



City of Merced Local Appointments List

2026

NOTICE OF BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE APPOINTIVE TERMS, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54972

City of Merced residents interested in openings must submit an Application, which may be completed online through the City's website (at www.cityofmerced.gov).

ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Commission consists of seven City of Merced voting members, and four non-voting, ex-officio members, who may be non-City residents. (Est. 7/16/2018 by Ord. No. 2489.)		
Meets on the 3rd Thursday (of odd-numbered months) at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber PURPOSE: To serve as an advisory body on matters having to do with public art, art projects, cultural programs and activities, and the promotion of the arts within the City. (Authority: Chapter 2.54 of the Merced Municipal Code.)			
MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment	Date Current Term Expires
Rocha-Tabera, Gregorio	District 1	7/18/2022	7/1/2026
Zaragoza, Maria	District 2	7/18/2022	7/1/2026
Tran, Tommy	District 5	7/18/2022	7/1/2026
Thompson, Angelina	District 6	9/6/2022	7/1/2026
Cuccia, Nichlos	Ex-Officio	7/17/2023	7/1/2026
Rodriguez, Eddie	Ex-Officio	9/6/2022	7/1/2026
Wolf, Brie	Ex-Officio	7/7/2025	7/1/2026
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. Persons who demonstrate a strong concern for bicycle-related issues within the City are encouraged to apply. The Commission consists of seven City of Merced voting members, and two non-voting, ex-officio members, who may be non-City residents.		
Meets on the 4th Tuesday (of even-numbered months) at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber PURPOSE: The BAC serves as an advisory body to the City Council on matters relating to improving safety conditions for bicyclists, while promoting bicycling as a means of transportation to improve air quality. The Commission also helps to implement policy, programs, and bike routes. (Est. 2/17/2009 by Ord. No. 2323.)			
MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment	Date Current Term Expires
Gonzalez, Dina	District 2	8/18/2025	07/01/2026
Kayser, Lisa	District 5	7/17/2023	07/01/2026
Martinez, Arturo	District 6	8/18/2025	07/01/2026
Sandoval, Omar	Ex-Officio	7/15/2024	07/01/2026
Harmelin, Craig	Ex-Officio	8/18/2025	07/01/2026
BUILDING AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Board consists of five members. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate a working-knowledge and understanding of the City's Building, Housing, Administrative, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire-Prevention, and Abatement of Dangerous Buildings Codes.		
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber (following the first City Council meeting of the month) PURPOSE: The Board hears and decides appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Chief Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of the Merced Municipal Code. The Board consists of five voting members, three of whom are registered or licensed professionals in the trades of design, engineering, construction, or inspection of buildings. In addition, the Chief Building Official serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member and acts as Secretary to the Board. (Est. 4/5/2004 by Ord. No. 2151.)			
MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment	Date Current Term Expires
Escobedo, Alberto	Member	7/17/2023	07/01/2026
Patterson, Steven	Member	7/18/2022	07/01/2026
Allen, James	Member	7/18/2022	07/01/2026

TAX TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Commission consists of seven voting members. There are also ex-officio members representing various recognized municipal employee bargaining units. (Est. by ordinances 2510 and 2525.)		
Meets the 2nd Tuesday two months after the end of each quarter at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber PURPOSE: Reviews projected revenues generated by the voter-approved Measure C and Measure Y sales taxes and recommends proposed expenditures to the City Council.			
	MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment Date Current Term Expires
Chu, Eric	District 4	3/17/2025	07/01/2026
PERSONNEL BOARD Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Board consists of five members—two nominated by election by employees in the classified service, one nominated by the Board for appointment by the City Council, and two appointed directly by the City Council. (Created by City Charter, Section 709.)		
Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber PURPOSE: Recommends to the City Council the adoption, amendment, or repeal of civil service rules and regulations; hears appeals of any person in the classified service relative to any suspension, demotion, or dismissal; and makes any investigation which it may consider desirable concerning the administration of City personnel.			
	MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment Date Current Term Expires
Toconis, Pamela	Council Appointed	12/16/2024	07/01/2026
PLANNING COMMISSION Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Commission consists of seven members, none of whom hold any paid office or employment in the City government. (Created in 1955 by City Charter, Section 707.)		
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber (following the City Council meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month) PURPOSE: The Commission holds public hearings to periodically update the City's General Plan and to review applications for discretionary development within the City, including recommendations for projects requiring final City Council action. In doing so, it studies land subdivisions, planning, and zoning matters, and recommends to the City Council the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the City's General Plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission also serves as the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission and as the Board of Zoning Adjustment.			
	MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment Date Current Term Expires
Thao, Yang Pao	District 2	7/17/2023	07/01/2026
Gonzalez, Anthony	District 5	7/18/2022	07/01/2026
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Commission consists of seven members, none of whom hold any paid office or employment in the City government. (Created by City Charter, Section 711.)		
Meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber PURPOSE: Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to recreation and parks; considers the annual budget for recreation and parks during the process of its preparation, and makes recommendations with respect thereto to the City Manager and to the City Council; and assists in the planning of a recreation program for the citizens of Merced.			
	MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment Date Current Term Expires
Smith, Walter	District 1	9/6/2022	07/01/2026
Abong, Sabrina	District 3	3/17/2025	07/01/2026
Huitron, Valente	District 4	7/18/2022	07/01/2026
Bauer, Joseph	District 6	9/6/2022	07/01/2026

REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY Four-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The Authority consists of seven members. (Est. 7/1/2013 by Ord. No. 2410.)		
Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber PURPOSE: Created for the provision and maintenance of public airports and landing places for the use of the public. (Authority: Chapter 2.31 of the Merced Municipal Code.)			
MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment	Date Current Term Expires
Johnson, Delvina Abong, Sabrina Vacancy	Member Member Member	07/07/2025 07/18/2022	07/01/2026 07/01/2026 07/01/2027
CITIZEN ADVISORY FOCUS GROUP Two-Year Term	Necessary qualifications: Current City of Merced residents who are registered to vote in City elections are eligible. The focus group consist of seven members, two City Council members, and one representative of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, Recreation and Parks Commission, and the Regional Airport Authority.		
Regular Meetings are expected to be held every month to every other month at 6 pm or arranged by the CAFG. PURPOSE: Serves as an advisory body to the City Council on matters having to do with the preparation of the Comprehensive General Plan Update (GP) and the Downtown Station Area Plan (DSAP). In forming the CAFG, it is the intent of the City Council to gain a diverse insight and set of opinions into the areas of study for the GP/DSAP. The CAFG will provide guidance and feedback to ensure the GP/DSAP are in line with community needs and priorities, as well as make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council.			
MEMBER(S)	Nomination By:	Date of Last Appointment	Date Current Term Expires
Vacancy	Recreation and Parks Commissioner		07/01/2027

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