

**APPLICATION  
FOR  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA BOARD,  
COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE**

Return to: Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
County Administration Building  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete each item below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission, or Committee (only one per application please) for which you desire consideration. For more complete information or assistance contact the Clerk, Board of Supervisors' Office. This application shall be maintained for a period of one year only. After one year it is necessary to file a new application for another year of eligibility. **Please print in ink or type.**

1. APPLYING FOR: ( Use specific title)  
Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force

2. Today's Date:  
May 1, 2015

3. NAME: Sandoval Veronica Victoria  
Last First Middle

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS:

6. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street  
City Zip Code

5. TELEPHONE:  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business: \_\_\_\_\_

7. References: Give names and addresses of three persons, not relatives, who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	OCCUPATION
A. Teresa Sat			Public Relations
B. Dr. Jim Brown			School Superintendent
C. Sandra Brown			Sergeant, SB County Sheriff

8. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara?  YES  No If YES, list:  
Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please check appropriate boxes (optional):  
Ethnic or racial identity:  
 White  
 Black (African American)  
 Hispanic  
 Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Native American/Alaskan Native  
 Other (Please specify)

Sex:  
 Male  
 Female

10. Education completed:  
Vocational

11. Indicate Supervisor who will receive a copy of this application:  
Supervisor Farr

12. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission or Committee for which you are applying.

I am interested in serving on the Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force because I believe that children in Foster Care should be provided with as many opportunities and resources as possible. Through my personal, work and community commitments, I have become increasingly aware of the high number of children who are struggling in foster care and of the agencies that are doing their best to provide the right resources.

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

Our youngest child was placed in our care at the age of 6 weeks old as an ICWA foster child. For a year and a half, we navigated through the legal system with the help of our daughter's social workers, child lawyer, and our ICWA representative. In March of 2014 we were blessed to formally adopt our daughter and make her a permanent part of our family. It was because of my experience of being a foster/adopt parent that I felt I needed to do more for the children in our foster care system.

It was throughout our adoption process that I approached CASA and went through the nomination process for a seat on their Board of Directors. As a Board of Director, I was able to effectively gauge the inner workings of CASA and the impact their advocates were having on children in our foster care system. While I am no longer on the CASA board, I feel that my time with them has provided me with a keen insight on their structure, which can be of value should I be chosen to serve on the task force.

In my position as the Administrator of the Chumash Foundation, I also have a good working knowledge of the agencies that serve our county's foster kids including: Family Care Network, Angels Foster Care, Community Action Commission, and Casa Pacifica.

Since January of 2011, I have also served on the Board of Trustees for College School District. It is because of that appointment that I am painfully aware of the alarmingly high rates of absenteeism, tardiness, truancies, and dropout rates of foster care youth.

14. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT  
X \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica V Sandoval 