



# 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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Monday, July 30, 2018

5:30 PM

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

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#### Special Meeting at 5:30 PM

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

#### INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

#### B. ROLL CALL

#### C. BUSINESS

C.1. Planning Commission Interviews

C.2. [18-375](#)      **SUBJECT: Appointments (2) - Planning Commission**

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider accepting nominations and appointing two applicants to the Planning Commission.

#### 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



**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

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**Agenda Item C.2.**

Meeting Date: 7/30/2018

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

**SUBJECT:** Appointments (2) - Planning Commission

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Consider accepting nominations and appointing two applicants to the Planning Commission.

**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.

**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**

The term of Commissioner Travis Colby ended on July 1, 2018 and he is currently serving until a replacement appointment is made. Additionally, a second seat has become available due to a recent resignation on the Commission.

The City Clerk's Office advertised for the vacancies and received four new applications (attached).

The applicants are:

Samuel Rashe  
Michael Harris  
Casey Steed  
Sara Rosenthal

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



## BOARD ROSTER



**TRAVIS M COLBY**

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

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



**MARY K CAMPER**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2016 - Jul 01, 2020

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



**PETER PADILLA**

**2nd Term** Jul 01, 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



**ROBERT DYLINA**

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

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



**SCOTT G DREXEL**

**1st Term** Jul 02, 2017 - Jul 02, 2021

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



**VACANCY**

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

**Profile**

Samuel

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Rashe

Last Name

San Jose State University

Employer

Student

Job Title

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

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

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

State

[Redacted]

Postal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

**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:

**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

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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 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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**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 \*

## 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 \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Public Scrutiny

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I Agree \*

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

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City Website

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

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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Hispanic

### Gender

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Male

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_



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## Submission

S.R

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

**Profile**

Michael

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Harris

Last Name

Retired Sheriff's Sergeant

Employer

Job Title

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

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

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

State

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

Postal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes  No

**Measure C Committee**

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

**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: \***

Bachelor'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

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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:**

Retired from Merced County Sheriff's Office, Background also in business and top level management. Have been responsible for multi-million dollar budgets. We just moved into Merced and I'd like to contribute.

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

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

Updates the General Plan, reviews applications for development, makes recommendations to the City Council on zoning and subdivision matters. Also serves as the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission. A liaison between the City Government and the citizens/residents of Merced.

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

When I was Director of EMS for Alameda County I was in charge of a special Tax District. This required a good deal of communications and discussions with citizen representatives.

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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I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Attendance Policy

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I Agree \*

### 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 \*

How did you hear about this vacancy? \*

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Other

Councilman Kevin Blake

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

  
Date of Birth

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## Submission

MJH

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

**Profile**

Casey

First Name

Steed

Middle Initial

Last Name

self

Employer

Job Title

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

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

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

State

[Redacted]

Postal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

**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:

**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: \***

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Less than High School

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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:**

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Lived in the area for a while. Contribute to the process.

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

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Self, none

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

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I understand the information as posted on the city website about the position.

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

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No

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

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No

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I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Attendance Policy

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I Agree \*

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I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Oath of Office

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I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

### Public Scrutiny

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I Agree \*



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

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City Website

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

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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None Selected

### Gender

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None Selected

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Date of Birth

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## Submission

### C.S.

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

### Profile

Sara  
First Name

R  
Middle Initial

Rosenthal  
Last Name

Employer

Job Title

[Redacted]  
Email Address

[Redacted]  
Primary Phone

[Redacted]  
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

[Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

[Redacted]  
City

[Redacted]  
State  
[Redacted]  
Postal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes  No

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

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Planning Commission: Submitted

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

Professional 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 relocated to Merced in 2013 to begin working as a Deputy District Attorney. I am applying for this particular Commission because I want to be more involved in the community. I would like to be a part of the positive change that is taking place in the city.

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

I work for the County of Merced as a Deputy District Attorney. I am a member of Kiwanis and volunteer at Kiddieland. I also volunteer to coach high school mock trial during the school year.

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

The Commission updates the General Plan and advises City Council on projects. The Commission also works with local businesses on different issues like granting liquor licenses. The Commission also deals with historic preservation and zoning.

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

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

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A Friend

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None Selected

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Date of Birth

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## Submission

srr

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