

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk
BY: Councilmember Luis Chavez

_____ Reappointment

X_____ New Appointment

Name of person replaced: Samuel Molina

Name: Tania Castillo

Appointed to: Immigration Affairs and Resident Committee

Term: NA Through

April 20th, 2023 City Council Agenda

Application Form

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Immigration Affairs and Resident Committee: Submitted

Tania

First Name

Castillo

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

93725

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

District 5

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

I am interested in contributing to elevate the voice of the Fresno immigrant community and help to identify the urgent needs of our people through the assistance of the City of Fresno. My personal experience as an immigrant, professional background, and the connections I have made with the community will serve me in providing a unique perspective to the contributions to this committee.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

I graduated high school in Jalisco, Mexico. Consequently, I attended Fresno City College and earned an Administration of Justice associate's degree and transferred to California State University of Fresno where I earned a B.S. in Criminology - Law Enforcement Option and a Victim Services Certificate. Recently, I earned a Master of Science in Criminology degree from the California State University of Fresno and was awarded the Graduate Dean's Medalist for the College of Social Sciences, 2022.

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

I believe that my qualifications to serve in this board stem from my professional experience. From November, 2020 to August, 2022 I served as the Immigration Matters Liaison at the Mexican Consulate in Fresno. In this role I served as a liaison between the Mexican community and immigration matters, which included: making referrals to immigration lawyers, informing about immigration policy and processes, conducting interviews with survivors of human trafficking or domestic violence for potential qualification of immigration relief, and visiting immigration detainees' to attend to their requests for legal assistance. Currently, I hold a position of Program Navigator with Community Justice Alliance, Inc, a non-profit legal services organization providing removal defense, wraparound services for unaccompanied minors, and social services for asylums and vulnerable non citizens. Through this role, I have learned about pressing issues regarding unaccompanied minors and the hurdles faced by immigrants when attempting to access basic needs like school enrollment, access to MediCal, etc. As a program navigator I have learned to become an advocate and empower people to advocate for themselves.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?

Yes No

Work History

Community Justice Alliance, Inc.
Employer

Program Navigator
Job Title

Work Address

City, State, Zip Code

Fresno, CA, 93721

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

Professional references: Dr. Jordan Pickering (Phd, California State University of Fresno, Assistant Professor/ Graduate Program Coordinator) Ana Palomares (Director of Social Services Projects, Community Justice Alliance) -Oscar Sanchez (Consul of Department of Protection and Legal Affairs, Mexican Consulate)

Question applies to multiple boards

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

Yes No

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The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits public officials from using their official positions to influence governmental decisions in which they have a financial interest. The Board Members in the designed positions must disclose their financial interests as specified in the agency's conflict of interest code.

I agree that I have read the above and agree to file a Statement of Economic Interest Form should I be appointed to a Board, Commission, or similar body according to the adopted resolution.

I Agree