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Emergency Medical Care Committee Application

Kurt Schake

Initialed Application: Yes

Applicant

First Name: **Kurt**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Schake**

Employment

Occupation: **Social Services, Philanthropy**

Job Title: **CEO**

Employer: **Veterans Transition Center of California**

Interests and Experiences

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

Yes

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

No

Has served on an advisory group before?

Yes

I was a member and Board chair of the Monterey Salinas Transit Advisory Board.

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

I seek to serve the community in an area of critical care. I feel drawn to public service and feel my background would assist the committee's mission, as shown in the short bio below: Kurt Schake is the CEO of the Veterans Transition Center of California, with a mission to empower Veterans to move from crisis to self-sufficiency. They are the largest Veteran serving non-profit on the Central Coast. Daily, VTC provides housing and all wrap around services to over 180 Veterans and family members. During his tenure, VTC has been recognized three times as Monterey County's non-profit of the year, as well as California's non-profit of the year. Community affiliations include serving as the board chair of the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, the Last Chance Mercantile (sustainable resale), and the Monterey Salinas Transit Advisory Board (transportation). He has also been a board member of the Bi-county Leadership Council (homeless services), the

Rothenbuehler Foundation (Veterans), and Dentistry4Vets (healthcare). He was also a Colonel in the California State Guard. Schake spent a quarter century on active duty in the Air Force, including a decade in Europe. He has been a fighter pilot, NATO requirements officer, and director of the Air Force Academy's survival program. He has an MBA from St Mary's College and a PhD from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He and his wife Heidi live in Carmel Valley. They have four grown boys and three rescue dogs.

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

The purpose of EMCC is to ensure constituents are actively engaged in decisions regarding the use of County EMS funds and the development of County EMS policies. I am a retired Air Force Colonel, run a non-profit, and have an MBA, so I am very familiar with the proper use and full accountability of government funds. I have served nine years with a non-profit which houses formerly homeless Veterans, many of whom have used EMS across the county. And I live in an unincorporated area, so I seek to raise issues from these less populated and more remote parts of the county.

How did you hear about the position?:

I heard of the position from Steve Brooks of the County of Monterey EMS Agency

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

None.