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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Date: 8/27/25

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**RE: Commission District Appointment**

**Meeting Date for Agenda Placement:** September 9, 2025

**Action Requested:**  Appointment  Reappointment

**Board, Commission, or Committee Name:** County Riding & Hiking Trails Advisory Committee

**Appointee Details:**

Salutation:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.

Full Name: Galilea Acosta Zavala

**District Representation:** Fifth District

**Position Previously Held By (if applicable):** N/A

Check box only if this appointment is filling an unexpired vacancy.

Fifth District Supervisor Lavagnino

Signed by:

<b>COB Information Verification</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Resignation on file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacancy Notice on file
Term:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beginning date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ending date _____

**Profile**

Galilea  
First Name

Acosta Zavala  
Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

CA  
State

93434  
Postal Code

**Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application \***

Fifth District - Steve Lavagnino

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee: Submitted

**Reference 1 Name**

John Karamitsos

**Reference 1 Address**

**Reference 1 Telephone**

**Reference 1 Occupation**

Retired Planner; Part-time lecturer CalPoly ES

**Reference 2 Name**

Kim Karamitsos

**Reference 2 Address**

**Reference 2 Telephone**

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**Reference 2 Occupation**

High School Teacher

**Reference 3 Name**

James Perlette

**Reference 3 Address**

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**Reference 3 Telephone**

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**Reference 3 Occupation**

Elementary School Teacher

**If you are now, or have ever been employed by the County of Santa Barbara, please list the department in which you worked, your title, and the dates you were employed.**

N/A

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**Interests & Experiences**

**Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

I am a proud Latina from the small town of Guadalupe. Growing up in Guadalupe, I've been surrounded by agricultural fields my entire life. While this landscape reflects the hardworking spirit of our farmworking community, it also comes with challenges, like limited safe areas to walk or bike, and a lack of public trails to connect us to nature beyond the fields. It wasn't until the COVID lockdown that I realized how essential trails are for our community. My cousins and I were tired of being stuck indoors, so we decided to explore the Point Sal trail that was a short 5-7 minute drive from our homes. After finishing the hike, we stopped by Romo's to get some food before we headed to Guadalupe Beach to enjoy the ocean breeze and the sound of the crashing waves. Without this access and close proximity, we wouldn't have been able to clear our minds and find relief during such a difficult time. At this time, I was 14 years-old, without a car or license, and wouldn't have been able to reach a more distant trail without these local options. Because our community is so small, it is easy to know and understand all the different situations of those who reside here. I can confidently say that a large portion of the population is unemployed or has limited access to transportation. Whether it's children, elders, or stay at home parents, it is important to acknowledge their situations. Not everyone has the means to travel far to access outdoor spaces. That's why local trails like Point Sal, the Guadalupe Dunes, and Oso Flaco that are open and accessible to the public, are so important. They offer a place to breathe, move, and feel connected in the natural beauty the SB County has to offer. I hope to be a voice for the people of Guadalupe. Growing up here has very obviously shaped me into who I am and how I present myself today.

**Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

Education: University of California, Santa Barbara | Expected graduation: June 2027 Bachelor of Science (B.S), Biological Sciences GPA: 3.45 Relevant Coursework: Intro to Biology: Ecology, Evolution, and Molecular Biology Series, EEMB 2LL, Statistics Life Sciences, Geography - People/Place/Environment Experience: - Server/Manager | La Michoacana Azteca, Santa Maria | January 2020 - Present Manage employee shift tasks and handle employee requests Monitor employees and customers to ensure that business is at its highest potential Communication between employees, customers, and boss - Babysitting | Santa Maria | July 2024- September 2024 Supervise a group of children and manage their schedules for the day Creating a fun and interactive environment for the children to thrive - Volunteer | Friendship Manor | May 2024 Assisted with heavy landscaping work to help improve the elders living environment and conditions. - Volunteer | Lady of Guadalupe Church | April 2018-2021 Skills Computer: Proficient in Word, Powerpoint, and Excel as well as Google Docs, Slides, and Sheets. Laboratory: Basic lab skills. Use of microscopes, create wet mounts, and use micropipettes. Language: Fluent in Spanish, spoken and written. Personal Interests: On my free time I like to be outside. Whether it's walking, running, biking, or hiking I try to make the most of it by enjoying the outdoor elements nature has to offer. As a biology major on the pre-medicine track, it easy to get caught up on school assignments and prerequisites that might prevent me from spending most of my time outside. I also have recently grown a liking to exercising. From doing heated-yoga to lifting weights, something about sweating and feeling the burn makes me feel more productive throughout my day.

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**Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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Hispanic

**Gender**

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Female

Date of Birth

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**Education Completed:**

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Bonita Elementary School Kermit McKenzie Middle School Ernest Righetti High School  
Current University of California, Santa Barbara Student

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.**

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I Agree \*