



# Behavioral Health Commission Application

## Albert Lomeli

District: 1

Initialed Application: Yes

### Applicant

First Name: **Albert**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Lomeli**

### Employment

Occupation: **Educator**

Job Title: **Social Studies Teacher**

Employer: **Salinas Union High School District**

### 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?

**No**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

**I am writing to express my heartfelt interest in serving as a member of the Behavioral Health Commission. As a dedicated secondary education teacher and someone deeply affected by the loss of a friend to suicide, I am committed to advocating for improved mental health services and support systems within our community. Throughout my career as an educator, I have encountered firsthand the challenges that students face regarding mental health issues. These challenges often go beyond academic performance and impact their overall well-being and future prospects. The loss of my friend to suicide has underscored the critical need for proactive mental health initiatives and accessible resources. I am passionate about promoting mental health awareness and destigmatizing discussions around mental illness. As a member of the Behavioral Health Commission, I aim to contribute my insights and experiences to develop strategies that enhance mental health education, support services, and crisis intervention within our community.**

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

**My background in secondary education has equipped me with the skills to communicate effectively with young people and their families, fostering open dialogue and encouraging seeking help when needed. I believe in the power of education and advocacy to empower individuals and communities in addressing mental health challenges. It would be an honor to serve on the Behavioral Health Commission and collaborate with fellow members to implement policies and programs that prioritize mental health wellness and resilience. I am committed to leveraging my background and personal experiences to contribute meaningfully to the commission's mission of improving mental health outcomes and promoting a compassionate and supportive community environment.**

How did you hear about the position?:

**Website; contact County Supervisor contact email to find out how best to serve the community**

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

**None**