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## Profile

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Colton

First Name

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Middle Initial

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Dennis

Last Name

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Merced County Arts Council

Employer

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Executive Director

Job Title

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Email Address

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Primary PhoneAlternate 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

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Street AddressCitySuite or Apt  
StatePostal Code

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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### Which Council district do you live in?

☒ District 4

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No

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

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: Submitted

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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?

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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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When not doing theater, I enjoy getting involved with my community by promoting the arts whenever possible. Although a native of Modesto, while I lived in Patterson I helped to coordinate and lead the annual Patterson Art and Wine Gala. I was the brainchild, coordinator and leader of all fundraising efforts to have the Centennial Mural painted in downtown Patterson. I also led the effort to get an art wall up near the Patterson Skate Park to allow an opportunity for teens and young adults to express themselves. I also produced and directed a play commemorating the 100th anniversary of Patterson's founding, Patterson: A Century of Community. During my 11 years in Patterson, I was a Parks & Recreation commissioner, a member of the General Planning Advisory Committee and a member of the Youth Development Committee. I relocated to Merced back in the fall of 2013 and became the Executive Director of Merced County Arts Council in 2016. Now I help support the arts and artists, both visual and performing, throughout the city of Merced and the county. I hope to help create an Arts & Culture District within our downtown core while advocating artists earning living wages and having access to affordable housing. I am interested in preserving our history and looking out to the future through public art that conveys our uniqueness and tells our story here in Merced. I am also interested in the preservation of current public art and the future implementation of public art, such as making sure we have sufficient maintenance funding. For more about me, please refer to my resume.

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

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Current employer: Merced County Arts Council, Inc 645 W. Main Street Volunteer Experience: Merced Shakespearefest Board Member - Current Merced Main Street Association Board Member - Current Founding Artistic Director of the Patterson Repertory Theatre, 2003-2013 Secretary of the Board of Directors for Stanislaus Arts Council, 2008-2012 Commissioner for Patterson Parks and Recreation, 2005-2012 Member of the Youth Development Committee of Patterson, 2007-2011 Directed and coordinated the Centennial Mural in Patterson, 2009 For more about me, please refer to my resume.

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

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Making recommendations to the City Council on public art, art and cultural programs, acting as a resource, recommending funding options and coordinating with local arts and cultural groups.

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

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Yes, I've had many years in the arts and culture sectors throughout the central valley. Currently, I'm the executive director of the Merced County Arts Council and the Merced Multicultural Arts Center. I oversee or am involved in both visual and performing arts in and around our area. For more about my experience, please refer to my resume.

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

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Thank you in advance for your consideration. Best, Colton Dennis

  
Upload a Resume

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**Requirements**

**Statement of Economic Interests - FPPC Form 700**

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☒ I Agree \*

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

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☒ Other

## Email

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

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## Demographics

## Ethnicity

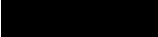
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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

## Gender

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☒ Male

  
Date of Birth

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## Submission

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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.