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# Community Action Commission Application

## Derrick Elder

District: 2

Initialed Application: Yes

### Applicant

First Name: **Derrick**

Middle Initial:

Last Name: **Elder**

### Employment

Occupation: **Program Manager/Social Worker**

Job Title: **Family and Community Support Practitioner**

Employer: **City of Seaside**

### 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**

**Monterey County Behavioral Health Commission**

Has served on an advisory group before?

**Yes**

**Monterey County Behavioral Health Commission Community Action Commission**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

**My name is Derrick Elder and I reside in Salinas, CA with my wife and 2 sons. We made Salinas City our home in 2017 when we purchased our first home. For any community to thrive, all of its residents should be supported in good health and wellness, safe and peaceful social environments, and encouraged to pursue civic processes. Additionally, I am no stranger to suffering the traumas, and trials and tribulations of life as a foster youth. My heart is dedicated to helping others because a group of caring, empathetic, and loving individuals helped me as an at-risk youth during my pre and post adoption journey. I knew then, all I wanted to do**

**when I grew up was to help people.**

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

**My efforts focus in providing direct mental health services, substance abuse counseling, and clinical case management. Being engaged in direct services has allowed me to identify gaps and areas for improvement to truly be client centered. It is important to me to participate in advocacy work within institutions, organizations and at the county level for increased equity in policy and funding changes/development to promote safety and increased health/wellness for society's disenfranchised populations.**

How did you hear about the position?:

**Current Member**