



## MAYOR JERRY DYER

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

TO: City Council  
THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk  
BY: Jerry Dyer  
         Reappointment  
  X   New Appointment

Name: Robert Fuentes  
Address: 1636 Broadway St  
Fresno, California 93721

Home Phone: (559) 361-2815

Appointed to: Planning Commission

Term: Through 6/30/2026

## Application Form

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### Profile

#### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Planning Commission: Submitted

Robert

First Name

A.

Middle Initial

Fuentes

Last Name

robert@robertfuentes.org

Email Address

1636 Broadway St.

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

93721

Postal Code

#### What district do you live in? \*

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District 3

Mobile: (559) 361-2815

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

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I was born in the City of Fresno and attended K-12 schools in the City and throughout the Valley. After obtaining my post-secondary education, I returned home to serve the community that raised me. I have lived in downtown for a number of years. I believe in the promise of a revitalized downtown, one that honors the dignity and legacy of long-term residents while welcoming and drawing new tenants, homeowners, and businesses. Good planning is a precursor to fulfilling that promise. Good planning—based in administrative proficiency, policy expertise, and community participation—beautifies neighborhoods, fosters economic development, and protects against environmental harm. It provides fertile ground for businesses to locate and grow while improving the quality of life for new and long-term residents. I wish to serve on the Planning Commission to participate in the planning efforts of not only downtown but the City at large. I hope to use my experience and commitment to serving Fresnoans to help the City grow, build, and thrive.

#### Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

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Juris Doctor, Yale Law School; Master in Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School; Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), Stanford University

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

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I believe my experience on the District Three Project Review Committee, along with my other professional and educational background, have provided me with the knowledge and capacity to serve the Commission well.

**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

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## **Work History**

San Joaquin College of Law

Employer

Adjunct Professor of Law

Job Title

## **Work Address**

901 5th Street

## **City, State, Zip Code**

Clovis, CA 93612

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

Yesenia Lemus, County of Tulare, (559) 789-1186, yespick@gmail.com; Virna L. Santos, Santos Law Group, (559) 500-3900, vsantos@santoslg.com; Julie L. Nickson, U.S. House of Reps., (202) 225-2661, julie.nickson@mail.house.gov

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Yes  No

# Robert A. Fuentes

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(559) 361-2815

## EDUCATION

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<b>Yale Law School</b> Juris Doctor	Sep 11 – May 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submissions Editor, <i>Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal</i></li></ul>	
<b>Harvard Kennedy School</b> Master in Public Administration	Sep 13 – May 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior Editor, <i>Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy</i></li></ul>	
<b>Stanford University</b> Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Political Science	Sep 03 – Jun 07
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hoefler Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing, 2006-07</li></ul>	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>San Joaquin College of Law</b> , Clovis, CA <i>Adjunct Professor of Law</i>	Aug 20 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teach courses on evidence to second- and third-year law students</li></ul>	
<b>United States District Court</b> , Fresno, CA <i>Staff Attorney</i>	Sep 19 – Feb 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managed caseloads of federal judges in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California</li><li>• Reviewed pleadings, conducted legal research, and drafted opinions in cases involving <i>pro se</i> litigants</li><li>• Assisted judges with preparing for and conducting case-related hearings, conferences, and trials</li></ul>	
<b>Law Office of Robert A. Fuentes</b> , Fresno, CA <i>Solo Practitioner</i>	Aug 18 – Sep 19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Represented clients in employment matters in federal and state courts and before the U.S. Office of Special Counsel</li><li>• Represented an organizational client in consumer protection matters before the California Public Utilities Commission</li><li>• Represented clients <i>pro bono</i> in federal immigration matters</li></ul>	

## LEGAL INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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<b>Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic</b> , Yale Law School <i>Law Student Intern</i>	Jan 12 – May 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Represented clients in a multi-plaintiff civil action in federal court and in freedom of information litigation</li><li>• Co-wrote appellee brief in <i>Thiersaint v. Commissioner of Correction</i> (Conn. 2015; SC 19134) on the retroactivity of <i>Padilla v. Kentucky</i> under Connecticut state law</li></ul>	
<b>California Attorney General's Office</b> <i>Legal Intern, Executive Office</i>	Jun 14 – Aug 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted legal and policy research to advance the Attorney General's anti-recidivism programs, including the Back on Track-Los Angeles initiative</li><li>• Wrote memos on U.S. Supreme Court decisions that affect California residents and the California Department of Justice</li></ul>	

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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<b>Fresno Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Public Financing Authority</b>	May 20 – Present
<b>Fresno Planning Commission</b>	May 21 – Dec 21
<b>Fresno Anti-Displacement Task Force</b>	Jan 19 – Dec 21
<b>Fresno City Council District Three Project Review Committee</b>	May 19 – May 21