



**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNALISA PEREA**

**TO CITY OF FRESNO WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

**TO:** City Council  
**THROUGH:** Todd Stermer, City Clerk  
**BY:** Annalisa Perea, Councilmember District 1

  **X**   Reappointment  
       New Appointment  
Name of person replaced: N/A

**Name:** Laura E. Ward

**Address:**

**Home Phone:**

**Business Phone:**

**Appointed to:** City of Fresno Women's Commission

**Term:** Through August 15, 2026

*City Council Agenda August 15, 2024*

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

City of Fresno Women's Commission: Submitted

LauraE.Ward

First NameMiddle InitialLast Name

Email Address

Home Address

FresnoCA

CityStatePostal Code

What district do you live in? \*

☒ District 1

Primary PhoneAlternate Phone

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

I was born and raised in Fresno, and have strongly believed in reinvesting my energy and efforts into making the City of Fresno a better place since I moved back in 2007 after law school. It has been a pleasure to serve on the City of Fresno Women's commission over the past two years, and contribute toward establishing the scholarship program that has reached over 100 women and girls in the City of Fresno, and also distributed feminine hygiene products to community based organizations that support women experiencing homelessness. I would enjoy continuing service to the women and girls in the City of Fresno through the continued community engagement efforts of the City of Fresno Women's Commission.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

1. University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA - Juris Doctor with a concentration in Taxation, May 2007 2. Stanford University, Stanford, CA - Bachelor of Arts in English (creative writing emphasis) and minor in Art History, June 2004 3. Certified in Healthcare Compliance, Health Care Compliance Assoc., May 2017 to Present 4. Certified Fraud Examiner, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, March 2021 to Present 5. Certified Yoga Instructor, RYT-200, Balanced Rock Foundation in Yosemite CA, May 2016 to Present

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

I have served as the Vice Chair of the City of Fresno Women's Commission in its first two years, and serve in various director and officer roles for nonprofit organizations and their committees, and have served on the City of Fresno's Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission since July of 2023. I run a feminist book club, and serve as a volunteer director for a Fresno maternal health organization that supports vulnerable women and girls.

**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**

Ward Legal, Inc.	Attorney/Owner
Employer	Job Title

**Work Address**

**City, State, Zip Code**

Fresno CA

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

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| 1. Paul Gibson, Past-President of North Fresno Rotary,              | Fresno, CA |
| 2. Lilia Chavez, Executive Director of Fresno Arts Council,         |            |
| 3. Shantay Davies-Balch, CEO of Black Wellness & Prosperity Center, |            |