



# CITY OF MERCED

## Meeting Agenda

City Council Chamber  
Merced Civic Center  
2nd Floor  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

### City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority

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Tuesday, June 12, 2018

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic  
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

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#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

#### WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MERCED CITY COUNCIL

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### B. ROLL CALL

#### C. BUSINESS

C.1. Interviews of Planning Commission Applicants

C.2. [18-303](#)      **SUBJECT: Appointments (2) - Planning Commission**

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

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#### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting nominations and appointing two individuals to the Planning Commission with one term ending date of July 1, 2022 and one term ending date of July 1, 2021.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT



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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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**Agenda Item C.2.**

Meeting Date: 6/12/2018

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*Report Prepared by: John Tresidder, Assistant City Clerk, City Clerk's Office*

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### ALTERNATIVES

1. Accept nominations and appoint two individuals to the Planning Commission; or,
2. Appoint one individual to the Planning Commission and direct staff to resume recruitment of applicants for the remaining vacancy; or,
3. Make no appointments and direct staff to resume the recruitment of applicants.

### AUTHORITY

Article VII, Sections 700, 702, 702.1, 707 and 708 of the Merced City Charter.

### DISCUSSION

There is currently one vacancy on the Planning Commission and one term ending on July 1, 2018. Planning Commissioner Kevin Smith resigned from his seat on January 19, 2018 when he moved outside of the City limits and Planning Commissioner Travis Colby's term will end on July 1, 2018.

The City Clerk's Office was directed by Council at the April 16 meeting to notice the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Smith and Mr. Colby's upcoming term completion.

The City Clerk's Office has received four applications (attached) for the Planning Commission vacancies.

The applicants are:

Rick McMillion  
Scott Drexel  
Janice Schmidt  
Samuel Rashe

The current roster for the Commission is attached. The matter of appointment to this Commission is now before the Council.

History and Past Actions:

The Planning Commission, created by City Charter, studies land subdivision, planning, and zoning matters. The Commission recommends to the City Council the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the City's Master Plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission consists of seven members who are qualified electors of the City of Merced. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Planning Commission Roster
2. Applications



# PLANNING COMMISSION

## BOARD ROSTER



**TRAVIS M COLBY**

**2nd Term** Aug 04, 2014 - Jul 01, 2018

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner



**PETER PADILLA**

**2nd Term** Jul 06, 2015 - Jul 01, 2019

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner



**JEREMY J MARTINEZ**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2015 - Jul 01, 2019

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Vice-Chair  
**Office/Role** Vice Chair



**MARY K CAMPER**

**1st Term** Mar 14, 2017 - Jul 01, 2020

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner



**ROBERT DYLINE**

**2nd Term** Jul 01, 2017 - Jul 01, 2021

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Chair



**SONIA F ALSHAMI**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2017 - Jul 01, 2021

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner



**VACANCY**

**Appointing Authority** City Council  
**Position** Commissioner

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## Profile

Robert

First Name

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Middle Initial

McMillion

Last Name

None

Employer

Retired

Job Title

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

No

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

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

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Question applies to multiple boards

**Highest Level of Education Completed: \***

☒ 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

**Email**

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 retired after 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. I was a local business owner in Merced for 12 years. I worked as a broadcast engineer, as the chief Engineer for two different companies and 7 radio stations for many years. Currently unemployed and enjoying retirement. I have attended many city functions and almost every city council meeting for about the past 5 years. I have volunteered with the city to help operate the Thursday night market several years back. I am currently seeking a volunteer job with the Merced Police Department. I am a graduate of the Merced Policed Department Citizen Academy

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

Not currently employed I have volunteered to help the city operate the Thursday Night Market. I have helped with the city of Merced 125th Birthday Party

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

It is a very important board in helping the city council with correct planning, building, and construction in the City of Merced

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

I have 21 years experience in the U.S. Air Force, much of that time spent in Air Force Civil Engineering, with the Las 7 years as a supervisor and superindendent.

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

I have a lot of military experience in the building and construction field

Upload a Resume

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## Requirements

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### AB 1234 Ethics Training

☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Attendance Policy

☒ I Agree \*

### Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700

☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Oath of Office

☒ I Agree \*

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## Public Scrutiny

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☒ I Agree \*

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

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☒ City Website

☒ Other

### City Council Meeting

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

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

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☒ Male

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Date of Birth

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## Submission

### RRM

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

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Scott

First Name

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Middle Initial

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Drexel

Last Name

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Employer

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Job Title

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Email Address

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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No

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

Recreation and Parks Commission: Submitted

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**Highest Level of Education Completed: \***

☒ Professional Degree

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**Communication**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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**Interests & Experiences**

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

I have been a Merced resident for four years. I attended UCLA and earned my law degree from Georgetown. I work as a prosecutor for Merced County in both criminal and civil enforcement. I am interested in doing my part to improve Merced.

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

Merced County office of the District Attorney.

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

The Planning Commission is responsible for shaping the character and economic growth of our city by carefully weighing the interests of various stakeholders in each application for development. Parks and Rec's mission is to advise the city council on how best to maximize the utility of our parks for public enjoyment and to engage Merced's youth in constructive activities.

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

My legal training and experience should be useful to both commissions. In addition, I was an attorney at a major bank for four years, so I have some familiarity with finance.

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

I would be a competent public servant.

[Upload a Resume](#)

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☒ A Friend

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### Ethnicity

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None Selected

### Gender

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None Selected

Date of Birth

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## Submission

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## Profile

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Janice

First Name

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Schmidt

Last Name

Middle Initial

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Employer

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Realtor

Job Title

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Email Address

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Primary Phone

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

I am a long time resident of Merced and am interested in the deveopment, care and expansion of Merced.

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

I am a Realtor with HomeSmart PV & Associates. I have served on the Merced County Board of Realtors on the New Members Committee, the Professional Standards Committee, also the Turlock Realtor Network Committee. Currently I volunteer with Merced Walks, and as a family we do a monthly distribution of cookies for our local first responders.

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

To work together as a group discussing ideas, modifications and improvements to boundaries with businesses, residents and traffic in mind.

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

I am currently working in a new home construction project and have worked with people who have developed areas for home construction and businesses. I have also been involved in the planning and building of two personal residences and one vacation home.

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

I am a local coordinator for Foreign Exchange Students and love to show off the benefits of living and working in Merced.

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Date of Birth

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## Submission

JS

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## Profile

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Samuel

First Name

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J

Middle Initial

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Rashe

Last Name

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San Jose State University

Employer

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Student

Job Title

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Email Address

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Primary PhoneAlternate Phone

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**Interests & Experiences**

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

I am a veteran and currently using my G.I bill attending San Jose State University, and I am two semesters away from obtaining my degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). I am focusing on EIA because it deals with the development of communities and the environment ranging from the General Plan, Zoning, and understanding CEQA and NEPA.

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

I am currently a full-time student at SJSU and am not presently employed. During my time as a student at Merced College, I was the president of the Merced Veterans Association. While president I was able to set up a scholarship fund and a tutoring program specifically for veterans. I have not had any volunteer experience specifically for this position.

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

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My understanding as a member of the Planning Commission Board, I would participate in updating the City's General Plan as necessary. I would also join in reviewing applications for development in the city limits of Merced and make recommendations to the city council in regards to city projects requiring final action by the City Council. I would also participate in reading Initial Studies and Environmental Impact Assessments and know and understand the zoning issues revolving around the city of Merced. I also understand that as a member of the Planning Commission Board I will also be sitting on the Historic Preservation Commission Board of Zoning Adjustments. As a member of the Board, it will also be my responsibility to participate in the meetings that are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

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

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I understand and capable of analyzing the California Environmental Quality Act, Familiar with the Federal impact assessment law, and National Environmental Policy Act

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

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I believe that a general plan is one of the most important things to assist in the successful development of a city. It is essential to follow the vision of a general plan and at the same time know when it is best for the residents of the city to deviate from the plan. I hope to be apart of the board and help Merced achieve its vision with the guidelines set by the General Plan.

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### Gender

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☒ Male

Date of Birth 

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## Submission

S.R

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