

# Mitchel Winick

## Housing Advisory Committee Application

District: **5**

Initialed Application: **Yes**

### Applicant

First Name: **Mitchel**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Winick**

Ethnicity: **White**

Gender: **Male**

### Employment

Occupation: **Law Dean**

Job Title: **President, Dean, and CEO**

Employer: **Monterey College of Law**

Employer Address:

### Interests and Experiences

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group? **Yes**

Has served on an advisory group before? **Yes**

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 serve as President, Dean, and CEO of Monterey College of Law, a unique 501(c)3 non-profit California accredited law school system headquartered in Monterey that includes Monterey College of Law, San Luis Obispo College of Law, Kern County College of Law, and Empire College of Law. MCL is one of the first two California Accredited Law Schools (CALs) authorized to offer a hybrid online J.D./M.L.S. degree program and the only CALs authorized to offer a post-graduate LL.M. degree. The MCL law schools provide high quality, part-time, evening law degree programs for traditional and non-traditional students. The law school also provides over a dozen community legal advisory clinics to serve at-risk and under-represented community members throughout Monterey County. We respond to an average of 5,000 telephone inquiries and 1,000 advisory appointments each year. Many of these issues are related to landlord/tenant and housing conflicts. As such, I am very aware of the unique challenges related to housing throughout the County. I am interested in the complex challenges facing the County as it works to provide additional housing that will enhance the quality of life for existing residents as well as addressing the need for an expanding workforce to meet the needs of area business and industry.**

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

**As a lawyer who has previous experience in real estate development, community development, and market analysis, I am interested in the complex challenges facing the County as it works to provide additional housing for all levels of residents. These challenges include environmental regulations, water use policy, state housing mandates, and federal, state, county, and municipal housing laws and regulations. Having a legal background and experience in public policy development should be an asset for the Housing Advisory Committee. I also currently serve as one of seven directors of the Seaside Housing Collaborative, a 501(c)3 organization formed by the city to focus on providing more affordable housing within the city. I was appointed by the Seaside City Council to the volunteer position as one of two non-resident directors. It seems to me that affordable and inclusionary housing issues are complimentary challenges for both County and City policies and strategies and that participating in both could be beneficial to both committees.**

How did you hear about the position?:  
**Supervisor Adam's community email.**

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