

Monterey County Workforce Development Board – Application for Membership

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Alma Diaz

Title:

Field Office Manager

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City of Residence:

Salinas

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

Employment Development Department

Business Address:

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Number of Current Employees:

20

Number of Years with Current Business:

17

Please describe the nature of the Business and your position within the Business:

I serve as a Field Office Manager/Employment Program Manager II (EPM II) for the Employment Development Department within the Los Angeles Coastal Division, oversee the Santa Cruz County and Monterey County cluster. In this role, I engage with community members and key stakeholders throughout Monterey County.

Please list your current chamber and association memberships, the duration of each membership and the positions you currently hold:

Serve as board member to the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board.

As a member of your business with optimum policy authority, please describe your responsibilities within your organization:

As Employment Program Manager II, I am responsible for the programs, personnel and properties of the Employment Development Department (EDD) field office, branches and outstations. I convey and interprets Departmental policies, provides information and technical guidance to the staff and the community thereby assisting efforts to develop the full employment potential of local human resources.

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What do you hope to contribute from your participation on the Monterey County Workforce Development Board?

I hope to continue to represent and promote EDD's mission, goals and values. Continue to develop and manage constructive relationships with customers inside and outside the Department. I hope to continue to enhance the partnership between EDD, Monterey County WDB and community partners and stakeholders.

What experience in the areas of fundraising, budget analysis, workforce policy development, youth services, knowledge of the labor market, and community involvement or linkages with educational agencies do you bring to the Monterey County Workforce Development Board, as applicable?

With over 17 years of experience with EDD, I have held a variety of roles within Workforce Services, including which include Employment Program Representative, Case Manager, Trainer, Division Staff, and Employment Program Manager. Throughout my career, I have worked closely with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partners to ensure effective service delivery, referrals and coordination. Additionally, I work with employers, elected officials, educational institutions and other stakeholders to ensure EDD services and programs meet the needs of the communities we serve. I believe my experience and insights would allow me to actively continue to contribute to the board's strategic direction.

Membership on the Monterey County WDB requires that each member attend a full WDB meeting every two months, attend training sessions for board members and become an advocate for workforce development. The time commitment for these activities ranges from a minimum of 2 to 4 hours per month. Can you make that time commitment?

Yes

Membership on the Monterey County WDB requires that each member serves on a subcommittee. The time commitment for this activity ranges from a minimum of 2 to 3 hours per month. Can you make that time commitment?

Yes

Why do you wish to serve on the Monterey County Workforce Development Board?

As a partner in the WIOA system, I would like to continue serving on the Monterey County Workforce Development Board because of the vital role community collaboration plays in strengthening our region. Serving on the board offers an opportunity to better support our stakeholders and address the needs of the communities we serve. Being part of the MCWDB provides a valuable platform to network, gain firsthand insights from diverse perspectives, and learn from various industries and community organizations to identify new ways to collaborate. Ultimately, this work enables me to better serve the people who rely on these programs and ensure they receive the support and opportunities they deserve.

Acknowledgment

I, the undersigned, certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that, if appointed to serve, I will do so to the best of my ability and in the best interest of Monterey County and its citizens.

Date

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