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Commission On The Status Of Women

Application

Crystal Garza

District: 2
Initialed Application: Yes

Applicant

First Name: **Crystal**
Middle Initial:
Last Name: **Garza**

Employment

Occupation:
Job Title:
Employer:

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 a lifelong Monterey County resident, full-time student, mother, and community advocate who is passionate about supporting women, children, and families. My personal and educational experiences have given me a strong understanding of the challenges many women face, including barriers to education, housing instability, economic hardship, domestic violence, and access to resources. I am currently pursuing my bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies at California State University, Monterey Bay, with the goal of becoming an educator and continuing to serve my community. Returning to college as a nontraditional student has strengthened my belief in the importance of opportunity, support systems, and advocacy for women at every stage of life. As someone who has overcome significant personal challenges, including being a young mother and navigating difficult life circumstances, I understand the resilience required for women to achieve their

goals. These experiences have inspired me to become actively involved in efforts that promote education, prevention, empowerment, and community engagement. I am also developing Safe Choices Strong Minds, a community-focused initiative dedicated to helping youth make positive choices and build healthy futures. I would like to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women because I believe every woman deserves equal opportunities, dignity, safety, and access to the resources needed to thrive. I hope to contribute both my lived experiences and my commitment to service while helping identify community needs, promote equity, and advocate for positive change for women throughout Monterey County. Serving on this commission would be an opportunity to give back to the community that has shaped my life and to help create a stronger future for women and families in our county.

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

I would like to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women because I am passionate about advocating for women, children, and families in Monterey County. Throughout my life, I have experienced and witnessed many of the challenges women face, including barriers to education, economic hardship, housing instability, and domestic violence. These experiences have given me a strong desire to help create positive change and ensure that women have access to the resources, opportunities, and support they need to succeed. As a full-time student pursuing a degree in education and a community advocate, I am committed to empowering others through education, prevention, and outreach. I believe my lived experiences, combined with my dedication to service, would allow me to bring a valuable perspective to the commission. I am eager to learn from fellow commissioners, contribute to meaningful discussions, and help advance initiatives that promote equality, safety, and opportunity for women throughout Monterey County. Serving on this commission would allow me to give back to my community while helping amplify the voices and needs of women and families who may otherwise go unheard.

How did you hear about the position?:

On Instagram

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

none at this time