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**Profile**

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First Name

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Last Name

The Butterscotch Pudding  
Company

Employer

Founder

Job Title

Email AddressPrimary 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 ☐ NoStreet 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 3

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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?**

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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?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

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:**

Since moving to Merced in 2005, I have been involved with the arts community. Director of Communications at Playhouse Merced from 2009-2014, participant with Merced ShakespeareFest, supporter of ArtHop and many other community events.

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

Currently self-employed with The Butterscotch Pudding Company as a customer service consultant, events host and copywriter. I have been a volunteer with Playhouse Merced, Merced ShakespeareFest and ArtHop.

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

Coming to the table to assist the Merced City Council in making informed decisions regarding art projects and the promotion of the arts in the City of Merced.

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

I have 30 years experience with the arts, as an performer, board member and administrator.

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

As a resident of Merced County, I am a strong advocate for the Arts community. To have the opportunity to provide a voice on this committee would be an honor.

  
Upload a Resume

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## Requirements

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

☒ I Agree \*

How did you hear about this vacancy? \*

☒ Other

Facebook post

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

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

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.