



**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: Harman Singh

Name: McKay Duran

Address:



Phone:



Appointed to: Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Term: Through July 1, 2028

City Council 7/17/2025

Application Form

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



Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission (PRAC): Submitted

Mckay

First Name

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Last Name


Email Address
Home AddressFresno

City

CA

State

93710

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 4**Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?**

I am honored to apply for, and eager to serve on the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission (PRAC) because I am passionate about ensuring Fresno's parks, trails, and recreational spaces are safe, clean, and accessible for all. My interest stems from my time on the City of Fresno Youth Commission under Mayor Lee Brand, where I heard youth voices and our desire for engaging, community-focused green spaces. Now, as I envision the parks I want to enjoy with family and neighbors, the need for safe, well-maintained spaces - through a clear and involved community process - is even clearer. I am inspired by the commission's commitment to community engagement and its role with Measure P funds. I want to contribute to this historic process by representing our community and ensuring funds create lasting, meaningful impact. My personal lifelong memories in Fresno's parks drive my desire to help each resident and visitor create their own cherished experiences in safe, welcoming spaces.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

Clovis Community College AA - Political Science 2019 California State University, Fresno BA - Political Science 2021 California State University, San Bernardino MPA - Emphasis in Public Financial Management 2023

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

My qualifications for the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission (PRAC) stem from public service experience and a deep commitment to Fresno's communities. As a member of the City of Fresno Youth Commission under Mayors Lee Brand and Jerry Dyer, I attended community meetings, gathered youth input on priorities like safe, accessible parks, and learned commission procedures, including agenda management and scope limitations. It was through an internship opportunity with The Maddy Institute that I was able to intern for a Fresno City Council office, working with constituents all across the city on issues they were facing in their neighborhood. I then had the opportunity to work within the State Center Community College District where I further developed my experiences around higher education access in the Central Valley. I completed my graduate work to earn a master's in public administration from California State University, San Bernardino, with an emphasis in public financial management, and now appreciate this public financial background to follow the budget process of this commission. Currently, I work for Central California Food Bank, an organization with partners that collectively fight hunger across the Central Valley, serving over 300,000 neighbors each month. These experiences have developed my experiences to best serve Fresno to advance our parks, recreation, and arts initiatives.

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

Central California Food Bank
Employer

Public Policy and Advocacy
Manager
Job Title

Work Address

[REDACTED]

City, State, Zip Code

[REDACTED]

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

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[REDACTED] John Ellis, City of Fresno [REDACTED]

Question applies to multiple boards

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

McKay Duran

WORK EXPERIENCE

Central California Food Bank
Public Policy and Advocacy Manager

May 2024 – Present

- Manage local, state, and federal public policy for regional food bank serving 320,000 neighbors each month.
- Build, develop, and maintain relationships with elected officials and their staff at each level of government.
- Advocate for policy support, funding opportunities, and consensus building with local, state, and federal elected officials.
- Represent organization and neighbors among regional and national advocacy groups and coalitions.

Clovis Community College (SCCCD)
Outreach Specialist, Office of Outreach and College Relations

July 2023 – April 2024

- Managed three assigned high school campuses to ensure students were successfully guided through college matriculation process. Informed hundreds of students about all aspects of the community college experience, serving over 1,000 students each academic year.
- Coordinated with different departments and staff within the college campus to give presentations and workshops for students and community members.
- Strategized to bring local businesses, community stakeholders, and residents into our campus community.
- Recorded data on all students served and interpreted data related to student success and student retention.

Clovis Community College (SCCCD)
Outreach Assistant, Office of Outreach and College Relations

September 2021 – June 2023

- Staffed the campus Welcome Center, serving as the "front door" to the college. Knowledgeable of all college departments, programs, and services to ensure student success.
- Represented the college, department, and campus programs at various events, including college and job fairs, orientation programs, community outreach events, and high school visits. Collaborated with high school counselors, staff, and other educational institutions to support students.

EDUCATION

California State University, San Bernardino
• Master of Public Administration, with emphasis in Public Financial Management
• Member of Pi Alpha Alpha, Public Affairs and Administration Honor Society

2021-2023

California State University, Fresno
• Bachelor of Arts Degree, Political Science, Cum Laude

2019-2021

Clovis Community College
• Associate of Art Degrees in Political Science, Social Science, and Liberal Studies, Cum Laude

2017-2019

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND SERVICE

- Member, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Graduate, Fresno Chamber of Commerce “Political Academy,” 2024
- Graduate, City of Fresno Police Department “Resident’s Academy,” 2024
- Volunteer, Fresno PAL (Police Assistance League) Football Program, 2024
- Graduate, City of Fresno, Office of Community Affairs “Civic Academy,” 2023
- Beautify Fresno Award Recipient, 2022
- City of Fresno Mayoral representative, Youth Commission, 2019-2021