

Profile

Conchita

First Name

F

Middle Initial

Swiggart

Last Name

Better Homes and Gardens
Everything Real Estate

Employer

Realtor

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:

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *

Bachelor's Degree

Communication

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Yes No

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

Interests & Experiences

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

I have always been interested in serving in some capacity for the city of Merced. I believe I would bring a fresh voice and view. I am born and raised in Merced. I moved back to Merced 20+ year ago to raise my family in the city that so love. I have served on numerous boards in our community. I have a passion for and enjoy volunteering. I want Merced to be better everyday and I strive to be a positive voice for our community.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently working for Better Homes and Gardens Everything Real Estate in Merced. I have served on the board for Boy and Girls Club of Merced County, Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the OLM foundation board, Golden Valley FFA boosters. I am an active member of the Merced Elks Lodge 1240 and Club Mercedes. I am currently serving my last 3 year term on the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board. I am also a founding member of the Merced HOW (Helping One Woman) chapter in Merced.

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

To review the General plan for Merced and any future development. Possible relocation of Boundaries and allocation for special projects.

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

I believe my Real Estate Experience and knowledgeable of Merced County would benefit me if I were to be considered for this appointment .

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

I live in Merced by choice and I want our city to be the best it can be. My family has called Merced home for 3 generations on my maternal side and I am first generation on my paternal side. As I look back on my life growing up in Merced it was a special time in my life. I want to give future generations that same opportunity.

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Requirements

Conchita F Swiggart

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AB 1234 Ethics Training

I Agree *

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Attendance Policy

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Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

I Agree *

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Oath of Office

I Agree *

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Public Scrutiny

I Agree *

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

Other

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

From Local leaders in our community

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.

CFS

Conchita Flores Swiggart



Objective

To better serve the community of Merced

Experience

2022-present Better Homes and Gardens Everything Real Estate

Realtor

Sales and marketing

Assisting Buyers and Sellers with their Real Estate needs

2020-2022 Next Door Real Estate Merced , CA

Realtor

Sales Manager

Training of new agents

2002-2020 Century 21 Salvadori Merced,CA

Realtor

Marketing Available Properties for Sale

Helping Buyers Successfully buy property

Helping Seller to Successfully sell property

Century 21 Salvadori Merced, CA

2008- 2020

Century 21 Salvadori Merced, CA

Controller

Accounts Payable/receivable

Assistant to Owner of the company

Policy and Procedure

Training of new agents

Managing of office staff

1991-2000 Contempo Realty/Coldwell Banker

San Jose, CA

Administrative Assistant

Education

200- 2002 California State University, San Jose

San Jose, CA

Bachelor's Degree

Major in Liberal Studies and Minor in Social Science

1992-1997 San Jose City College

San Jose, CA

Associates Degree

Major in Liberal Studies

1989- 1991 Merced Community College

Merced, CA

1985-1989 Merced High School

Merced, CA

High School Diploma

Interests

Board Member Mercy Hospital Foundation

Merced CA

2016-Present

Board Member Boys and Girls Club of Merced County

Merced, CA

2013- 2018

Board Member Merced County Association of Realtors

Merced, CA

2012-2015

Board Member Merced County Hispanic Chamber

Merced, CA

2005-2011

References

Upon Request

Profile

David
First Name

M
Middle Initial

Chambers
Last Name

Merced College
Employer

Professor of Geography
Job Title

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no

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Doctoral Degree

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Yes No

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Interests & Experiences

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

I'm a professor of Geography. I was born and raised in Merced. I care deeply about the city and hope for positive developments here.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I'm currently a tenured professor of Geography at Merced College. I am deeply interested in understanding urban spaces and cities.

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

advising city planning especially regarding zoning.

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

I have studied urban geography as part of my doctoral training.

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

[David Chambers - CV .docx.pdf](#)

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Other

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Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Date of Birth

Submission

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DMC

DAVID M. CHAMBERS Ph.D.



EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geography, May 2020, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation, *Gathering Vines Around a Trellis Pole: Power Geographies in Bangkok's Hmong Refugee Communities*

M.A. Southeast Asian Studies, May 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thesis, *From a Petrified Log to the Mists of a Bleeding Mountain: A Hmong Story of Hope, Loss, and Betrayal in Hmong Space at Wat Tham Krabok Temple*

B.S. History, Dec. 2008, Brigham Young University-Idaho

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hmong Diaspora Studies
Hmong transnational migration
Critical Refugee Studies
critical political ecology
space and place
ethnonationalism
transnationality of millenarian movements

PUBLICATIONS

“From Networks to Categories: Hmong Political Positionality, Mobility, and Remnant Subjectivities in Thailand” *Hmong Studies Journal*, (21)(2020): 1-46

“Wat Tham Krabok Hmong and the Libertarian Moment” *Journal of Lao Studies*, 6(2)(2015): 77-96

“Constructing a Governing Rationale: Developing Lao Hmong Refugees at Wat Tham Krabok” *Hmong Studies Journal*, 15(2)(2014): 1-13.

TEACHING & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Professor of Geography, Merced College, Sept. 2017 to present, Courses taught:

Human/Cultural Geography (Geog-12)
World Regional Geography (Geog-02)
Physical Geography (Geog-01)
Physical Geography Lab (Geog-01L)
Weather and Climate (Geog-15)

Teaching Assistant, Human Geography 101, beginning Sept. 2016-Dec. 2016

University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Geography with Dr. Robert Kaiser

Teaching Assistant, International Studies 101, Feb. 2016-May 2016

University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of International Studies with Dr. Erica Simmons

Teaching Assistant, Human Geography 101, Sept. 2014-Dec 2014

University of Wisconsin, Geography Department with Dr. Keith Woodward

Teaching Assistant, Geography/Environmental Studies 339, Sept. 2013-Dec. 2013

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Geography Department with Dr. Matthew Turner and Dr. Lisa Naughton

Thai, Lao, and Hmong Language Cataloger, 2010-2012

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Memorial Library

REFERENCES

Ian Baird, PhD, Professor of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison



Matthew Turner PhD, Professor Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison



Stephen Young PhD, Associate Professor of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison



AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA)

United States Department of Education, Jan. 2015-Jan. 2016

Odebolt Conference Travel Award

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Geography, spring 2017

Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant

University of Wisconsin-Madison, spring 2017

Center for Southeast Asian Studies Fellowship

University of Wisconsin-Madison, spring 2017

Center for Southeast Asian Studies Fellowship

University of Wisconsin-Madison, spring 2014

Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant

University of Wisconsin-Madison, summer 2012

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011-2012 academic year
-Studying Thai Language

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship

Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI), summer 2011
-Studying Lao Language

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010-2011 academic year
-Studying Hmong Language

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

Thai

- High level of fluency in Thai after living in Thailand for almost 4 years.
- Advanced fluency: speaking, listening, reading, writing.
- Used Thai during MA and PhD fieldwork.
- BYU FLATS Exam (Foreign Language Achievements Testing Service) 2008.
- Completed UW's highest-level Thai courses including literature and poetry.

Lao

- Advanced level of Lao: speaking, listening, reading, and writing
- Completed SEASSI upper level courses in Lao
- Completed upper level Lao SEASSI program

Hmong

- High level of fluency in Hmong.
- Advanced level Hmong: speaking reading and writing RPA script.
- Used Hmong during MA and PhD fieldwork
- Completed 6th semester Hmong at UW-Madison
- BYU FLATS Exam 2009
- Communicate in Hmong at home with Hmong family members

Mandarin Chinese

- Baccalaureate Minor in Chinese
- Intermediate Mandarin fluency in reading and writing
- intermediate fluency in speaking and listening
- Lived six months in P.R.C

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKING

“Space and Geopolitics in the Central Valley” Sponsored by ActMerced Lecture Series, Merced College, April 29, 2021

“An Evening of International Women’s History,” Panelist speaking on Women in Thai Buddhism, Merced College History Society, March 18, 2021

“Fitting-In or Falling Out of Place: Immigrant Hmong People’s Intra-Ethnic Political Positionality in Thailand” Sponsored by the Center for South East Asian Studies and the Hmong Studies Consortium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sept 30 2020

“Territorializing Hmong Millenarianism II” The Morality of Millenarianism in the Here and Now and the Then and There, a workshop funded by BYU College of FHSS and the BYU-Univ. of Utah Title VI Asian Studies National Resource Center, Park City, UT Dec. 1, 2018

“Comporting Invisibility and Making Do: Vietnamese Hmong in Bangkok” Quiet Social Movements & Everyday Life in the Urban Global South: Towards New Geographies of Social Change: I, panel at Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting; Boston, MA; April 2017

Panelist at Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting on “Emerging Scholars in Ethnic Geography” Panel: Boston, MA; April 2017

“Feeling Pheng Hmong: Hmong Migrant Subliminal Performance in New Geographies of Power” The Fourth Hmong Studies Consortium International Conference: Memories, Networks, and Identity of Transnational Hmong; Chiang Mai, Thailand; Jan. 2017

“Territorializing Hmong Millenarianism I” Venerated Pasts Utopian Futures: Asian Millenarianism in the Here and Now and the Then and There, a workshop funded by BYU College of FHSS and the BYU-Univ. of Utah Title VI Asian Studies National Resource Center, Park City, UT Oct. 2016

“Hmong 'Good' Space: Territorialities and Networks”, Hmong Studies Consortium; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Madison, WI; April 2016

“Research Ethics and Methods in Sensitive Subject Communities” Brigham Young University-Provo, Department of Theatre and Media Arts, TMA 273: Introduction to Non-fiction and new media production, invited Guest speaker Provo, Utah, Feb. 2016

“Governing Hmong in Thailand: Political Networks, Spaces, and Places” Informal Northern Thai Group (INTG) Monthly

Lecture, Alliance Francaise, Chiang Mai, Thailand, Nov. 2015

“Wat Tham Krabok: Buddhist Heterodoxies and Rehabilitation Spaces” Institute of Southeast Asian Affairs, Chiang Mai University, Nov. 2015

“Southeast Asia: Social and Cultural Change” Brigham Young University-Idaho, Department of Geography, Rexburg, ID, March 2014

“The Creation and Contestation of Wat Tham Krabok Space: Monk and Hmong Spatiality and Territoriality” Consortium for Hmong Studies: Hmong Across Borders Conference, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 2013

“Building a Temple: Thai and Hmong Spatialities and Identity on the Landscape of Wat Tham Krabok” Fourth International Conference on Lao Studies, Madison, WI, Apr. 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Conference Organizer, Hmong Studies Consortium Sixth International Conference, Nov 1-3, 2024

Affiliated Researcher, Hmong Studies Consortium, 2011 to present

Affiliated Researcher, Regional Center for Social Science and Development, Jan. 2015-Feb. 2016
Chiang Mai University,

Member of Conference planning committee, for the Fourth International Conference on Lao Studies

Member, American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Union Elections co-chair, Merced College Faculty Association, 2017 to present

Union Organizing co-chair, Merced College Faculty Association, 2022 - present

Cohort Rep. Merced College Institutional Planning Committee 2019 to present

Cohort Rep., Merced College Academic Senate, 2019 to 2021

Student Club Advisor, Merced College Geography and Sustainability Club, 2018 to Present

Member, Southeast Asian Studies Research Group (SEARG), 2010 to present

Graduate Student Representative to Faculty, UW-Madison Geography Department, 2014

Graduate Student representative, to UW-Madison Undergraduate Geography Club, 2013

Chapter President, Alpha Kappa Xi, BYU-Idaho’s chapter of Phi AlphaTheta, NationalHistory Honors Society Sept. 2008-Sept. 2009

Member, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2005 to present

Member, Southeast Asian Student Association, Brigham Young University, 2004-2008

Profile

Eric
First Name

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Middle Initial

Chu
Last Name

Merrill Lynch
Employer

Wealth Management Advisor
Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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District 4

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N/A

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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 have been a proud resident of Merced for 15 years and am an alumnus of UC Merced. As a Wealth Management Advisor and Portfolio Manager at Merrill Lynch, I have extensive experience in financial stewardship, strategic planning, and economic development. I also serve as CFO of the Moraga Community Association, Treasurer of the Merced Sunrise Rotary Charity, and on the External Advisory Council of UC Merced's Gallo School of Management, demonstrating my commitment to community service and fiscal responsibility. I am applying to this commission because I am passionate about ensuring responsible growth and financial transparency in Merced. I believe my expertise in finance, governance, and long-term planning will contribute to informed decision-making that benefits our community.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently a Wealth Management Advisor and Portfolio Manager at Merrill Lynch, where I provide financial planning, investment management, and strategic guidance to individuals and organizations. In addition to my professional role, I am deeply involved in community service. I serve as the CFO of the Moraga Community Association, Treasurer of the Merced Sunrise Rotary Charity, and a member of the External Advisory Council for UC Merced's Gallo School of Management. These roles have allowed me to contribute my financial expertise to nonprofit and community-focused initiatives, ensuring sound fiscal management and strategic planning.

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

The Planning Commission plays a crucial role in shaping the growth and development of Merced by reviewing land use proposals, zoning changes, and development plans to ensure they align with the city's long-term vision and regulations. It serves as an advisory body to the City Council, making recommendations that promote sustainable, well-planned growth while balancing economic, environmental, and community needs. The Tax Transparency Commission is responsible for promoting fiscal accountability and ensuring that public funds are managed transparently and effectively. It reviews financial reports, evaluates tax policies, and provides recommendations to enhance public trust in the city's financial stewardship. Serving on either commission requires careful analysis, collaboration with stakeholders, and a commitment to making informed, strategic decisions that benefit the residents of Merced.

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

Yes, my professional and volunteer experience has provided me with valuable knowledge relevant to this commission. As a Wealth Management Advisor and Portfolio Manager at Merrill Lynch, I have extensive experience in financial planning, investment management, and economic analysis—skills that are directly applicable to responsible fiscal oversight and long-term planning. Additionally, my roles as CFO of the Moraga Community Association and Treasurer of the Merced Sunrise Rotary Charity have given me hands-on experience in financial governance, budgeting, and ensuring transparency in financial reporting. Serving on the External Advisory Council for UC Merced’s Gallo School of Management has further strengthened my understanding of strategic planning and policy evaluation. These experiences equip me with the financial acumen and analytical skills necessary to contribute effectively to the commissions’s objectives, whether in planning responsible growth or ensuring tax transparency for the benefit of the Merced community.

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

As a longtime resident of Merced and an alumnus of UC Merced, I am deeply invested in the city’s growth, financial transparency, and overall well-being. My professional expertise in wealth management and financial planning, combined with my leadership roles in nonprofit and community organizations, has equipped me with the skills necessary to make informed, strategic decisions that serve the best interests of our residents. I am committed to fostering responsible development, ensuring fiscal accountability, and promoting transparency in city governance. If given the opportunity to serve, I will approach this role with diligence, integrity, and a strong focus on the long-term prosperity of Merced.

[Eric G. Chu - Resume.pdf](#)

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Attendance Policy

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Oath of Office

I Agree *

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Public Scrutiny

I Agree *

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How did you hear about this vacancy? *

City Website

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

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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Eric G. Chu

Wealth Management Advisor, Portfolio
Manager

Dedicated financial professional with extensive experience in wealth management, investment strategy, and financial planning. Passionate about fiscal transparency, strategic development, and community service. Proven leadership in nonprofit financial oversight and advisory roles, with a strong commitment to responsible governance and economic growth in Merced.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

First Vice President - Wealth Management Advisor, Portfolio Manager, Merrill Lynch (2016 - Present)

- Provide strategic financial planning, investment management, and portfolio strategy for individuals and organizations.
- Analyze economic trends and market conditions to develop tailored financial solutions.
- Ensure fiduciary responsibility and long-term wealth growth and preservation for clients.

Financial Analyst, Panasonic Silicon Valley Labs (2014 - 2016)

- Conducted financial modeling and forecasting for R&D projects, supporting strategic decision-making.
- Analyzed project budgets, cost structures, and investment returns to optimize resource allocation.
- Provided financial insights and reporting to assist senior leadership in evaluating project viability.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

CFO, Moraga of Merced Community Association (2024 - Present)

- Oversee financial operations, budgeting, and fiscal reporting for the association.
- Ensure compliance with financial regulations and promote financial transparency.

Treasurer, Merced Sunrise Rotary Charity (2024 - Present)

- Manage financial accounts, oversee fundraising efforts, and ensure responsible allocation of charitable funds.
- Collaborate with board members to enhance financial oversight and transparency.

External Advisory Council Member, University of California Merced Gallo School (2023 - Present)

- Provide strategic guidance and industry insights to support the development of UC Merced's business school programs.
- Engage in discussions on financial and economic policy impacting the region.

EDUCATION & AWARDS

- **Forbes *Best-in-State Wealth Management Teams*, 2025**
- **Certified Investment Management Analyst® (CIMA®) – University of Chicabo Booth School of Business, 2019**
- **B.A. Economics, B.S. Management – University of California Merced, 2016**

Profile

Keirah

First Name

A

Middle Initial

Jones

Last Name

University of California

Employer

University Affairs, Vice Chair

Job Title

Email Address

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No

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Highest Level of Education Completed: *

- High School Graduate
- Some College, No Degree

Communication

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Yes No

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

Interests & Experiences

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

I am 18 years old and a current student at UC Merced. I double major in Political Science and Cognitive Science with a minor in Psychology. I am very passionate about advocacy and overall making impactful change, I don't like to just talk about my plans/goals but put things into action to accomplish said goals. My determination can often be described as unmatched. I very familiar with Merced's zoning policy and what that looks like currently. I am also up to date on the commission meetings, so I am aware of what is currently going on. With this, I want to be part of this commission because being a new resident in Merced; I am aware of what works in other cities and what many claim Merced lacks. I see so much potential in Merced and with the right leadership and passion within this commission, Merced can and will fulfill said potential. I bring fresh perspective and am very passionate about making this city great and can do a lot within this commission.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

I am currently employed with the University of California as their University Affairs Vice Chair, I attend each meeting and take meeting notes. In regards to relevant experience, I have worked with closely with the UC Merced physical operations, planning, and development office this past year to ensure UC Merced has a promise future for its students which firsthand begins with campus structure as environment plays an important role in students productivity. I have interned under the former Congressman John Duarte which has helped to be well-acquainted with the city policies and zone ordinances.

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

I understand under this role I am required to be acquainted with the city zoning and ordinances, history of the city and protecting said history, I am also required to attend meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month and I am required to follow all policies and complete an ethics training. Overall, this is a commitment that impacts the people of Merced and it isn't a responsibility meant to be taken lightly.

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

I do not have any physical experience with this commission, however, I have reviewed every meeting thus far and viewed each agenda. Meaning I am caught up on current action within this commission.

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

I understand my being 18 can be a cause for concern, however, I want to once again reiterate my dedication to this commission and passion for the projects handled within this commission. I am an extremely dependable and actionable person and strive for not mediocrity but excellence in any position I am responsible for. My professionalism is outstanding and my attention to detail will bring much preciseness to all planning, review, and amendments for this city. I will surpass your expectations and do what is best for this city! I ask that you entrust me with this position and don't let my age be a deciding factor for me. Thank you for your time.

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District 5 Council member instagram

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African American

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KJ

Keirah Jones

College Student, University of California
Student Association Vice Chair

OVERVIEW

I am a second-year college student attending UC Merced. I am very involved on campus highlighting student voices and organizing the necessary meetings to assure students are being taken serious by Admin. I have worked with a multitude of policy makers marking professionalism to be extremely high and organization skills to be impeccable.

EXPERIENCE

California Teaching Fellows 02/2025 - Present Tutor

- Created lesson plans for students TK-4th
- Supervised and taught students lessons that involved Math, Writing, Art, and Science

University of California, Merced 08/2023 - 10/2024 Digital Marketing Asst

- Create graphics for university social medias to promote deadlines and campus activities
- Create videos such as TikTok(s) for university social media to promote campus events and notify students of upcoming deadlines
- Brainstorm various ways to increase student participation in activities on campus

- Edit videos and pictures for rufusbobcat social medias

University of California, Merced 05/2024 - Present External Vice President

- Lead and directed external team to organize on-campus events, host workshops, and schedule meetings with legislative leaders
- Booked Hotels, transportation, and meals for weekend travel for UCSA board meetings for my team and I
- Hosted board meeting on campus where I organized sound, projectors, reserved a space, while planning and booking food for UCSA delegates
- Met with congressman to discuss housing initiative for students in Merced, CA and making housing more accessible to them

Congressman 05/2024-11/2025 Intern

John Duarte

- Scheduled meetings and organized Congressman schedule
- Participated in door-knocking to recruit voters and collect data and voter-issue focus
- Reported and organized data for Congressman campaign
- Tabled at events for Congressman campaign
- Attended weekly meetings to discuss finding and propose promotion tactics to sway voters

EDUCATION

Edison High School

2020 - 2023 High School Diploma

University of California, Merced

2023 - Present Pursuing Bachelor's Degree

- Majoring in Political Science and Cognitive Science w/ a minor in Psychology

SKILLS

Photoshop / Canva / Google / Microsoft Word / Google Docs / Spreadsheet / Planning / Policy Drafting / Leadership / Time management / Adaptable / Problem-solving / Project management / Teamwork / Empathy / Decision making / Leadership / Attention to detail / Critical Thinking / Customer Service / Organization / Graphic Design / Negotiation Skills / Marketing / Public Speaking / Advocacy / Teaching

Profile

Rick
First Name

Osorio
Middle Initial

Osorio
Last Name

c21 select group
Employer

realtor
Job Title

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Which Council district do you live in? *

District 4

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

not in the city

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Highest Level of Education Completed: *

Bachelor's Degree

Communication

The City of Merced uses email as a preferred method of communication regarding your application. Is this acceptable to you?

Yes No

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

email

Interests & Experiences

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

former city council person, former city planning commission over 20 years ago

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

c21 selectgroup, i have held various chairmanship roles in non profits in the city, currently vice chair of the housing authority board. also see above answer.

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

read and know your material and be unbiased in your recomendations and show up.

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

yes i was on the planning commission 20 years ago.

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

i am willing to serve

[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? *

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.

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