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# Parks Commission Application

## Nicholas Kite

District: 5

Initialed Application: Yes

### Applicant

First Name: **Nicholas**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Kite**

### Employment

Occupation: **Health Care**

Job Title: **Corporate Account Manager**

Employer: **Montage Health**

### 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**

**Economic Development Committee**

Has served on an advisory group before?

**Yes**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

**My name is Nick Kite, and I have lived and worked in Monterey County for most of my life. I was born at Fort Ord and have deep personal ties to this community. Much of my time outside of work is dedicated to local nonprofit and volunteer efforts focused on youth development, arts, recreation, and community well-being. I currently serve in leadership and board roles with several local organizations, including Marina Youth Arts and the Monterey Stinging Jellies Disc Golf Club, and I regularly help organize community events and volunteer-driven projects. I am seeking to serve on the Parks Commission because I believe parks play a critical role in providing free and affordable recreation that is accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. Our parks are often the most equitable spaces in a community, offering opportunities for physical activity, mental wellness, social**

connection, and outdoor enjoyment regardless of income. I previously served on the Parks Commission, where I helped design and gather volunteers to build the disc golf course at Royal Oaks Park. This project became the first disc golf course in a Monterey County park and is a great example of how partnerships and volunteer engagement can expand recreational offerings at little cost while creating a space that is welcoming, inclusive, and heavily used by the community. Disc golf, in particular, has shown me how low-barrier recreation can activate parks, bring together diverse users, and encourage people to spend more time outdoors. Through my nonprofit involvement and hands-on experience with park projects, I have developed a strong appreciation for thoughtful planning, community input, and long-term stewardship of public spaces. I would be honored to bring that experience, passion, and community-focused perspective to the Parks Commission to help support parks that are accessible, sustainable, and reflective of the needs of Monterey County residents.

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

I want to be a member of this commission because I believe it is one of the most meaningful ways to support free, accessible, and community-driven recreation in Monterey County. Parks and open spaces are essential public resources, and decisions made at the commission level have a real impact on how welcoming, usable, and equitable those spaces are for residents. Having previously served on the Parks Commission, I understand both the responsibility and the opportunity that comes with the role. I value the chance to work collaboratively with staff, fellow commissioners, and the public to help guide projects that balance recreation, environmental stewardship, and long-term sustainability. My experience with volunteer-led park improvements has shown me how thoughtful planning and community partnerships can stretch limited resources while still delivering high-impact results. I am particularly motivated to serve because I am passionate about low-barrier recreation options, such as disc golf, that activate parks, encourage healthy lifestyles, and bring together people of different ages and backgrounds. Serving on this commission would allow me to continue advocating for inclusive recreational opportunities while helping ensure our parks remain well-maintained, thoughtfully developed, and responsive to community needs.

How did you hear about the position?:

**Bryan Flores**