

MONTEREY COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

Today's Date

02/05/2026

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

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Title:

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City of Residence:

Pacific Grove

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

Monterey County Weekly / Monterey County Now

Business Address:

668 Williams Avenue
Seaside, California 93955
[Map It](#)

Business Website:

<https://www.montereycountynow.com/>

Number of Current Employees:

28

Number of Years with Current Business:

27

Number of Years the Business has been in business in Monterey County:

38

Please describe the nature of the Business and your position within the Business:

I lead the largest local media operation covering Monterey County. The Weekly and our digital platforms (Monterey County Now) regularly wins awards for its journalism and is a very active member of the business community. I lead the business operations and have oversight responsibilities for the entire company.

Please list your current chamber and association memberships, the duration of each membership and the positions you currently hold:

Monterey Peninsula Chamber - 40+ years
Pacific Grove Chamber - 40+ years
Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce - 40+ years
Carmel Chamber of Commerce - 40+ years
MCHA - 40+ years
See Monterey - 40+ years

As a member of your business with optimum policy authority, please describe your responsibilities within your organization:

See above

Monterey County Workforce Development Board

What do you hope to contribute from your participation on the Monterey County Workforce Development Board?

I've long admired the mission of the WDB and hope to be able to lend my talents to linking job seekers to good jobs.

What experience in the areas of fundraising, budget analysis, workforce policy development, youth services, knowledge of the labor market, and community involvement or linkages with educational agencies do you bring to the Monterey County Workforce Development Board, as applicable?

see above

Membership on the Monterey County WDB requires that each member attend a full WDB meeting every two months, attend training sessions for board members and become an advocate for workforce development. The time commitment for these activities ranges from a minimum of 2 to 4 hours per month. Can you make that time commitment?

Yes

Membership on the Monterey County WDB requires that each member serves on a subcommittee. The time commitment for this activity ranges from a minimum of 2 to 3 hours per month. Can you make that time commitment?

Yes

Why do you wish to serve on the Monterey County Workforce Development Board?

To lend my help improving the lives of members of the community and enhancing economic development for business owners.

Acknowledgment

I, the undersigned, certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that, if appointed to serve, I will do so to the best of my ability and in the best interest of Monterey County and its citizens.

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