

Profile

Andrew

First Name

A

Middle Initial

Garcia

Last Name

Plantology / Cope Health Solutions

Employer

Founder and Community Health Worker

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *

☒ District 5

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

N/A

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Recreation and Parks Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

- ☒ Associate's Degree
- ☒ Bachelor's Degree

Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Interests & Experiences

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

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

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Requirements

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

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Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

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Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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

AG

Andrew Garcia



Skills

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

Experience

Marketing Manager / Plantology

2023 - Present

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

Operations Manager / All American Trucking & Transport

2011 - 2024

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

Office Coordinator / Menlo Suite Executive Offices

2009 - 2011

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

Education

University of California, Merced / 2020-2022

Management, Business, and Management

Merced College / 2018-2020

Business Management

Profile

April

First Name

P

Middle Initial

Holloway

Last Name

Stoneridge Christian

Employer

Teacher

Job Title

Email Address

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Alternate Phone

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Which Council district do you live in? *

☒ District 5

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

Recreation and parks

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Recreation and Parks Commission: Submitted

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *

☒ Bachelor's Degree

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 am Interested in being in the board because I am a mother of two young children and I would love to see the community grow for the children here in Merced. I am passionate about Merced and growing and it becoming bigger and better!

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

Right now I am a student in a teaching credential program. I have a passion for the youth in Merced and I am currently observing a 1st grade class a Rivera Elementary. I used to work at Fresno Pacific University a Merced Campus where I was the assistant director for operations. There I feel a lot with budgeting growing the campus doing what benefits are students and overall keeping the campus clean and presentable. I would love to continue that with our parks.

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

Right now my understanding is it that much but I hope that it has a lot to do with knowing the budget what we can do with that budget and what decisions we can make on stretching that out as much as possible. I also love planning events and I would love to help out with things that are happening at our parks help spread community involvement.

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

Reapplying on the board

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

I know I don't have much experience but I would love for the opportunity for someone to take a chance on me and see my passion for not just the parks and rec but Merced in general. I have kids of a mixed race I am Mexican and my husband is black and I want to make Merced a safe place for people of all races and feel like I can start doing that with our parks.

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

Facebook

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

Submission

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Profile

Dina

First Name

Gonzalez

Middle Initial

Last Name

Dinas Daycare and Preschool

Employer

Teacher

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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☒ 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

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Recreation and Parks Commission: Submitted

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☒ Master's Degree

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Interests & Experiences

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

Provide help families and children in the community keeping areas clean and safety.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I work in the community providing support families to have a safety and health environment

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

To assist and to provide support families and community members

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

Yes, many years ago i assist families and be a voice for the community.

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

Keep in mind that we are here to provide support in the community and make a difference in the lives of their residents a better, safe.

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ A Friend

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Friend

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

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CA

Dina Gonzalez

Objective: To a challenging position as an Early Childhood Education specialist Or child care site supervisor, utilizing my verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.

Experience

Dina's Daycare and Preschool Merced CA September 2014 to Present

Program Director of a child care facility, working with families and children.

Supervising staff, food menus, daily signing sheets, Payroll and office work.

Working in the classroom and developing a daily lesson plan for children to learn.

Mentor Program Merced Office of Education Merced CA March 2009 to June 2014

Working in the childcare provider setting changing the environment

Administration Filing, documentation, advertising supervising their environment

Dina Family Daycare Merced CA- October 2007 to 2014

Child Care Provider _ October 2007 to Present

Providing care for all different ages, work as a private day care

Meals, Administration, Education Curriculum, Parent conference. Participating

Programs, RTT race to the top, PTIC, CIP, Mini Grants with first five.

4'cs of Santa Clara County San Jose CA- March 2007 to October 2007

Assistant Provider Coordinator March 2007 to October 2007

Home visits and working with families, parent conference.

Economics & Social opportunities Inc. San Jose CA- March 2005 to March 2007

Early Childhood Education Coordinator – October 2006 to March 2007

Assist Providers in scheduling parent conference to review child development progress summary.

Plan and implements activities and or in services training for providers parents and staff

Complete the family daycare home environmental rating scale with plan of action.

Inputs developmental profiles data into computerized system according to the department schedule

Follow the center agency polices and procedure for health and safety

Monitor clients for compliance with program regulations and requirements

Maintain excellent customer/ client relationship

Associate Teacher Child care Center – March 2005- 2006

Prepare weekly lesson plan that support areas of indemnifies desire results for individual/ groups.

Communication positively and actively develops reciprocal notes.

File developmental profile with observation and anecdotal notes.

Complete multiple reports within tight dead line restrictions, parents and director.

San Jose Unified School District- January 2004 to 2004

Extended Day Care Program Director

Maintain accurate client billing / payment system.

Create monthly schedule for client appointments

Prioritize and implement multiple projects

References available upon request Assist program coordinate in maintaining daily operations

Our Savior Lutheran Preschool – June 1996 to 2002

Preschool Teacher

Staff supervision, including scheduling

In charge of a class of children 3 to 5 years of age

Creative Art curriculum and high scope

Weekly lesson plan and daily activities

Special Skills & Abilities

Ability in establishing, preparing and maintaining reports and record related to assigned

Ability to manage time and work independently

Ability to foster and maintain excellent peer and customer/ client relations

Bilingual: English / Spanish

Education: Ashford University M.A in Early Childhood Education

Chapman University B.A in Early Childhood Education

M.A Completed Education: 33. Units need more 3 to finished Ashford University

San Jose City College and Long Beach City College

Certificate: Child Development Site Supervisor Permit, Program Director permit

Early Child Growth and Interaction

Finance and Insurance Management

Profile

Jeremy

First Name

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Middle Initial

Jenkins

Last Name

4Life Church

Employer

Administrative Assistant

Job Title

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☒ Some College, No Degree

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Interests & Experiences

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

I served in the past and I would love to serve my / Our community once again on this commission

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

4Life Church Friends of Sober Grad MLK committee Hispanic chamber member

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

To be in a advisory role to the city council that is about our parks and recreation and zoo and facilities

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

Yes I was a past commissioner

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

I'm very outgoing and open to serving my community and I hope you would give me another opportunity.

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☒ Other

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Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

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☒ Master's Degree

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Interests & Experiences

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

As a student at the UC and an active community member, I want to not only hold the council accountable, but also do my civic duty and contribute to helping make decisions about our city.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently a graduate student at the university, an experienced organizer with years of experience, and have often attended city council meetings.

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

Recreation and Parks: To ensure the city is responsibly administering and managing its parks and their respective operations. Planning: Reviewing specific developments and updating the public on changes to the General Plan. Additionally, studying zoning and planning, and making recommendations to the Council on such matters.

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

I have personally studied city planning and urban design for many years.

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

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Public Scrutiny

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Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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Instagram Post by the City

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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EDUCATION

University of California,

Merced

Graduation:

May 2025

Master of Science in Bioengineering

Graduation:

May 2023

Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering | Minor in Management, Analytics, and Decision-Making

Accomplishments

Chancellor's Scholars List

Spring 2020

Dean's Scholars List

Fall 2019, Fall 2021

Innovate To Grow - Top Finisher

Spring 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

Gopinath Lab (UCM)

January 2024 - Present

Bioengineering Graduate Student Researcher

- Imaging colony-level effects of surfactants on *S. marcescens*
- Imaging swarming *S. marcescens* on the cellular level to analyze the cooperative nature of swarming bacteria
- Isolating and producing bacterial stock of *S. marcescens*

Bioengineering Department

August 2024 - Present

Teaching Assistant

- Teaching and guiding students through introductory python
- Instructing students to implement vast range of data visualization techniques

Newport Labs

May 2022 – January 2023

Lab Technician/Lab Assistant

- Worked as a PCR Lab Technician, testing thousands of patients a night for COVID-19 and influenza
- Trained new employees on the entire process chain from beginning to end, and had extensive knowledge of the procedure

UC Merced NASA/MACES Partnership

October 2021 - May 2022

Biochemistry and Biosensors Fellow

Worked under Dr. Tao Ye

- Built Carbon-Nanotube-based electronic detectors for sensitive and critical gas concentrations in air
- Used gold nanoparticles and functionalized DNA to make visual indicators and detectors of COVID-19

KEY SKILLS

- *Mammalian cell culture*
- *Bacterial cell culture*
- *Brightfield and fluorescence microscopy*
- *Familiar with BSL1 and BSL2 Laboratory Practices*
- *Proficient in Matlab, Python, ImageJ/FIJI*