Recreation and Parks Commission: Submitted

Submit Date: Jul 21, 2017

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Question applies to multiple boards  Highest Level of Education Completed: *		
✓ Master's Degree		
Communication		

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

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 the Homeless & Foster Youth Program Manager for Merced Union High School District. I'm originally from Santa Maria, CA and I moved to Merced to attend UC Merced. I graduated with a bachelor in arts degree in Psychology and another bachelor's in science in Cognitive Science from UC Merced. I later graduated from CSU Stanislaus in 2015 with a Master's in Public Administration. My personal mission statement is to live a happy life while helping others. I do this through my career and I'd like to continue this mission by serving on the Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Merced. Serving on the Recreation and Parks Commission gives us an opportunity to promote health citywide through recreation, activities, and public spaces, and I'd like to be a part of a committee that takes part in the overall health of the community.

Please list your current employer and relevant volunteer experience.

My current employer is the Merced Union High School District and I work as a Program Manager overseeing programs for homeless and foster youth. I have conducted three Stuff the Bus events for the district to garner donated school supplies and I've partnered with MOJO (Mentoring Odd Jobs Organization) and with United Way. I have volunteered for one-day health clinics and community cleanups.

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What is your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this Board or Commission?
The City Council receives guidance from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding public parks, public spaces, offerings of programs and activities, and provides input on the budget for this department, etc. making it an important aspect of the city.
Do you have experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Board or Commission?
No, I do not have any experience or special knowledge pertaining to this Commission other than visiting public parks and public spaces whenever possible.
Any other comments you would like to add that may assist the City Council in their decision?
Upload a Resume
Requirements
Question applies to multiple boards  AB 1234 Ethics Training
✓ I Agree *
Question applies to multiple boards  Attendance Policy
✓ I Agree *
Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700
✓ I Agree *

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Question applies to multiple boards
Oath of Office
✓ I Agree *
Question applies to multiple boards
Public Scrutiny
✓ I Agree *
How did you hear about this vacancy? *
✓ City Website
If you selected other, please indicate how you learned about the vacancy:
Demographics
Ethnicity
Gender
Date of Birth
Submission

## Norma C. Cardona

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

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