



Submitted application for

# HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Email \***

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**First Name \***

Jose Luis

**MI**

**Last Name \***

Barajas

**Address 1 \***

**Address 2 (optional)**

**City \***

**State \***

**Postal Code \***

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**

**What district do you live in? \***

**Primary Phone \***

**Alternate Phone \***

Please identify how you prefer to be contacted.

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

No

## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve

I want to serve on the Housing Advisory Committee to be a voice for young people in our highly visible and burdensome housing crisis. As a 24 year-old who just moved into his own place, I know firsthand the difficulties young people face when attempting to rent our their own housing especially given the high cost of housing in Monterey County. However, this is far from my first interaction with the housing crisis left by generation before me. When my parents and I immigrated to the United States, we lived anywhere we could find reasonably priced housing which oftentimes meant we would have to live in other people's garages. I've also had close relatives of mine that lost their homes during the 2008 recession, witnessing firsthand how poor regulations and policy led to a preventable outcome. I also have the distinction of being an out and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, which I believe brings a distinct worldview and perspective to the housing discussion given the rise of anti-LGBTQ+ policies and legislation being pursued state-wide and nation-wide.

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

I bring a breadth of experiences and perspectives as a young, Latino, LGBTQ+, and immigrant. I strongly believe that I can be a strong and effective advocate to offer recommendations on how out County can better address our housing crisis and best meet the needs of its diverse residents.

Have you served on an advisory group before?

No

How did you hear about the position?

Supervisor Luis Alejo's Instagram post

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

## Background Information

Upload a resume with the names, addresses, and dates of employers for the last five (5) years.

**Employer**

**Job Title**

**Occupation**

**Employer Address**

N/A

## 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:

N/A

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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 \***

JLB