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Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Application Jessica McKillip

District: 4

Initialed Application: Yes

Applicant

First Name: Jessica

Middle Initial:

Last Name: McKillip

Employment

Occupation: Nonprofit Transportation service

Job Title: **Executive Director**

Employer: Independent Transportation Network Monterey County

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

Area Agency on Aging Council

Has served on an advisory group before?

Yes

I've been involved in this council since 2018 and value the important work the AAA Council does in the realm of helping older adults and persons with disabilities in our county.

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

I've served as the Executive Director for ITNMontereyCounty since 2018, growing the organization to over 700 member riders, delivering over 110,000 rides since January 2011, and proudly serving on the Mobility Advisory Council for MST and currently the Vice Chair of Monterey County's Area Agency on Aging Council. A

California native raised on a small family farm in the Central Valley, I moved to Monterey in 2000 to attend Cal State Monterey Bay, where I graduated with a dual major in Public Health & Social Work from the Collaborative Health and Human Services Department. My work in the nonprofit sector since 2006 has stretched from operating local farmers markets, expanding a healthy eating education program in after-school programs with at-risk youth, to operating a downtown business district with numerous committee projects in historic Oldtown Salinas. While living on the peninsula for over 25 years, I've volunteered with the Marina Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, the Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival, and the Monterey Young Professionals Group. I'm currently a member of Monterey Cypress Auxiliary Unit 694, and President of Junior League of Monterey County, and I care deeply about making a positive difference in the county.

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

As shared above, I've got a passion to make the community in which I live a better place for everyone - especially those with adverse challenges and limitations. The work the AAA Council does is a wonderful way to ensure that resources and services offered meet the needs of our community.

How did you hear about the position?:

As an active council member during our meeting updates trying to ensure compliance of vacancies and increase involvement.

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

none			