

June 12, 2025

Claudia Gomez

Dear Supervisor Lopez and Monterey County Behavioral Health Commission,

It is a sincere honor to continue another term as one of Monterey County's Behavioral Health Commissioners. I was born and raised in Monterey County and for the past 20 years have been learning about the needs of children and families in our diverse communities. As a child development specialist and parent educator, and now as an administrator, I am learning about our systems of care and community services that work to ensure families can create healthy and safe ecosystems for their children. All my past and current work has included family mental health outcomes as a primary goal. Being a Behavioral Health Commissioner has given me the opportunity to share what I continue to learn from my direct work and personal experiences as well as to connect with and learn from the network of systems that come together to coordinate our county's efforts to assure all residents in Monterey County can live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Over the last five years I have seen a shift in our county towards a more cohesive and collaborative system of care. I am proud of the efforts our community partners are making to work cooperatively to make services equitable and inclusive for our diverse communities. I have personally adopted this spirit of collaboration within my own work and have seen the tremendous positive shifts we have made that have produced better outcomes for our families. Because of these efforts, more families receive the support needed to establish and maintain healthy loving homes for their children.

As a Behavioral Health Commissioner, I can continue this work on a county-wide and system-wide level. I am excited to continue learning from the experiences of current Commissioners as well as to contribute to the essential work the Behavioral Health Commission is doing for all Monterey County residents. It would be my honor to serve another term as Commissioner of the Monterey County Behavioral Health Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

Claudia Gomez