



Contra Costa County

Print Form

Please return completed applications to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor Martinez, CA 94553 or email to: ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name: Benu, Middle Initial: [ ], Last Name: Chhabra, Home Address - Street: [ ], City: Concord, State: Ca, Postal Code: 94521, Primary Phone: [ ], Email Address: [ ], Resident of Supervisorial District: Karen Mitchoff, District Locator Tool, Do you work in Contra Costa County? [x] Yes, [ ] No, If Yes, in which District do you work? IV, Current Employer: Licensed Family Child Care Provider, Job Title: Licensed Family Child Care Provider, Length of Employment: 22 Years, How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County? 34 Years

Board, Committee, or Commission: [ ], Seat Name: [ ], Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying? Please check one: [ ] Yes, [x] No, If Yes, how many? [ ]

EDUCATION

Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following:

- [ ] High School Diploma, [ ] CA High School Proficiency Certificate, [x] G.E.D. Certificate

Table with 3 columns: Colleges or Universities Attended, Degree Type/ Course of Study/Major, Degree Awarded. Row 1: Diablo Valley College, Associate, [x] Yes, [ ] No.

Occupational Licenses Completed: [ ]

Other Trainings Completed: [ ], Certificate Awarded for Training? [ ] Yes, [ ] No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? [ ] Yes [x] No

If Yes, please explain: [ ]

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified? [x] Yes [ ] No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? [ ] Yes [x] No

**Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.**

I am submitting my name for a position on the Local Planning Council because I would love to serve on the Contra Costa County Local Planning Council. Representing the field of family child care in our county is extremely important to me. I have over thirty years experience working in this county and I am very knowledgeable of the child care field.

**Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume).**

Since 2015 I have been the president of our county-wide family child care association. In June, I relinquished this role in pursuit of new adventures in the early childhood development arena. I am still on the board of directors but now will fill the position of Vice President. I further serve on the board of directors for the California Family Child Care Network, our state-wide provider organization. I am a California Early Childhood Mentor Teacher mentoring ECE students from Diablo Valley College in my family child care home for the past six years. Additionally, I am also on the Board of Directors for CocoKids.

Over the past two years I have been working closely with the Childcare Changemakers community ( a group of parents, childcare providers/educators and supporters coming together to fight for affordable childcare for every family and living wages for people who work in childcare all over our nation). The Childcare Changemakers will be providing leadership training for national leaders and I am being sent to Washington DC and New Mexico in a couple of weeks to participate.

I am one of a group of three family child providers here in California who presented webinars to support California family child care providers in their individual efforts to complete the grant application process for the Minor Renovation Grant that was due this past March. We had over 1000 providers join us via zoom. With the information that we provided, these family child care care facilities were able to submit their grant applications. We are still waiting to hear how many were granted funds from this process. In 2021 I made a connection with Home Grown (a national collaborative of funders committed to improving the quality of and access to home-based child care.) In June this year, I co-presented with three others from Home Grown, an advocacy workshop called "How to Advocate for Provider Lead Networks" . This workshop was presented at the National Association For Family Child Care Conference in San Francisco.

**I am including my resume with this application:**

Please check one:  Yes  No

**Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?**

Please check one:  Yes  No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are **currently** serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have **previously** served:

**List any volunteer and community experience, including any boards on which you have served.**

The past 19 years, I have volunteered at Sri Guru Ravidass Temple in Pittsburg, CA cooking and serving over 300 community members every sunday.

I have volunteered for 22 years helping providers set up their environments and running workshops for family child care association.

**Do you have a familial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section on page 3 of this application or Resolution No. 2021/234).**

Please check one:  Yes  No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

**Do you have any financial relationships with the county, such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?**

Please check one:  Yes  No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand and agree that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

Signed:

Date:

8/31/22

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Martinez, CA 94553

*Questions about this application? Contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or by email at  
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### **Important Information**

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: 1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and 2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships: (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter; (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter; (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter; (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297; (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner; (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.