



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

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Amy K. Aller City Clerk

BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

 X Reappointment

 New Appointment

Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: Elizabeth Laval

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Appointed to: Historic Preservation Commission

Term: Through June 30, 2030

City Council 7/30/2026

Application Form

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

Historic Preservation Commission: Submitted

Elizabeth

First Name

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Last Name


Email Address
Home AddressFresno

City

CA

State

93720

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 6Home: 

Primary Phone


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

As a current member of the HPC, President of the Fresno Historical Society, which has now purchased The Archive on Kern, and the curator of the community's treasured Pop Laval Collection, I am well aware of the need to preserve the city's past but in a practical manner that does not impinge on growth when needed. Sadly, not every historical site can be preserved but, at the same time, the random destruction of assets without a concrete plan must also stop. There is a need for cohesive long and short term plans that serve all interests to the best of the Commission's ability. I feel my vast knowledge of local history and current immersion in this arena would be of great benefit to the city and I would like my tenure on the HPC to continue. I believe I bring a unique cultural and historical perspective to the Commission which will truly be of benefit as we grapple with the status of all buildings 50 years of age or more. There is a nice balance on the HPC now between cultural expertise and community engagement. I am dedicated and do my homework and I am not afraid to bring a different viewpoint to the table.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

San Joaquin Memorial High School - attended University of Santa Clara and UC San Diego in the U.S. Moved to Japan and attended school there. Worked in 42 countries and learned on the job for most of my life. Additionally, I have authored five books related to local history and write extensively for Valley Legends...The Legacies Continue, produce documentary films, one of which was awarded an Emmy, convene meaningful Community Panel Conversations, and provide lead on Sharing Our Heritage, an ongoing video Oral History library.

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

Having served on the HPC for a full term now, I believe I bring a unique and greatly needed cultural and historical perspective that is an asset to the Commission and to the community. In my role as President of the Fresno Historical Society, we have dully committed to downtown Fresno with the purchase and operation of The Archive on Kern, the old Downtown Club - listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This 1919 asset is now home to dozens of events and projects each year. The FCCHS has flourished in this environment and has become a true Legacy organization, now in our 107th year.

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

Fresno City & County
Historical Society

Employer

President

Job Title

Work Address

[REDACTED]

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.

S [REDACTED] Chris Woolf
[REDACTED] ndice Pendergrass:

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