

# Zaira Cortez-Zacarias

## Commission On The Status Of Women Application

District: 2

Initialed Application: **Yes**

### Applicant

First Name: **Zaira**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Cortez-Zacarias**

Ethnicity: **Hispanic/Latino**

Gender: **Female**

### Employment

Occupation: **Dental Assistant**

Job Title: **Dental Assistant/Patient care coordinator.**

Employer: **Salinas Smiles Dental Group**

### Interests and Experiences

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group? **No**

Has served on an advisory group before? **No**

Able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill duties as a member? **Yes**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

I'm currently a first generation college student graduating this fall 2024 majoring in collaborative health and human services, and I have an interest in public policy development. One of my biggest passions is supporting social justice in every aspect, coming from immigrant parents and being a minority in society I have gotten to experience and see many in my community. I want to learn more about public policy as I intended to get into a career that will involve public policy in some way, that being social worker or public policy. my goal is to be part of a commission in order to familiarize myself, and for personal growth and interest.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district:

**I would like to be part of this board commission to help make an impact in my community, after all I want to take this as a learning experience on local government processes, public policy, professional growth. I would also like to take the opportunity to network with other local leaders.**

How did you hear about the position?:

**I heard about this position through a speaker Priscilla Barba Chief of Staff.**