested in this advisory commission as a regular bicycle commuter from my home in District 1 (Southeast Merced) to my employer, UC Merced. It is my desire to see more of my community pursue cycling and other forms of micro-mobility as a hobby, for recreation, and for commuting, but I also wish to improve safety for cyclists. I also consider myself a regular walker, logging perhaps 3-4 miles per day, but I have found that sometimes it is difficult to walk to points of interest in District 1.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

I currently work for the University of California, where I have also volunteered to serve on Staff Assembly for the past two years in communications and on the board, through which we endeavor to support and connect approximately 1,700 staff members.

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

My understanding is that this commission meets regularly and serves an advisory role to the City Council with a focus on micro-mobility or active transit, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition to having an eye on ensuring that the city serves active users, the commission should also focus on elderly residents and those with disabilities. Ideally, the commission would focus on the benefits, the health and safety, and policies related to pedestrians and micro-mobility in the city.

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

I am quite familiar with bicycle and multi-use paths across the city as I commute and run errands by bicycle approximately three days per week on average approximately 55 miles, I engage in road cycling starting from Merced typically once a week for recreation, I utilize multi-use paths and city sidewalks for running averaging around 12 miles per week, and I use city sidewalks nearly daily.

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

I am willing and interested to comply with the requirements below, but I do not see links, forms, or any other additional information to the five questions listed below: • AB 1234 Ethics Training • Attendance Policy • Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700 • Oath of Office • Public Scrutiny

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## Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

### AB 1234 Ethics Training

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Attendance Policy

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Oath of Office

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☒ I Agree \*

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Question applies to multiple boards

### Public Scrutiny

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### How did you hear about this vacancy? \*

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- ☒ City Website  
☒ Other

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

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"Subscribe Merced" email alerts

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## Demographics

Craig R Harmelin



**Ethnicity**

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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☒ Male

Date of Birth

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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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# CRAIG R HARMELIN



## EDUCATION

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### **M.A. in Latin American and Iberian Studies**

University of California, Santa Barbara

### **B.A. in Linguistics & Italian Studies**

University of California, Santa Barbara

### **University of California, Education Abroad Program**

Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia (Venice, Italy)

Università per Stranieri di Siena (Siena, Italy)

## EXPERIENCE

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### **2008-present**

#### **Assistant Director for Study Abroad**

Office of International Affairs, University of California, Merced

- Directed all study abroad operations as well as other outbound international programs
- Pioneered and developed study abroad processes and policies
- Multiplied student participation by more than 750% over the first three years
- Analyzed, assessed, and forecasted study abroad participation rates via research and data analysis
- Hired, trained, managed, coordinated staff to support study abroad, international activities on campus
- Successfully applied for and participated in Fulbright Korea International Education Administrator Seminar (2018)
- Engineered, implemented, and maintained student management systems (Filemaker Pro and Terra Dotta Software)
- Established the processes and connected the services to support incoming exchange students
- Served as a Designated School Official (DSO) and Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) for the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)
- Collaborated in the development of global initiatives toward campus internationalization
- Presented to and collaborated with colleagues on IT projects, financial aid, program budgets, marketing, and improving student access
- Represented campus in recruitment, outreach, and with current and potential partners to improve institutional visibility abroad
- Hired, trained student staff

### **2023-2025**

#### **Co-Chair for Communications**

University of California Merced Staff Assembly

- Oversee and coordinate email communications, announcements, and campaigns on behalf of the General Board
- Manage Staff Assembly's social media presence and content strategy
- Collaborate with the Coordinator to ensure the website is accurate and up to date, providing content and support as needed
- Review and approve content submissions for Staff Assembly communications, with the discretion to deny content that does not align with Staff Assembly's mission or relevance to staff
- Ensure Staff Assembly members are regularly informed about events, initiatives, and opportunities for involvement
- Maintain a consistent tone and visual identity across all communications materials
- Serve as a voting member of the General Board

# **CRAIG R HARMELIN**

## **2002-2008**

### **Regional Advisor and Reciprocal Exchanges Coordinator**

Education Abroad Program, Campus Office, University of California, Santa Barbara

- Supported, oriented, and advised international students
- Advised, recruited, encouraged, and selected students considering study abroad options
- Handled, processed, and maintained student data, petitions, inquiries
- Designed and edited publications, fliers, and recruitment materials
- Assisted in training new student advisors

## **2007**

### **Adjunct Professor**

School of Modern Languages, Santa Barbara City College

- Planned, instructed, and tutored for Italian language classes
- Assessed student learning and developed lessons to meeting learning outcomes

## **2003-2005**

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California, Santa Barbara

- Planned, instructed, lectured, and tutored for Spanish language classes
- Generated and collaborated to generate common midterm and final exams
- Assessed student learning and developed lessons to meeting learning outcomes

## **2003**

### **English as a Second Language Instructor (Volunteer)**

Evandeosko Udruženje Studenata, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Planned, instructed, and tutored for English as a second language classes

## **2002**

### **Program Assistant**

University of California, Education Abroad Program, UC Siena Study Center, Italy

- Translated for and advised students in academic, medical, and housing matters
- Maintained student data, filed paperwork

# **CRAIG R HARMELIN**

## **SESSION PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

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**Leveraging Micro-Credentialing and Student Records to Support Comprehensive International Education Program Outcomes (2019)**  
**Fulbright Korea International Education Administrator Seminar (2018)**  
**Timelines for Advising New Programs (2015)**  
**Incentive Scholarship Experiment (2015)**  
**STAR Award, University of California, Merced (2015, 2010)**  
**Making Study Abroad Affordable: Financial Planning for Study Abroad (2010)**  
**Enrollment Management [in Education Abroad] (2008)**

## **LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

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**Staff Assembly Executive Board, University of California, Merced**  
**Virtual Student Engagement Hub Workgroup, University of California, Merced**  
**Pandemic Response Taskforce, University of California, Education Abroad Program**  
**General Education Implementation Team, University of California, Merced**  
**IT Advisory Committee, University of California, Education Abroad Program**  
**International Education Week Committee, University of California, Merced**  
**Welcome Week Steering Committee, University of California, Merced**  
**Council of Administrative Directors, University of California, Education Abroad Program**  
**New Staff Training Committee, University of California, Education Abroad Program**  
**Education Abroad Program Internal Review Committee, University of California, Santa Barbara**

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION & MEMBERSHIP**

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University of California, Education Abroad Program	Diversity Abroad
NAFSA: Association of International Educators	Northern California Education Abroad Association

# CRAIG R HARMELIN

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & INTERESTS

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### Skills

#### Computer- and systems-based:

- MS Office Suite: advanced
- Adobe Creative Suite: advanced
- Desktop publishing: advanced
- Social media marketing: intermediate
- Terra Dotta Software: advanced

#### Languages:

- Intermediate proficiency: Portuguese
- Advanced-native proficiency: English, Italian, Spanish

- Filemaker Pro: intermediate
- Web page design: intermediate
- Web analytics: intermediate
- Hardware: basic
- Desktop support: intermediate

#### Other:

- Publishing (layout)
- Presenting
- Teaching & training
- Translation

### Interests

#### Student services:

- Advising
- Outreach
- Recruitment and retention
- Orientation

#### Technical:

- Branding and identity management
- Graphic design
- Mobile marketing, web development, publishing, tagging, tracking
- Desktop and web publishing
- Social media marketing
- Automation & process development
- Database design and administration

#### Other:

- Research
- Assessment
- Applied linguistics
- Risk assessment
- Teaching
- Translation

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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### Communication Across Cultures

### FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

### Fulbright Korea International Education Administrator Grantee, Participant

### Preparing U.S.-Based Faculty to Direct Programs for U.S. Students

### Assessing International Learning Abroad

### Student Affairs Professional Development Program

### Fundamentals of Short-Term Education Abroad Programming

### Supervisory Training:

- Introduction to Management
- Guide to Managing People Remotely
- EEO/AA Law for Supervisors
- Supervising According to Union Contracts and the PPSM
- Recruiting and Hiring at UC Merced
- Setting Performance Expectations

- Delegating for Success and Accountability
- Coaching to Improve Performance
- Conducting Performance Appraisals
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Conducting Performance Evaluations
- How to Write an Effective Performance Evaluation
- Coaching for Success
- Establishing and Writing a Plan of Improvement
- Documenting Performance
- Legal Role of the Supervisor
- Setting Performance Expectations
- Supervisor COVID-19 Action

### Management Development Program, NAFSA:

### Association of International Educators

### Management Skills Assessment Program

### Information Security Awareness

### Cyber Security Awareness Fundamentals

## **CRAIG R HARMELIN**

**Introduction to Anti-Racism**

**Workplace Violence Prevention**

**Clery Act Training for Campus Security**

**Authorities**

**The Impact of Implicit Bias**

**Managing Implicit Bias in the Hiring Process**

**COVID-19 Health and Safety**

Profile

Curtis

First Name

Thomas

Last Name

Middle Initial

Emergent.tech

Employer

Backend Developer

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 1

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

BPAC (ex-officio)

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Bachelor's Degree

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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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've become informed about how different US urban design is compared to the rest of the developed world, and that has led me to develop a passion for trying to build a better city. In general, US urban design treats anyone outside a car as an afterthought, which creates dangerous and uncomfortable infrastructure that impacts those who are unable to drive (such as the elderly and people with disabilities), small businesses that depend on pedestrian traffic, and the overall character and environment of our town. I want everyone's kids to live in cities that are built for humans first, not cars.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

My current full-time employer is Emergent Health Care Solutions, a remote-first healthcare and emergency services technology company. I run a very small side business offering star gazing classes through the city parks leisure class program. Additionally, I've been volunteering with local advocacy groups (Strong Towns, Leadership Council) to help guide the city to what I feel are better, more sustainable urban design choices.

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

My understanding is that this commission's role is ultimately to make recommendations to the city council for how best to develop and/or promote transportation solutions in the city that do not involve cars. I am aware that the commission also does not make recommendations with respect to public transit, but may, at times, deal with concerns that intersect with public transit (IE suggesting a means of feeding pedestrians and cyclists into the transit system). As for responsibilities, it is clear to me that I will be responsible for attending regularly, and for my personal conduct.

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

I've now served on the BPAC for about ten months as an ex-officio. I've read a few books on the subject matter and follow multiple commentators who specialize in urban planning and design, including working urban planning engineers. I feel that this has made more familiar with policies that have worked, policies that have not, and why those policies succeeded or failed than the average layperson. I also try to use my bike to travel in the city whenever reasonable or safe. After fifteen years of experience in the EMS field, I'm familiar with the consequences of dangerous infrastructure choices, and that knowledge will inform the guidance I will provide for the city.



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

My goal is ultimately to see a city that is affordable, equitable, and sustainable; to foster both a healthy economy and a strong sense of community. These goals are consistent with the goals of the council, and I think that I can help accomplish those goals on the bicycle commission.

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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? \***

☒ Other

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

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**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

☒ Male

Date of Birth

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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.**

CT

## **Curtis Thomas**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To use my role on the bicycle council to make Merced a better city for everyone

### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

I am an enthusiast for good urban design. In my daytime hours, I am a Junior Software Engineer with one and a half years of experience in backend work developing REST APIs. I have a unique background in medicine from fifteen years as a Paramedic, which helped me to cultivate my soft skills and offers me unique domain knowledge in the fields of medicine and emergency operations.

- [REDACTED]

### **MAJOR QUALIFICATIONS**

- Computer Science degree: taught to reason mathematically, utilize statistics, and break down complex problems into smaller, more achievable units.
- Paramedic license and experience: cultivated critical thinking and communications skills that will be very useful in a public board role.

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Merced Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** From August 2024 to present, as an ex-officio; perfect attendance.

**American Medical Response** (Visalia, CA): From September 2013 to September 2016, performing 911 and interfacility response services as a Paramedic.

**Exeter District Ambulance** (Exeter, CA): From May 2016 to April 2018, performing 911 response services as a Paramedic.

**Mercy Medical Transport** (Mariposa, CA): From April 2018 to present, performing 911 and interfacility response services as a Paramedic.

**Emergent.tech** (Remote): From May 2022 to present, developing REST APIs

### **EDUCATION**

Name	Start	End	Outcome
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<b>Bremen High School</b>		<b>2007</b>	<b>Graduated; HS Diploma</b>
<b>West Georgia Technical College</b>	<b>09/2007</b>	<b>03/2010</b>	<b>Graduated; Paramedic Technology Certificate</b>
<b>Southern New Hampshire University</b>	<b>03/2018</b>	<b>12/2023</b>	<b>Graduated; Bachelor's in Computer Science with an emphasis on Software Engineering</b>

Profile

Delvina

First Name

C.S.

Middle Initial

Johnson

Last Name

Keller Williams Property Team

Employer

Real Estate Agent

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

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City

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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? \*

☒ Unknown

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ High School Graduate  
☒ Some College, No Degree

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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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 am 27 year old California Realtor and Community Organizer with an extensive background in housing, finance and education. I am a true Merced Native born and raised. I am one of the only members in my family that is from Merced. Since a youth I have been heavily involved in my community. In 2012 as a Freshman in High School, I partnered with Building Healthy Communities and became the renown 'Voice of the Youth'. Over the years I've stayed connected from adolescence to now young adult hood. I have long been invested in Merced and would love to continue to be apart of the change. I would like to contribute to the growth of my hometown in any way that I can. I attended and was a apart of our Park 42 groundbreaking here in Merced. I was invited via my mentor Joyce Dale. I was inspired by the speeches made by Mayor Serrato, Chris Jensen, and Stephanie. I can feel the enthusiasm and can see the vision out community leaders have for our city. It has inspired me to take concrete action to invest in the future of Merced.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

I am currently a licensed real estate agent working for Keller Williams Property Team. Recently been appointed as the official Community Organizer in Merced for Faith in the Valley. A former member of Young Professionals Network and Pico California. In the past 12 years, I was an affiliate of Building Healthy Communities, United Way, CNCEF. Became known the renown voice of the youth, my efforts among my mentor Melissa Kelly Ortega, Michelle Xiong, Chrisanthema and many others helped to reinstate transportation for high school students. Was apart of Assembly woman Esmeralda Soria's campaign as Assistant Field Director w/ lead on outreach and aided in her being elected. And most recently my speech and interview i did in 2023 with Pico California moved assembly man Alanis to help pass Sb #567 regarding homeless prevention.

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

My understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission is that it acts as one of the pillars of support to the City Council. To act as an consultant pertaining to all matters involving Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisories or Regional Airport affairs. Such as what improvements are needed in current areas we have designated for pedestrian safety and our local airport. Or to advise and direct how much funding is available to allocate towards the refurbishing bicycle/walking trails and our regional airport to attract more traffic in our area. I come equipped with knowledge of land subdivisions, current accessible trails as I am an active runner utilizing the trails myself, a frequent flier knowledgeable of how TSA works, airport operations, etc. that's needed for the growth and success of our community. I have the affluent connections needed to bring the dollar back into our community while respecting the historic greatness of our town.

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

i have extensive background in all matters pertaining real estate and foot traffic within our community as I am a former canvasser, community organizer and active runner. I received some training from American Airlines when I was in the process of becoming a flight attendant as well. I come equipped with knowledge of land subdivisions, current accessible trails as I am an active runner utilizing the trails myself, a frequent flier knowledgeable of how TSA works, airport operations, etc. that's needed for the growth and success of our community. I have knowledge of how boards work and previously served on boards for transportation in Planada and most recently for Transformative Justice in the San Joaquin. I am eager to learn how to effectively handle the duties and responsibilities of this board. I am a fast learner and I have long withstanding connections to my community.

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

I am an invested member of the community. I look forward to this opportunity to help serve the growth and development for the City of Merced.

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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

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

## How did you hear about this vacancy? \*

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☒ Other

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

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Alejandra Medina

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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☒ African American

### Gender

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☒ Female

Date of Birth

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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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## DELVINA JOHNSON

Dedicated Spokeswoman Realtor and Community Organizer with extensive background in education, housing, social justice, financial literacy, real estate and campaign support. Superior communications and analytical skills. Profound knowledge in all matters pertaining to real estate such as development, planning, zoning etc. Merced native and Affluent member connected in the community. Previously utilized skills to transform the social and economic conditions in the Central Valley. Contributed to building a healthy diverse network capable of uplifting communities by the thousands. Thus, influencing proactive change, policy reform to help mold the next generations.

## SKILLS

- Development, Leadership, and Planning
- Strong Organizing
- Media, Outreach and Recruitment
- Real Estate
- Project Management
- Coalition Support
- Active Listener
- Young Professionals Network, FIV, Pico CA, United Way Affiliate

## EXPERIENCE

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST

#### FAITH IN THE VALLEY, MERCED, CALIFORNIA

Attended meetings and actively participated in community advancement discussions. Assisted with leadership development through organized activities and trainings. Produced community outreach and engagement by Identifying and recruiting leaders into action. Facilitated ongoing plans of community development to foster and cultivate positive relationship building, political awareness and leadership skills development necessary for growth. Canvassed communities, established and maintained relations with other community stakeholders, social services, non-profits through collaborative affairs. Prepared written statements, provided bilingual support. Voice over and Public Speaking Services for Publications or Official Faith in the Valley, Community engagement events.

### ASSISTANT FIELD DIRECTOR

#### SORIA FOR CALIFORNIA, MERCED, CALIFORNIA

Attended daily meetings on site and remote. Conducted quality assurance and assessments of field operations, neighborhoods and sites being canvassed. Provided recruitment, performance, management and team development for canvassing and phone banking staff. Stayed up to date "in the know" of current laws to collaborate with program leaders and community organizers to update materials and ensure compliance with related policies and procedures. Integrated efficient program practices with organizational goals to improve performance.

## **EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPT CLAIMS ANALYST**

ASTON CARTER, MERCED, CALIFORNIA

Assessed unemployment claims and determined eligibility. Issued rulings and determinations for payout. Issue stop pay alerts or ID verification. Inputted data into ER Pro, OTECH and CUBS systems. Reported wages and issue De4614s. Used Microsoft Excel to track cases and data. Communicated with cohort members and supervisors daily using TEAMS or zoom. Used VCC, InContact NICE to clock in and track breaks and approved absences. Worked remotely.

## **SEASONAL ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, MATHER, CALIFORNIA

Accounting, auditing, budget and records maintenance. Created vouchers and draft up warrants to pay SCOE utility and staff expenses for all sites and districts. Processed credit card reconciliations, health care retiree benefit payments and inputted data into QSS and Excel. Maintained Vendor Accounts, interpreted and applied complex laws, rules, and regulations.

## **HEAD START FISCAL CLERK-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE INTERN**

MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, MERCED, CALIFORNIA

Accounting data and purchased receivables for Head Start admins, parents and staff. Entered requisitions, initiated credit card authorizations, warrant requests and a variety of administrative duties. Processed purchase orders for Head Start teachers and vendors after shipments. Tracked packing slips, sent out invoices for purchases to accounts payable staff in the Business Services Department.

## **ENUMERATOR**

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Conducted and obtained confidential information on a government issued device. Canvassed neighborhoods and provided outreach through approved marketing informative materials. Assessed the number of residents within a home by obtained demographics. Traveled between local neighborhoods and cities in surrounding areas. Worked remote.

# **EDUCATION**

## **CA SALESPERSON LICENSEE, CALIFORNIA DEPT OF REAL ESTATE**

- Completed 45 hour of prelicensing requirements w/ Kaplan Learning
- Relevant Coursework: Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Practice, Legal Aspects of Real Estate
- Keller Williams and The Wealthy Group Affiliate

## **ACCOUNTING OCCUPATIONS, MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

- Most affluent and adept in financial literacy
- Relevant Coursework: Financial Literacy, Accounting and Reporting Systems, Microsoft Offices, QuickBooks, QSS, Excel, Income Tax
- GPA: 3.5



## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, MERCED HIGH SCHOOL

- Proactive member of Merced High's Marketing ROP program
- Avid student

## ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

- Recording Music
- Real Estate
- Runway
- Fine Art
- Photography
- Scenic Travel

Profile

Dwight

First Name

M

Middle Initial

Ewing

Last Name

Self employed

Employer

Business Owner

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 1

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

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Associate's Degree

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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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 Merced all of my life and I would like to see bicycling infrastructure improvements so more people can ride their bicycles and feel safe.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

Employer: Kevin's Bikes - Bicycle Mechanic Volunteer: Merced Bicycle Coalition - Various positions such as Chair, Vice Chair and Member at Large

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

To advise the city from a cyclist's perspective about improvements and best practices regarding infrastructure.

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

My experience as an everyday cyclist commuter, as well as an employee of the local bicycle shop have helped me to gain knowledge about cycling conditions and practices here in Merced County. Additionally, my work with the Merced Bicycle Coalition keeps me informed and aware of the interests of the cycling community.

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

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## Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

**AB 1234 Ethics Training**

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☒ I Agree \*

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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

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

☒ 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

Eli

First Name

Sachse

Middle Initial

Last Name

County of Merced

Employer

Public Health Nurse

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?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Bachelor's Degree



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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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 commute to work by bike and have safety concerns. I have commuted by bike and public transit for much of my life.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

I work as a Public Health Nurse at Public Health. I have done lots of advocacy as a volunteer in Merced including curating exhibits at the MAC and founding the Pride Center there.

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

Advising and advocating work regarding active transportation. 6 meetings annually.

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

Being a lifelong bike rider with thousands of miles traveled across the country.

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

I am committed to making Merced a safer place for all residents.

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## Requirements

Question applies to multiple boards

**AB 1234 Ethics Training**

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☒ 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:

Direct search

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Asian 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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ES

Profile

Mylia

First Name

M

Middle Initial

Chambers

Last Name

Merced City School District

Employer

Teacher

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

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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:

Yes

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Master's Degree

Mylia M Chambers

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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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 am an PE Teacher at Merced City schools and have Masters Degree in Public Health from UC Berkeley. I'm an active participant in my community with experience working for non-profits in Madison, Wisconsin in affordable housing, as well as other community-based volunteer positions like neighborhood newspapers and boards.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

PE Teacher, Merced City School District, 5 years Teacher, Los Banos Unified School District, 2 years Elected-School Site Council Member, Donn. B. Chenoweth Elementary School, 2 years PE/Health Middle School Teacher, West Fresno Middle School, Washington Unified School District, 2 years Office Manager, Madison Development Corp., 2 years Children's Primary Presidency, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Madison 1st Ward, 2 years District Children's Primary President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 1 year University Houses Preschool, Board President, 2 years Ad Manager, University of Wisconsin Housing Newspaper, 4 years

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

My understanding of the role of the Board and how each commission can impact our citizens in Merced. As a voting member, I would be able to recommend and propose agenda items.

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

I have experience in affordable housing and understand Fair Housing rules, etc.

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

Currently, I'm on the BPAC Commission.

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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
- ☒ Other

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

City Council Meeting

**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

**Gender**

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☒ Female

Date of Birth

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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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Mylia Chambers

# MYLIA MOUA CHAMBERS

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## EXPERIENCE

August 2019 to Present

*Fifth Grade Teacher, Westside Elementary, Los Banos Unified  
Los Banos, CA*

- Developing curriculum for fifth grade students
- Meeting Common Core standards
- Managing and assisting the needs of students' academic needs

August 2017- July 2019

*Physical Education Teacher, West Fresno Middle School  
Fresno, CA*

- Planning and coordinating P.E curriculum to 6-8 graders
- Assessing and analyzing students learning
- supporting student, staff and parents in a learning environment

March 2016- July 2017

*Office Manager, Madison Development Corp, Non-profit  
Madison, WI*

- Referred families to shelters, legal resources and educational programs.
- Collaborated with members of the city staff, other public agencies and private organizations to achieve MDC goals.
- Gathered and analyzed data for studies and reports and made recommendations based on findings.
- Responded to tenants' complaints and requests for information and services.

August 2009- October 2013

*Board President and Board Member, University Houses Preschool  
Cooperative, University of Wisconsin- Madison, Affiliated Preschool*

- Coordinated interviews and hiring process for UHP personnel
- Assisting and preparing classroom for teachers
- Coordinate Board meetings and events
- Fundraised and drafted donation requests and proposals

## EDUCATION

**Brigham Young University-Idaho**

December 2008

Bachelor's Degree of Science *Health Education Major*  
*Physical Education Minor*

## LANGUAGES

**English-** read, write and speak fluently

**Hmong-** native speaker, read and write intermediate

**Thai-** beginning speaking

## TEACHING LICENSE



*Health & P.E. Educator Credential*  
*Multiple Subject Education Credential (expected August 2020)*

*References can be provided upon request*

Profile

Omar

First Name

Sandoval

Last Name

Middle Initial

SFPUC

Employer

Systems Engineer

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)

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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 4

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Bachelor's Degree

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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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 was born and raised in Merced. I am currently serving as Ex-Officio on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. I've seen Merced grow exponentially over the years. Great changes have been made to better serve our citizens. I am here to provide a voice for the hesitant parents who walk their kids to school and citizens who ride the bus or a bicycle to get from point A to point B. I've lived in cities like San Francisco that provide incredible options for their citizens. I can provide insight into what a walkable city should look and feel like. I can understand viewpoints from all different walks of life; students, parents, workers, etc.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

I am currently employed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission as a senior Systems Engineer. I am currently serving as Ex-Officio on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. I have attended several Merced cycling events and try to volunteer when available.

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

Commissioners play a key role in shaping how Merced supports biking, walking and accessibility. Commissioners advise on policies and programs that support or affect pedestrian/cyclists and other forms of active transportation.

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

Yes, I am currently serving as Ex-Officio on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

**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**

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**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 \*

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**How did you hear about this vacancy? \***

- ☒ City Website
- ☒ A Friend
- ☒ Other

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

Planning Manager, Jonnie J. Hanson Lan

**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Hispanic

**Gender**

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☒ Male

Date of Birth

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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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## Education

- **San Francisco State University** San Francisco, CA  
*Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics* *Dec. 2016*
  - Minor in Computer Science

## Work Experience

- **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission** San Francisco, CA  
*Senior Systems Engineer* *July 2014 - Present*
  - Upgraded desktop imaging environment from Norton Ghost to Microsoft Endpoint Manager (formerly System Center Configuration Manager)
  - Planned and managed an agency-wide deployment of Microsoft Intune in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Planned and managed an agency-wide upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10.
  - Administered network monitoring software, (PRTG Network Monitor), for all applications, services and devices managed by the SFPUC.
  - Collaborated with network, server and business applications teams to ensure all critical applications and services are monitored through our network monitoring tool.
  - Ensured data from network monitoring tool was accurate.
  - Wrote Python scripts to gather SQL data to be imported into our network monitoring tools database.
  - Created dashboards, (Grafana, PowerBI), to analyze business performance.
  - Managed Trellix suite of security tools, (formerly McAfee), for desktop endpoints.
  - Provided first, second and third level technical support for 2,800+ employees regarding workstation and server issues.
  - Provided on-site and off-site support at various SFPUC worksites.
  - Managed Microsoft 365 services like Entra (Azure Active Directory), Exchange, Intune, Apps, SharePoint and several other Microsoft cloud services.
  - Logged, tracked, and monitored all problems and requests using BMC Track-It, IBM Maximo and ServiceNow.
  - Performed Windows Server 2012R2, 2016, 2019, Red Hat Enterprise Linux installation and configuration.
  - Created and managed several SharePoint worksites for better collaboration between colleagues.
  - Assisted directly in the SFPUC's migration to Office 365 and Azure.
- **San Francisco State University** San Francisco, CA  
*Computer Science Lab Manager* *August 2014 - December 2015*
  - Ensured that all desktops and printers were in good working order for student use.
  - Kept a database of Computer Science books that could be lent out on-demand.
  - Assisted students with logging on to machines located at the lab.
  - Administered student access to the lab by assigning security codes.
  - Assisted students with any software issues they encountered on lab computers.
- **A & B Services** Santa Maria, CA  
*IT Administrator* *June 2012 - December 2015*
  - Deployed Google Apps for Business services for managers.
  - Transferred their scheduling system from pen and paper to a manageable database that can be accessed online.
  - Set up various systems that are used by managers to write reports and create schedules.
  - Performed troubleshooting of mobile devices and personal computers for all employees and managers.

## Extracurricular Activities

**SFSU Association for Computing Machinery President; 2013 - December 2015** President for the San Francisco State University chapter of the ACM. I was in charge of running events and presentations that focused on Free, Open Source Software (FOSS). I contributed my own presentations to expose the students to FOSS. I also brought in speakers that could share their contributions to the Open Source community and share opportunities with students.

## Skills

**IT Software:** VMWare vSphere, (ESXi, vCenter), BMC Track-it!, ServiceNow, NGINX, PRTG Network Monitor, Grafana, ElasticSearch, Logstash, Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Endpoint Manager (SCCM), Intune, Microsoft 365, Trellix Security Suite, Tanium

**Languages:** Java, Python, Bash, PowerShell, R, JavaScript, Google Apps Script

**Markup Languages:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Operating Systems:** Windows XP, 7, 8.1, 10, 11, Windows Server 2012R2, 2016, 2019, 2022, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Ubuntu, Android 2.1+, iOS

**Applications:** Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, OneNote), Google Apps for Business, Windows Administrative Tools

**Miscellaneous:** Excellent troubleshooting, debugging and problem solving skills. Extremely motivated to learn!

## Personal Projects and Open Source Software

**Homelab; 2014 - Present** I run a robust lab at home where I provision servers, software and services for personal use. I run nearly everything through three VMWare ESXi hypervisors. One hypervisor serves as the backbone to my network. This backbone consists of a pfSense firewall and a Ubiquiti Unifi Controller. A second hypervisor houses a Windows environment for Active Directory and other Windows-specific applications. The third hypervisor houses three Debian Linux boxes. The Debian hosts act as NGINX web servers which host web applications like Grafana, (a network monitoring tool), and Guacamole, (a clientless remote desktop gateway). This project slowly evolved itself into a hobby and I've been tinkering with it for over four years. Working on something like this in my spare time helps keep me up to date with emerging technology and business applications.

**Windx; 2012 - 2014** I maintained a small window manager written in Python for the Linux X Window System. It started as a final project for a class but I added several more features since then.

**Colorim; 2012 - 2013** Created a Python script that gathers information from an image and then uses that information to create a scheme of colors. That color scheme can then be used to form an Xdefaults/Xresources file which can be used by terminal applications to create a colorscheme for things such as syntax highlighting.

**qtile; 2013 - 2014** I've contributed to the Qtile project in the form of bug reports and small Python code contributions.

Profile

Peggy

First Name

Hsu

Last Name

Middle Initial

Boys & Girls Club of Merced County

Employer

Senior Project 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

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:

BPAC

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Master's Degree



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## Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**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'm someone who bikes, loves to walk, and sees real value in giving our community multiple safe, reliable options for how we get around. I've been following local planning efforts and serving on this commission before has helped me better understand how those decisions get made. I'm applying to continue because I want to make sure the city's plans reflect the needs of everyone who lives here and support a more connected, livable Merced.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

Boys & Girls Club of Merced County. Board member LifeLine CDC. BPAC commissioner. Board member Valley Land Alliance.

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

To advise City Council and staff on projects, policies, and programs that support safe, accessible walking and biking throughout Merced.

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

It's been a learning curve serving on the board for the past three years, but with that experience under my belt, I feel better equipped to be of service. As a casual cyclist with a solid grasp of the city's recent developments, I hope to offer useful input especially as Merced begins work on a new General Plan and Downtown Plan.

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

My answers above are focused on the BPAC. I'm also applying to the Citizens Advisory Focus Group because I understand the importance of having a full board with diverse voices. That said, if only one BPAC member can serve, I'd like to defer to any other commissioner who applies. And if there are already applicants from District 4, please consider them first. I'm really only applying to the Focus Group in case there aren't enough applicants or no one else volunteers to represent the district. Thanks for your time and consideration.

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**Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700**

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**Oath of Office**

☒ I Agree \*

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**Public Scrutiny**

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- ☒ City Website
- ☒ Other

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

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**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

**Gender**

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☒ Female

Date of Birth

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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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## SKILLS

Strategic Planning - Human-Centered Design - Business Development  
Research & Analysis - Cross-Functional Collaboration - Project Management

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- CBO Outreach Manager** - Pedal Ahead, San Diego (Part-Time) 2024
- Developing and leading outreach plan for the California E-Bike Incentives Project through collaboration with community based organizations across the state to increase participation by applicants from disadvantaged communities.
- Founder** - Fresh Assembly, Amsterdam 2020 - 2021
- Built and managed a sustainable peer-to-peer online marketplace for buying and selling secondhand children's clothing in the Netherlands.
- Product Strategy Consultant** - Roxine Club, Amsterdam 2018
- Conducted a strategic review to develop a circular product vision and MVP roadmap for a plus-size women's fashion e-commerce startup for the French market.
- Project Manager** - Butterfly Works (NGO), Amsterdam 2015 - 2016
- Supported development of digital design schools in Nigeria and Somalia through user research, human-centered design workshops, collaboration with cross-functional teams, and creation of project proposals and educational material.
- Founder and Designer** - TRAY 6 LLC, Los Angeles 2004 - 2014
- Built and managed a fashion accessories company that designed and manufactured products distributed throughout the U.S. including Target, Amazon, Best Buy, Sony Electronics, and hundreds of small to medium-sized fashion boutiques.
- Project Manager** - Houses at Sagaponac, New York 2002 - 2003
- Coordinated and planned the project tasks and progress of a high-profile modern residential development in the Hamptons, from the schematic design through the initial construction of multiple houses, in close collaboration with internal and external stakeholders.
- Product Manager** - Barpoint.com, New York 2001 - 2002
- Coordinated the development, testing, release, and support of mobile software products as point-person for planning and communication in a small start-up environment. Oversaw product roadmap, user and market research, troubleshooting, and quality assurance.

## EDUCATION

**Master of Architecture** - Harvard University Graduate School of Design

**Bachelor of Science** - Environmental Science - Stanford University

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**LifeLine CDC** - Board Member

**Valley Land Alliance** - Board Member

**City of Merced Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission** - Commissioner

Profile

Sabrina

First Name

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Middle Initial

Abong

Last Name

Tesla

Employer

Production Associate

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Street Address

Suite or Apt

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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 3

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

regional airport authority Parks and recreation meeting

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: \*

☒ Associate's Degree

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## Communication

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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 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.

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**Oath of Office**

☒ I Agree \*

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**How did you hear about this vacancy? \***

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**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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☒ Female

Date of Birth

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**Submission**

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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.



Profile

William

First Name

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Middle Initial

Watkins

Last Name

U.S. Geological Survey

Employer

Senior Machine Learning Engineer

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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Which Council district do you live in? \*

☒ District 4

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## Interests & Experiences

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

I moved to Merced in May 2024 with my wife. As a person who bikes for both recreation and errands, and a homeowner, I believe good bike and pedestrian infrastructure is an important component of making a city a great place to live and work.

**Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.**

Professionally, I am a machine learning engineer for the U.S. Geological Survey, part of the Interior Department, where I build software to forecast streamflow drought and accelerate critical mineral assessments. In my recent volunteer time, before moving to Merced I served as president of the Davis Town and Gown Toastmasters club for a year, where I convened all club meetings and led officer meetings. I also served as director of the Davis Bike Club's Fall Century event in 2022 and 2023, a supported bike ride that has over 1100 riders. I managed the event budget, interfaced with local government agencies across three counties and oversaw a crew of nearly 200 volunteers that helped to plan, prepare and execute successful events in both years.

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

City commissions are fundamentally advisory bodies. They exist to listen to the concerns from residents and provide input to the city on relevant plans and issues (for BPAC obviously things related to bike and pedestrian access and safety). Commissions are not decision making bodies—that authority rests with elected positions and city staff.

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

I have commuted to my job or run errands (I do all grocery shopping by bike) for the last decade, in four different cities. This has given me personal experience in a very wide range of bike infrastructure. I have also taken a personal interest in street design in the last few years and read multiple books on the subject. I have been a member of Strong Towns, a nonprofit focused on civic engagement, for the past several years.

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

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### AB 1234 Ethics Training

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### Oath of Office

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### Public Scrutiny

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### How did you hear about this vacancy? \*

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