



JERRY P. DYER
MAYOR

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

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk
BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

☐ Reappointment
☒ New Appointment
Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: Joseph Catania

Address:

Phone:

Appointed to: Tower District Specific Plan Implementation Committee

Term: No Term Limit

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

Tower District Specific Plan Implementation Committee: Submitted

Joseph

First Name

M.

Middle Initial

Catania

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 3

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

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

I am a lifelong resident of the Tower District Specific Plan Area. I have been an activist in the Tower District for the past 30 years. I care deeply about my Tower neighborhood. I believe I have skills and insights that would be beneficial to the committee. I have worked well with a variety of people addressing Tower issues. I have a strong interest in City Planning

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

I attended Fresno State for over 2 years. I attended Fresno City College intermittently for personal and professional growth. I received a State of California license for Vocational Nurse which was my major career. I am currently semi-retired.

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

I was one of the people who initially lobbied the City to take action on serious Tower issues that ultimately led to the creation of the original Tower Specific Plan. I was an alternate on that committee and served on its Public Works Committee. I was an original founder and board member of the Tower District Preservation Association. I served on the Events Committee. I conceptualized The Tower Arts Festival and worked with the Fresno Arts Council and the City of Fresno to make it a successful annual event for a number of years. I was member of the short lived downtown committee sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fresno in the 1990's. I am currently a board member of the Tower District Preservation Association. I presented a history of the Tower District Specific Plan to the current implementation Committee. I have a strong interest in city planning. I have worked with numerous neighborhood groups, business groups, nonprofits, and the City of Fresno to facilitate livable communities within Fresno.

Joseph M. Catania

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

Interim Healthcare	Field Supervisor/part time
<small>Employer</small>	<small>Job Title</small>

Work Address

InterInterim Healthcare

City, State, Zip Code

Fresno CA 93720

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

Michael Birdsong: [redacted] Lisa Bersani: [redacted]
Darnell Gist: [redacted]

Resume

6-26-23

Joseph M. Catania

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Employment: Retired. Worked as an LVN at Interim Healthcare (Home Care), and Fresno Community Hospital.

Homeowner in the Tower District Specific Plan Area for approximately 37 years.

Own 2 small residential rental properties in the Tower District Specific Plan Area.

Community Activism:

Prior to the Tower District Specific Plan, I with Michael Birdsong developed and circulated a petition that called for land use and zoning changes, design guidelines, a conscientious review of new developments, and a review of proposed building demolitions in the Tower District. The petition garnered broad support in the community. The petition was delivered to our Tower District Councilperson, Craig Scharton, who began the process of developing a Tower Specific Plan.

I was an Alternate on the Tower District Specific Plan Committee. After the Plan became an Ordinance in 1991, I became a member of the Community Public Works Committee, and worked with our Chair, Bruce Owdom, and others cooperatively with the City of Fresno to address Public Works issues.

In the 1990s I was a founding member of the Tower District Preservation Association (TDPA). The TDPA contributed \$30,000 to the City's Olive Avenue Landscape Project. For 7 years the TDPA co-sponsored with the Fresno Arts Council, The Tower Arts Festival. We worked with the City of Fresno to address the decline of Belmont Avenue. We hosted many positive events in the Tower District. I am Currently the TDPA President, and I am working with Brian Russell and Jill Aiello from City Public Works, as well as Mark Standriff from the City Beautify Fresno Team. The TDPA is interested in contributing a modest amount of money as well as volunteer efforts for a public works project in South Tower. The TDPA continues to explore ways that we can positively affect the Tower Specific Plan Area as well as the City of Fresno as a whole.

I have been attending nearly all the current Tower District Specific Plan Update Committee meetings.

On Saturday, 6-24-23 the City along with the Consultants working on the Plan Update held a community meeting attended by over 150 interested people. I along with Michael Birdsong facilitated the "Historic Preservation" station. I am scheduled to present/facilitate at a Specific Plan panel session and a mobile workshop that will occur in the fall of 2023. My understanding is that I will be part of the transportation/circulation presentation.