

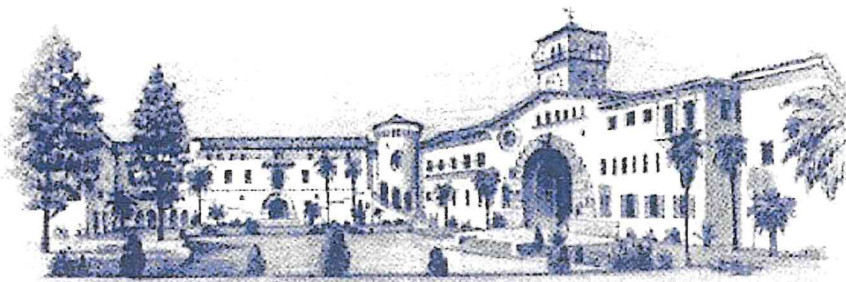
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County Supervisor
Fourth District

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Date: October 22, 2025

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RE: Committee, Commission or Board District Appointment

For placement on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of November 4, 2025

I would like to recommend the ☒ appointment/ ☐ reappointment of the following person to the: Veteran's Advisory Committee

Salutation: ☒ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms.
Full Name of Appointee: Manuel Paredes
Address: [REDACTED]
City/State/Zip: [REDACTED]
Home Phone: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Appointee will represent the 4th District on this commission.

Position was formerly held by:

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

District Supervisor: Bob Nelson

Signed by:

COB Information Verification

- ☐ Letter of Resignation on file
☐ Vacancy Notice on file

Term:

☐ _____ years

☐ Beginning date _____

☐ Ending date 7/1/29

Profile

Manuel

First Name

Paredes

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

CA

State

93455

Postal Code

Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

☒ Fourth District - Bob Nelson

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Veterans' Advisory Commission: Submitted

Reference 1 Name

Jim Bray

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Telephone

Reference 1 Occupation

Planes of Fame Community Events

Reference 2 Name

Tim Seifert

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Telephone

Reference 2 Occupation

Santa Maria Planning Commission

Reference 3 Name

Desi Ortiz

Reference 3 Address

Reference 3 Telephone

Reference 3 Occupation

Lead Pastor

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.

No I have never been employed by the County of SB

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 deeply interested in serving on the Veterans Advisory Board because I believe every veteran deserves strong advocacy, access to resources, and a community that supports their transition, well-being, and long-term success. As a currently serving veteran with over 25 years in the United States Air Force Reserve, I have personally experienced the challenges service members face when navigating benefits, employment, mental health resources, and reintegration into civilian life. I want to be a voice for those who have served and ensure that programs supporting veterans are not only preserved, but strengthened for my community. In addition to my military service, I am a local business owner and active community leader. I understand how economic opportunity, workforce development, and community engagement directly affect our community, veterans, and their families. I am committed to ensuring that veterans have access to high-quality services, housing support, education pathways, and career opportunities within our region. By serving on this Board, I hope to bring forward innovative solutions, improve outreach to underserved veteran populations, and promote long-term sustainability of veteran support programs. My combined experience in military service, technology leadership, and local community engagement uniquely positions me to contribute effectively to the mission of the Veterans Advisory Board.

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.

I have proudly served in the United States Air Force Reserve for over twenty-five years and currently hold the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8) with a Top Secret/SCI security clearance. My military career has provided extensive experience in leadership, space operations, joint service environments, personnel management, and veteran transition challenges. Throughout my service, I have mentored airmen, supported deployment readiness programs, and assisted fellow servicemembers navigating their transition to civilian life—giving me a firsthand understanding of the needs of our veteran community. While I do not currently serve on any boards, I am closely exposed to community initiatives through my wife Teresa Paredes, who is actively engaged in local business, civic leadership, and public service organizations. Her involvement has provided me insight into the processes, expectations, and impact of advisory boards, and has inspired my own commitment to step forward in service. Through our shared small business ownership, I have supported numerous community and veteran-focused events, sponsorships, and outreach programs. As a local employer and lifelong advocate for veterans, I understand the importance of accessible resources, mental health services, employment pathways, and family support systems. I am passionate about contributing my experience to ensure that the voices of veterans are represented and that meaningful solutions are advanced to improve their quality of life.

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Upload a Resume

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

Masters of Science, Project Management, Golden Gate University (Expected Dec 2025)
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Project Management, SNHU Associates of Science, Space Technology, Community College of the Air Force Associates of Arts, Liberal Arts, Allan Hancock College Associates of Science, Applied Science, Community College of the Air Force

Please Agree with the Following Statement

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

☒ I Agree *