



**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk

BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

 Reappointment

 X New Appointment

Name of person replaced: Adrian Jones

Name: Richard Burrell

Address:



Phone:



Appointed to: Housing Authority of the City of Fresno

Term: Through April 30, 2028

City Council 1/30/2025

Application Form

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing Authority of the City of Fresno, CA: Submitted

Richard

First Name

W

Middle
Initial

Burrell

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

FRESNO

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 3

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

I have a deep affection for the City of Fresno. I want an opportunity to leverage knowledge and life experience to positively impact my community.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

High school diploma Over a decade in service to my community

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

12 years of service to my community. Specifically Parkway Drive/ Jane Addams neighborhood. Part of the Drive initiative as a HUB.

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

Live Again Fresno

Employer

Founder/ Executive Director

Job Title

Richard W Burrell

Work Address

[REDACTED]

City, State, Zip Code

FRESNO

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

Rick Berry [REDACTED] any Cindy Titus [REDACTED] any Dr Hutchinson [REDACTED]
morning

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Richard Burrell

Board of Commissioners, City of Fresno Representative

Richard Burrell, a resident of Fresno for over 40 years, brings a wealth of experience and dedication as the Founder and Executive Director of Live Again Fresno. Richard has spent over 13 years serving the most underserved and vulnerable populations in the city, particularly children and families in need along Parkway Drive. His leadership and vision have transformed Live Again Fresno into a cornerstone of support for the community, offering essential services that foster health, safety, and economic mobility.

Richard has cultivated a strong partnership with many community partners, including Fresno Housing, operating Live Again Fresno's impactful services on-site at Promesa Commons on Parkway Drive. This collaboration has provided invaluable resources to families, creating opportunities for growth and stability.

A cornerstone of Richard's work is creating safe and nurturing environments for children. Live Again Fresno provides free play spaces and green grass where kids can safely take their shoes off, run freely, and enjoy activities like soccer. The addition of a butterfly garden offers a serene space for children to connect with nature while learning about wellness practices. These initiatives help foster joy and a sense of belonging while addressing critical needs like food insecurity, ensuring children have access to the resources they need to thrive.

Under his leadership, Live Again Fresno has achieved significant milestones, including:

- Securing over \$1 million in funding through the California State Budget and additional grants from prestigious organizations such as the Kresge Foundation, New Profit Foundation, and the Central Valley Community Foundation.
- Establishing a \$1 million contract with Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (YEC), further expanding services to address critical community needs.
- Receiving \$400,000 in civic infrastructure funding and \$250,000 in Core Initiative funding from the Central Valley Community Foundation.
- Sustaining \$200,000 annually in private donations, ensuring the organization's long-term impact.

Richard's efforts have earned him widespread recognition, including:

- The American Red Cross Global Citizenship Hero Award, highlighting his extraordinary contributions to the community.
- The Youth Leadership Award from the City of Fresno.
- Formal recognition from leaders such as Rep. Jim Costa, Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, and the City of Fresno for his work in gang prevention, housing advocacy, and anti-sex trafficking initiatives.

Richard has a history of collaboration with the City of Fresno, working with the past three mayors to develop strategies for gang prevention, housing, and restorative justice. He is also deeply committed to partnerships with educational institutions, including a 10-year collaboration with Fresno Unified School District and a strong partnership with Fresno County Office of Education.

With over 400 students currently enrolled in Live Again Fresno programs, Richard's primary focus remains on the health and safety of children, economic mobility, and civic infrastructure. His leadership

continues to shape restorative justice templates for use in Fresno Housing developments, ensuring a brighter future for Fresno's communities.