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# Behavioral Health Commission Application

## Claudia Gomez

District: 4

Initialed Application: Yes

### Applicant

First Name: **Claudia**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Gomez**

### Employment

Occupation: **Administrator/ Child Development Specialist**

Job Title: **Director of Family Services**

Employer: **Door to Hope**

### 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?

**Yes**

**Behavioral Health Commission, Child Abuse Prevention Council**

Has served on an advisory group before?

**Yes**

**Bright Beginnings**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

**My passion is serving families and assuring that all families in Monterey County can access the services they need to thrive. I work with families directly and want to share their experiences and perspectives with those that help shape our systems of care. I also come from a family in which mental health and substance use disorders are very prevalent and have impacted us deeply. I see how my family members struggle to get the support they need to be healthy and this is a way for me to bring forth their struggles and work towards a system that breaks down the many barriers they have in accessing services and treatment. This is my way of**

**helping and fighting for the wellbeing of my brother, my grandfathers, my uncles, and cousins.**

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

**As a commissioner, the last two years have been incredibly educational and beneficial for my personal and professional development. I am learning about county systems and services and the fractures that need to be addressed. I want to be part of solving some of these issues to make it easier for more people to get the treatments they need to live a healthy and fulfilled life. I want to share what I see my own family struggle with as well as the hundreds of families I work with in my professional role.**

How did you hear about the position?:

**Co-worker from F5**