



**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER MIKE
KARBASSI TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk
BY: Mike Karbassi, Councilmember District 2

 Reappointment
 X New Appointment
Name of person replaced: Lawrence Garcia

Name: James D. Martinez

Address:

Phone:

Appointed to: Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board

Term: Through August 3, 2028

City Council Agenda 01/30/2025

Application Form**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD): Submitted

James

First Name

D

Middle
Initial

Martinez

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? * District 1**Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?**

As a lifelong Fresno resident and former trustee of the Fresno County Board of Education, I have dedicated my public service career to improving the well-being of our community, particularly through education, equity, and expanded opportunities for students. My interest in serving on this board stems from a deep commitment to addressing critical infrastructure issues like flood control, which directly impact the safety and long-term health of Fresno's neighborhoods, schools, and families. With my experience in governance and understanding of local needs, I'm eager to contribute to sustainable solutions that impact our community.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

Fresno City College (August 2004-2007) California State University, Fresno - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (August 2007 - June 2010) University of Southern California - Master of Arts in Communication Management (June 2016- May 2018)

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

With years of experience in government, education, and community service, I bring a well-rounded perspective and a proven record of leadership. As a former trustee and past president of the Fresno County Board of Education, I led initiatives focused on mental wellness, early education, and career pathways—critical areas that required effective collaboration, thoughtful policymaking, and strategic oversight. Growing up in Fresno and experiencing firsthand the challenges our community faces has deepened my commitment to equitable solutions. My background, combined with my experience working across various sectors, has equipped me with the expertise and dedication needed to serve this board effectively.

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

Associated Students Inc. _____
Employer

Director of Operations _____
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.

Linda Hayes, Address: _____, Phone: _____ Melissa Blake, Address: _____, Phone: _____
Kacey Auston-Tibbetts: Address: _____ Phone: _____

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes No