Submitter's Name: D Martha Lara

How Submitter Knows the Applicant: Co-worker/friend

Submitter's Comments:

I have known Isra Ahmad for several years. She is person that fights in favor of equity and equality. She understands the needs of vulnerable communities and therefore does everything in her power to provide support, information and find solutions so that they have the voice and representation they deserve. In her free time, she participates in workshops, trainings and events that help her increase her knowledge of the things that happen in her community as well as in Santa Clara County. She also takes time to go to other communities to determine how they are different and how they can contribute. At work, she has taken on the leadership of many projects, which have had excellent results. She has also trained people in the community and her team to implement projects, events, and activities.

I have seen how Isra works. She is very smart and good at analyzing data and data trends. She analyzes each situation in all aspects before making decisions. She has worked with many people of different ages and of different backgrounds. For example, with university students, children, parents, people who speak languages other than English. Even though she is not Latina, she practices speaking Spanish with her friends and community members.

Isra would be the right person to work in the 2020 Citizens Zoning Commission because she can contribute her experiences and strategies to ensure that there is equality in the areas. Her professional ethics will help areas be represented with equity. It is very important for her that all citizens have a voice, feel empowered and are not excluded. She is very good working in a team, so she will work well with the other commissioners. I ask you to consider her to be part of this commission.

Thank you very much for your time and for considering Isra Ahmad.



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