

JOAN HARTMANN
Third District Supervisor



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Date: 11/15/2023

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County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
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RE: Appointment of Dinah Perez Lockhart to Human Services Commission

For placement on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of: 11/28/2023

I would like to recommend the appointment/ reappointment of the following person to the: Human Services Commission

Salutation: Mr Mrs Ms.

Full Name of Appointee: Dinah Lockhart

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

E-mail:

Appointee will represent the Third District on this commission.

Position was formerly held by:

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

Third District Supervisor: Joan Hartmann

Signed by:

COB Information Verification	
<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

Dinah

First Name

Perez Lockhart

Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted]
Street Address

[Redacted]
City

CA
State

93436
Postal Code

Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

Third District - Joan Hartmann

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Human Services Commission: Submitted

Reference 1 Name

George Chapjian

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Telephone

Reference 1 Occupation

Director of CSD

Reference 2 Name

Lester Evans

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Telephone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Occupation

Exec Dir, Lompoc Meals on Wheels

Reference 3 Name

Lucy Thoms-Harrington

Reference 3 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 3 Telephone

[Redacted]

Reference 3 Occupation

Pres, Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Chapter

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.

Currently retired from the County's Community Services Dept. employed between June, 2012 to March, 2023, as the Deputy Director for Housing and Community Development.

Interests & Experiences

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

I have worked for over 30 years in the areas of public health, public works, redevelopment, affordable housing, strategies to reduce homelessness, and social services. I have seen the importance of addressing the root causes of challenges facing our community, whether improving access to language and literacy proficiency, education, technology, on-line resources, responding to food insecurity, housing, and healthcare, among other areas. I appreciate the challenges of administering difficult funding programs, reporting requirements, and the difficulty of deciding how to distribute scarce resources to deserving organizations, when the funding simply isn't enough to go around. I hope to bring a perspective of being a grant administrator, community resident, and volunteer. I have personally witnessed how strategic input of resources can make the difference between homelessness and housing, between graduating high school and continuing on to college, and between hunger and eating a nutritious meal.

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 summarized my 30+ years of experience working in the public sector, related skills and educational background in the attached resume. In addition, I currently serve as a volunteer with Lompoc Meals On Wheels (since 2020), am a member of of the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch of the American Association of University of Women (AAUW) which promotes educational opportunities for all, including women and girls. I support the work of C4Lompoc, and promoting human development opportunities for all, including youth, farm and agricultural workers, unhoused residents, and community members in recovery, among others. My Christian faith is important to me, and my service to the community is an important aspect of my beliefs.

Dinah_s Resume vitae 11 -
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Upload a Resume

Demographics

Ethnicity

Hispanic

Gender

Female


Date of Birth

Education Completed:

Bachelor of Science in Education, Human Development/Social Policy, Northwestern Univ, Evanston, IL
Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP) University of Illinois, Chicago

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 *

DINAH PEREZ-LOCKHART

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 30+ years' experience leveraging federal, state, and local funding to provide a variety of public service programs and public facility projects, in the areas of public health, public works, community development, homeless response, federal and state disaster grants, affordable housing, redevelopment, and economic development.
- Created programs to address public needs; analyzed and prepared multi-million-dollar budgets; Selected key staff to lead critical programs and successfully apply for extremely competitive grant programs to bring additional resources to Santa Barbara County. Leadership strengths include building staff and community work teams to carry out work goals and objectives.
- Successful grant writer with experience obtaining and administering federal and state grant programs.
- Extensive experience in city/ county administration, human services, community development, services to unhoused residents, and affordable housing development.

WORK HISTORY:

2012-23

Deputy Director, Santa Barbara County Community Services Department, Housing and Community Development Division

Oversaw key division of County, with 21 FTE's, representing 22% of Department's staff, \$53 million in program and administrative expenditures, 65% of the department's operating budget. Major accomplishments included expansion of shelter beds serving persons experiencing homelessness; supported the County's Homelessness Response System which, over a 10-year period, served over 17,000 persons, with 5,047 persons transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing. Implementation of data reporting and monitoring via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) with interactive dashboard on services being provided, expansion of rental assistance which reduced homelessness through Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); improved loan receipt collection from existing affordable housing projects to be recycled to create new affordable housing units. With County staff and affordable housing partners, created over 730 new affordable housing units Countywide. Notably, worked with staff to respond to COVID-19, including administering ERAP, opening Temporary Emergency Shelters, and worked to facilitate property acquisitions.

2001-12

Community Development Program Manager, Community Development Department, City of Lompoc

Represented City in the Santa Barbara County Urban County Partnership, which

distributed federal CDBG and HOME funds to programs and projects countywide and in Lompoc. Notable accomplishments included the construction of the Dick DeWees Senior Community Center with County and City CDBG funds, improvements to JM Manville Park, ADA improvements to the Lompoc Public Library, renovation or and installation of fire sprinkling system at the Marks House transitional shelter, renovation of the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building and ADA sidewalk upgrades. Administered Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Economic Development Revolving Loan Program, City Human Service Commission, and supported the countywide Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). Purchased new loan accounting software and negotiated training and support agreement with software vendor. Other projects accomplished during this time included the Good Samaritan Perinatal Residential Treatment Center “Recovery Way Home,” HomeBase on G and the College Park Apartments. Represented City at Bring Our Community Home/ 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness planning efforts.

2007-09 ***Associate Planner, City of Lompoc***

Working with City Planner, oversight of long range residential and commercial projects, such as the Housing Element of the General Plan annual report to State HCD, the St. Rita Hills Wine Center (reuse of Greco industrial site) and the Burton Ranch ‘Wye’ parcel residential development. Continued to administer City’s federal CDBG and HOME grants programs, as the City attempted to fill vacancy.

2000-01 ***Planning Technician, Community Services Department, City of Lompoc***

Processed permit applications for signage, temporary, and conditional use permits; reviewed development applications for completeness and prepare project files; reviewed noncomplex plan checks (i.e. commercial new construction, residential room additions, or compliance with planning commission ‘conditions of approval’ (COA’s)). Provided information to the public regarding zoning regulations; conducted code enforcement field inspections and prepare enforcement letters. Assisted Planning staff by researching files, compiling data, and preparing memoranda. Provided bilingual and other assistance at the City Hall counter to Building, Energy Conservation, and Treasurer’s Divisions, as needed.

1999-00 ***Management Analyst III, Community Development Department, City of Oxnard***

Manager of the City Redevelopment Agency’s budget, Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget, and bond indebtedness. Prepared and presented required reports to City Council, auditors, high school district, and County and State regulatory agencies. Negotiated and prepared agreements with redevelopment and financial consultants to provide legal, financial, advisory, and other professional services to the agency. Performed personnel and department evaluations. Created personnel payroll budgeting worksheets, financial databases, spreadsheets, and reports for use by consultants and staff. Member of the City’s affordable housing development team and other development project teams (i.e. neighborhood revitalization). Researched and analyzed City’s demographic characteristics and affordable housing needs. Worked with business community on joint promotions and auto center development fee deferral. Prepared redevelopment agency’s contracts with the local economic development corporation and the tourism bureau.

1991-99

Management Analyst III, Housing Department, City of Oxnard

Manager of City's federal entitlement grants: Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Continuum of Care funds. Principal writer of HUD-required compliance reports, such as Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Consolidated Plan (housing and homeless sections), Annual Action Plan and Progress Report. Developed and oversaw grant 'Request For Proposals'(RFP's), prepared sub-grantee contracts, carried out site evaluations, and performance review of sub-recipients. Reviewed and approved grant disbursements to sub-grantees. Coordinator of City's Homeless Assistance Program. By working with local non-profit service and housing providers, wrote the City's Continuum of Care homeless funding federal applications from 1996-1998, which resulted in over \$3 million for additional housing opportunities and supportive services to unhoused community members. Led as city representative to the Ventura County Homeless Coalition and regional homeless task forces. Led City Council study sessions on homeless policy initiatives and conducted a community in-service on homelessness. Established City homeless task force, and a 'grants review' committee of community representatives to provide funding priorities to Council. Recognized by HUD for "Best Practices" award for City's Continuum of Care Program.

1989-91

Administrative Assistant, Water Division, Public Works Department, City of Oxnard

Assisted City Water Superintendent and assisted Water Division staff. Prepared and monitored budget and expenditures. Wrote the City's 1991 Urban Water Management Plan. Prepared and presented technical and administrative agenda reports to City Council. Assisted in the creation of water conservation and drought emergency plan and the annual Water Quality Report to customers.

1987-89

Program Specialist, Chicago Department of Health

Provided technical assistance to community non-profit agencies in capacity building for the delivery of public health education on infant mortality reduction strategies to inner-city residents. Coordinated interagency participation at state, city, and local levels.

EDUCATION:

1987

Master of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago

1984

Graduate course work in sociology, University of Chicago

1983

Bachelor of Science in Education, Human Development/Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

WORK-RELATED SKILLS:

Bilingual in Spanish/English, Word, Excel, PowerPoint presentations. Experience in preparing department for annual audits. Experience with HUD IDIS, HMIS reporting software.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES:

•Resolution from Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on retirement from the County and completion of over 30 years experience working in the public sector, 2023.

- Volunteer with community organizations and outreach, including Warming Center, Biannual Unsheltered Homeless Count, County Election Poll Supervisor, Lompoc Valley Meals on Wheels.

REFERENCES:

Additional references available upon request.