



Application

Name of Board, Commission or Committee: Monterey County Regional Fire District

Email *

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First Name *

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Last Name *

Address 1 *

Address 2 (optional)

City *

State *

CA

Postal Code *

What district do you live in? *

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

Gender

Primary Phone *

Alternate Phone

Please identify how you prefer to be contacted.

- Please contact me by **mail**, using the address listed above
- Please contact me by **phone** using number entered above
- Please contact me by **email**

Are you currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group? *

- Yes
- No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve.

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

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Have you served on an advisory group before?

Yes No

If yes, please explain

How did you hear about the position?

I heard about this position from Supervisor Adams and Supervisor Askew-- they advertised it.

Monterey County Policy - states that Commissioners are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member *

Yes No

Background Information

Include a resume with the names, addresses, and dates of employers for the last five (5) years and a brief statement of interest/intent in this position.

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Employer

Cal. State University Monterey Bay

Job Title

Director of Governmental and External Relations

Occupation

Government and External Affairs

Employer Address

100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955

Information Regarding Conflict of Interest and Filing of Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700)

State and local law requires that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interest, including sources of income and interest in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement that identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate 12 months period prior to your appointment.

In accordance with Government Code Sections 87313 and the County of Monterey's Conflict of Interest Code, this Board/commission/Committee/District, you may be required to file statements disclosing certain types of information so that the public can be made aware of potential conflicts of interest. The types of disclosures are:

- Investments
- Interests in Real Property Held by a Business Entity or Trust
- Investments Held by a Business Entity or Trust Income (other than loans and gifts)
- Income – Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements
- Income gifts
- Business Positions
- Commission Income Received by Brokers, Agents, and Salespersons
- Income and Loans to a Business Entity or Trust Income from Rental Property

If you have any questions regarding disclosure requirements, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at **831-755-5066**.

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION AND TERMINATION, THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Enter Your Initials *

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NICOLE ELIZABETH (CHARLES) HOLLINGSWORTH, MPA



EDUCATION

Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA

2017 - Executive Master Degree in Public Administration. Graduated with Highest Honors.

Dissertation: "A Case Study of the California State Legislature's E-Governance System: Reinventing Citizen Engagement in the Legislative Process,"

Achieved maximum score.

California State University Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA

2009 - B.A. Human Communications, Concentration Pre-Law.

Senior Dissertation: "The War Against Global Warming: A Case Study of California's Bold Initiatives,"

Achieved maximum score.

College Park High School, Pleasant Hill, CA

2005 - High School Diploma

RECENT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

California State University, Monterey Bay

Seaside, CA

Director of Governmental and External Relations

March 2020 – Present

- Leads governmental relations program on the local, state, and federal levels in such areas as policy analysis and advocacy, budget, capital outlay, legal affairs bond campaigns and land use in coordination with the President and senior leadership team
- Represents the campus in external community programs and activities. Creates and maintains good will and greater community understanding of the university and its education, research and service programs
- Ensures CSUMB's annual submission of policy and program requests for the CSU, state and federal agenda and Congressional appropriations
- Coordinates external messaging efforts with CSUMB marketing and alumni relations
- Serves as principal liaison and maintains cooperative relationships between the Senator and constituents, governmental bodies, local elected officials, business and political associations, and the general public
- Serves on local boards and commissions on CSUMB's behalf including the Chamber of Commerce

California State Senate

Monterey, CA

District Director for Senate Majority Leader Bill Monning

July 2013 – March 2020

- Promoted to lead the operation of four district offices, manage five district staff and interns (including hiring new staff)
- Develop and manage official State Senate website and outreach plan/materials
- Assist the Senator with special projects/initiatives including the establishment of the CA Central Coast State Veteran's Cemetery
- Serve as principal liaison and maintain cooperative relationships between the Senator and constituents, governmental bodies, local elected officials, business and political associations, and the general public
- Serve on local boards and commissions on the Senator's behalf

California State Assembly/Senate

Monterey, CA

Field Representative for Assemblymember/Senator Bill Monning

November 2010 – July 2013

- Represented the Assemblymember/Senator at events and community meetings, conferences, workshops, and ceremonial occasions throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and Santa Clara Counties
- Initiated government administrative action in response to community concerns and constituent problems
- Established and maintained cooperative relationships with community groups, elected officials, local and state agencies, private interest groups, and the general public

The Monterey Bay Aquarium

Monterey, CA

Administrative Assistance for Special Projects

January 2009 – July 2010

- Assisted in coordinating logistics for the *Cooking for Solutions* events at the Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Assisted in coordinating logistics for other events per the Conservation Outreach, Special Events Team
- Facilitated in the execution of the *Cooking for Solutions* events at the Monterey Bay Aquarium

RECENT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Monterey, CA

Board Member

July 2023 – Present

- Chair the Economic Vitality Committee to focus on programming for members focused on regional economic impact
- Attend meetings, events, and local ribbon cuttings hosted by the Chamber for the business community

7th District Agricultural Association, Monterey County Fair Board

Monterey, CA

Board Member – Appointed by Governor Brown

January 2019 – Present

- Work with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to focus on policy objectives; the operational, financial and administrative functions of the fair; strategic planning strategies; the budget, and the long term welfare of the fair
- Make constructive suggestions and help the Board make decisions that benefit the fair and the community it serves

Democratic Women of Monterey County

Monterey, CA

Board Member At Large, Political Liaison, President, Past President

January 2018 – Present

- Apprise the board and membership of current political information relevant to the DWMC platform and endorsed activities
- Foster the DWMC mission to inspire and empower women to be a catalyst of progressive social change and the leaders in our community who will fight effectively for critically needed, sustainable, positive change in our society

California State University Monterey Bay Foundation Board of Directors

Seaside, CA

Secretary & Board Member

September 2014 – March 2020

- Served as Secretary of the Board from 2015 – Present
- Work to direct and guide the policy and vision of leadership to foster and support the goals and mission of Cal. State Monterey Bay

California State University Monterey Bay Alumni Association

Seaside, CA

President & Board Member

July 2012 – July 2018

- Served as President of the Board from 2013 – 2015
- Work to continue the vision of CSUMB through opportunities for alumni to remain engaged, connected, and give back to current and future students.

Sierra Club, Ventana Chapter

Monterey, CA

Member of the Executive Committee

June 2008 – November 2010

- Served on the Board of Executive Members
- Various work on subcommittees to oversee funding of current restoration, conservation and political efforts towards environmental sustainability

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