
Profile

Steven

First Name

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Middle Initial

Patterson

Last Name

S.P. Improvements, LLC

Employer

Owner/General Contractor

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary PhoneAlternate Phone

Are you 18 years of age or older? (Required)☒ Yes ☐ NoStreet AddressSuite or AptCityStatePostal Code

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

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

Which Boards would you like to apply for?Building and Housing Board of Appeals: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *☒ Doctoral Degree

Communication

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Interests & Experiences

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

Merced is my home town. After graduating from Golden Valley High School in 2006, I went on to graduate from UC Davis in 2010, with a bachelor's degree in Sociology; and later from Monterey College of Law with a juris doctorate in 2015. In February 2013, while in my second year of law school, I took a position as a paralegal in a busy civil litigation firm in Salinas, CA, that specialized in family law. Through that position, which I held until April 2017, and the fact that family law is heavily intertwined with real property law, probate & estate law, and often criminal law, I was exposed to and became familiar with a wide variety of legal issues. Outside of that position, my employment history consists almost entirely of construction- and trades-related experience. I've held multiple facilities maintenance positions, including a position in hospitality as a room renovation specialist. I was one member of a three-man crew hired to construct a log obstacle course for the 49ers on their practice field in Santa Clara. Upon returning to Merced in 2017, I began working part-time as a handyman while I studied for the BAR exam. The BAR was unsuccessful, but business took off. It quickly became full-time, and at the end of 2021 I decided to get my general contractors license. It was issued in January of this year. For a long time I have been trying to figure out how to merge my legal education with my trades-based professional experience, and I feel this position would allow me to do that while offering a valuable service to my community.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently a self-employed general contractor, and the president of S.P. Improvements, LLC. While in law school, I served as the vice-president of the Student Bar Association in the my third year, and then the President of my graduating (fourth year) class. In an effort to lead by example, I took an active role in many of the student-run volunteer workshops that offered legal services to the Monterey and Seaside communities such as: how to file and collect small claims; how to file for restraining orders; and how to file for adult conservatorships or child guardianships. I also became a certified divorce mediator in order to launch a pilot program offering low cost divorces for low income spouses. I thoroughly enjoyed being involved in student government and being able to offer valuable support to the community, and it is something I have been missing since I graduated.

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

It is my understanding that the five-person Building and Housing Board of Appeals holds hearings and decides whether to grant or deny appeals filed in response to municipal code violations issued by the Chief Building Officer.

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

As a law school graduate, and through my experience as a paralegal, I have the ability to read and interpret statute and case law; as well as a working knowledge of property rights, rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords, and an understanding of the bases for legal liability as it pertains to property owners and others.

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

I appreciate the board taking the time to read my application, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for this position.


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Requirements

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Oath of Office

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

Public Scrutiny

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about this vacancy? *

☒ Other

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

City of Merced Social Media Post

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.

SP

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James

First Name

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Middle Initial

Allen

Last Name

BPR Consulting Group

Employer

Senior Building Inspector

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ District 6

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Building and Housing Board of Appeals

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☒ Some College, No Degree

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

I have been involved with building construction for 49 years - I love it. I have been enforcing building codes since 1975. I enjoy teaching inspection staff, construction workers, and the public about the value of the codes.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

My current employer is BPR Consulting Group. I was given the opportunity to provide inspection for the University of California Merced and the 640,00 sqft Table Mountain Hotel, Casino, and Event Center.

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

I have served as the secretary to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals when I was the Acting Deputy Building Official for the City of Modesto. I believe I have a complete understanding of the responsibility of this Board.

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

I stated earlier, I have been a witness for, and an acting secretary on, a Building and Housing Board of Appeals.

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

I will bring years of experience to this Board. I completely realize the impact this Board may have on property owners.

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