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**Profile**

Jasmine

First Name

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Last Name

Employer

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

Postal 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

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?**

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

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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I am a visual artist and I am going to school to become an arts educator, working with high school students. My background is in visual art, painting, printing and I also do murals. I consider myself an arts advocate and have always volunteered to help provide the arts and music to most events or projects I collaborate in. I am interested in applying because I see the lack of support for public art in Merced from the City Council and I would like to become an advocate for more murals and more public concerts in the park and in the community. I also see a lack of cultural representation and I would like to help support and highlight the history and cultural practices/ narratives through the arts.

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

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I am a full time student and freelance artist and occasionally do union and tribal elections with MK elections and I am currently the Cultural Ambassador for a youth/community org 99 Rootz. My volunteer experience has been in: -working with a youth group in LA called the Heart Project now known as ArtWorxLA. - I was a youth apprentice at MOCA the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles - I was a student worker for the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and worked under administration for the executive director's assistant. - In Merced I was on the committee for the Cesar Chavez March - I also did the the graphic design fliers and did translating for parents for MYDC Merced Youth Drum Corps - I was the organizer for J&R Tacos Conjuntos events featuring ( poetry, music and visual art) and would book the artists and host the event ( every last Sundays of the month from 2014-2015) - I am currently volunteering with the Merced Local Food Project to help establish a Community Garden - I am on a mural committee with the City of Turlock and the Art/ Ethnic studies dept at CSU Stanislaus to paint a mural at Columbia Park - I have done printing and art workshops with youth groups such as 99 Rootz - And I taught an Arts and Science class for youth (ages 6-14years old) at Merced College for Kids

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

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From my understanding of an Arts Commission there are various departments that highlight the needs and funding provided by the city and outside community sources for the arts, that can be Arts Education, Civic Art and a grants department. From my understanding from the meetings and what I think are the expectations of the city council maybe for the roles of the this board commission is to have certain members of the community in the arts help oversee any art related projects and events , they commission could also possibly help advocate for funding and could possibly help streamline any projects and events. I see this being the start for this Board of Commissioners but can see it having a strong impact in the arts in the future, for the city of Merced.

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

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Pertaining to this Board or Commission no but I have helped advocate for it during City Council Meeting. I do have some background with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. When I worked for the LACAC as a student worker I saw the many roles each department played . From grants, doing panel reviews for grantees as well as info workshops for local organizations and artists. Civic art played a role in public works to commission artists to create public art being an installation or a mural. As well as in the Arts Education department that created a curriculum and net work to have art in the classrooms for k-12 schools as well as getting teaching artists in the classrooms. It also included running and supporting the PR work for different events out of the city's Ford Theater and the Christmas Special that was free and televised. I understand that Los Angeles is a bigger city with more resources but my time in Merced has showed me that the community of Merced has self determination and holds many talented artists and musicians. It just needs the support of its city to help allocate matching grants, to create spaces of creativity and to celebrate the rich diversity of its people.

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

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It would have been nice to know of a deadline for the application that was not clear.

  
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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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☒ A Friend

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

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**Demographics**

Ethnicity

☒ Other

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

Submission

JD

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