

Application Form

Profile

Maren

First Name

Middle Initial

Shahade

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Benicia

City

CA

State

94510

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ N/A - Out of County

Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Employer

Student Intern

Job Title

Length of Employment

1 year

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

6 years

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

**Seat Name**

At-Large Youth

**Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?**

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**Education**

**Select the option that applies to your high school education \***

☒ High School Diploma

**College/ University A**

**Name of College Attended**

Diablo Valley College - Present

**Degree Type / Course of Study / Major**

Social Justice

**Degree Awarded?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**College/ University B**

**Name of College Attended**

**Degree Type / Course of Study / Major**

**Degree Awarded?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

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**College/ University C**

**Name of College Attended**

**Degree Type / Course of Study / Major**

**Degree Awarded?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

### Other Training A

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CPR Certified

### Certificate Awarded for Training?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

### Other Training B

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First Aid Certified

### Certificate Awarded for Training?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

### Occupational Licenses Completed:

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## Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

**Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.**

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I would like to serve on this particular board because I am studying Social Justice. I have attended city and school meetings prior, and have been an advocate for social justice issues including LGBTQ+ rights, minority rights, race and gender related rights, as well as juvenile justice. I believe serving on this board would further my knowledge in this area, and give me more insight on the process of mental health and law enforcement behind these issues. Additionally, it would help me be a better advocate for these issues with more familiarity in how the systems are formed.

**Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)**

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I have taken numerous Social Justice, Sociology, and Critical Thinking courses studying the juvenile justice system, including one of my finals specifically focusing on it. I am a volunteer for the Rainbow Community Center which assists unhoused and mentally ill youth, giving them access to further resources. I have spoken at numerous city and school meetings within the county, speaking out for minority rights. Additionally, I created a safe space in High school for queer kids to gather and express their art. I have numerous leadership and team building skills, and am able to vocalize my feelings and facts in a mature and independent manner. I am also currently working for the county and familiar with it's system.

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Upload a Resume

**Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If Yes, please explain:**

**Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:**

**If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:**

**List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.**

I have volunteered for county cleanup groups, picking up trash around cities and beaches. Additionally I have worked with the Rainbow Community Center for a few years, helping with the youth program and summer camp. Adding on, I have volunteered to help fundraise towards LGBTQ+ communities, as well as help facilitate Pride events. I have been interviewed for numerous news sources speaking out for LGBTQ+ rights, which are linked within my resume.

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## **Conflict of Interest and Certification**

**Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:**

**Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:**

I am currently employed by the Public Works Department as a temporary Student Intern.

## Please Agree with the Following Statement

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**I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.**

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☒ I Agree

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### Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
  - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
  - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
  - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
  - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
  - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
  - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

# Maren Shahade

Benicia, CA 94510

## Work Experience

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### **Student Intern**

Public Works Department-Martinez, CA

June 2024 to Present

Within this position, I do a daily mail run which includes driving around to other offices and exchanging their mail. I frequently visit the Auditors office, County Council, Clerk of the Board, Recorder's Office, etc. Outside of this, I am trained as a receptionist and help with filing and keeping the office space organized.

### **Cashier**

Panera Bread-Concord, CA

April 2023 to Present

At Panera, I assist customers with ordering along with bussing tables, keeping the space clean, stocking shelves, and efficiently communicating with my peers in order to upkeep consistent service to customers. I thoroughly clean and close the restaurant each evening in order for the morning employees to successfully open the restaurant the following day.

### **Sales Associate**

Gilded Frond-Martinez, CA

June 2022 to February 2023

I use my customer service skills to accommodate all customers with a friendly attitude. I restock items, package items, and assist customers however I can. I manage stock when necessary and help tag items and prepare them for the shelves. Additionally, I help make pottery for sale with our store resources, materials, glaze pottery, and put it on display. I learned how to handle a cash register responsibly as well. I individually opened and closed the store during each of my shifts following a thorough routine.

### **Babysitter**

Meredith

June 2022 to August 2022

I babysat for two children over the summer of 2022. I cared for them Monday-Friday throughout the whole day. I transported them to activities such as piano practice, swim lessons, and other extracurricular activities. I prepared 3 meals for both of them daily and ensured their comfortability. I thoroughly communicated with the parent about the children's activities and behavior.

### **Busser/Food Runner**

Roxx on Main-Martinez, CA

August 2021 to June 2022

I'm able to time manage in a busy environment and juggle many tasks such as bussing tables, serving food, resetting tables, keeping a clean work space, and more. This job has taught me many skills and improved my communication. I served as a liaison between staff and customers. I ensure the task thoroughly and securely close the restaurant each night.

### **Babysitter**

Kristan-Martinez, CA

February 2021 to September 2021

In this work environment, I cared for a toddler for a few months. I transported him home from school, prepared a meal for him, organized his living space, and followed steps in order for him to get ready for bed. I used time management and communication skills with the parents in order to balance between my other priorities. I am able to take many aspects into consideration while in a demanding environment.

## Education

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### **Community College in Social Justice**

Diablo Valley College - Pleasant Hill, CA

August 2023 to Present

### **High school diploma**

Alhambra High School - Martinez, CA

August 2019 to June 2023

## Skills

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- Pet Sitting (6 years)
- Babysitting (6 years)
- Childcare (6 years)
- Meal Preparation (4 years)
- Cooking (10+ years)
- Toddler Care (6 years)
- Nannying (6 years)
- Infant Care (6 years)
- Pet Care (6 years)
- Tutoring (4 years)
- Food Preparation (6 years)
- Cashiering (2 years)
- Time Management (10+ years)
- Caregiving (6 years)
- Busser (2 years)
- Food Service (2 years)
- Leadership (10+ years)
- Civil rights (6 years)
- Communication skills (10+ years)
- Organizational skills (10+ years)
- Theater (6 years)
- Front Desk

## Languages

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- American Sign Language - Intermediate

## Awards

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### **Summa Cum Laude**

June 2023

I was awarded with the Summa Cum Laude award at the high school I graduated from for achieving a consistent 4.0 GPA throughout my education.

### **Superintendent's Honor Roll**

June 2023

Due to the successful upkeep of my grades and involvement within the Alhambra community, I was awarded with the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

## Certifications and Licenses

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### **First Aid Certification**

March 2021 to June 2025

I took a First Aid Training course while babysitting as well as volunteering for a summer camp in order to ensure the safety of the children around me.

### **CPR**

March 2021 to June 2025

I took a CPR course while babysitting as well as volunteering for a summer camp in order to ensure the safety of the children around me.

### **Driver's License**

October 2021 to August 2025

### **Food Handler Certification**

## Groups

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### **Drama Club**

August 2019 to June 2023

Throughout High School, I was heavily apart of my school's Drama Club. During my senior year, I served as a leadership position as club president. I helped create a safe environment for my fellow actors as well as leading in warm ups, organizing backstage, organizing events and gifts, managing our social media platforms, using remind.com to communicate with all of my fellow peers, fundraising, and additional support.

### **Service Club**

August 2022 to June 2023

During High School I participated in our Service Club which consisted of weekly campus cleanups. I have previous experience in volunteering for local cleanup organizations and was proud to contribute to a cleaner campus.

### **GSA**

August 2022 to Present

As apart of my High School's GSA, I helped organize the revival of this club in order to ensure a safe space for queer students. I contributed by organizing bake sales for fundraising and managing the exchange of



funds, presenting informational slideshows to staff members as well as the Martinez Board of Education, leading weekly meetings with prepared slideshows, and working with other queer members to further represent and include our community. Currently I am working with our GSA to help organize Martinez's first Pride event which I will be volunteering at as well.

## **Rainbow Community Center**

September 2022 to Present

While working with the Rainbow Community Center, I have been offered numerous opportunities including protests for minority rights, volunteering at a queer safe summer camp, contributing to their teen youth program, and representing this community at Concord City meetings as well as articles through the SF Chronicle and Mercury News. I enjoy having the opportunity to be apart of such a welcoming, supportive, and resourceful LGBTQ+ community and am proud to be able to represent them.

## **Writing Club**

August 2019 to June 2023

Throughout High School I was involved in our writing club known as Backroads. During my junior-senior year I served as Vice President and eventually President of this club. I ran weekly meetings and helped create a welcoming and creative environment as well as organizing poetry performances, fundraising, managing our social media page in order to provide resources and keep it up to date, advertising events, creating and publishing 2 magazines, and communicating with my team of officers as well as club members while using remind.com

## **Publications**

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### **These two major shifts sparked a mental health crisis among LGBTQ youth in California**

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/LGBTQ-mental-health-17714619.php>

January 2023

Through the San Francisco Chronicle, I was featured in an article discussing LGBTQ+ mental health in correspondence to the pandemic and current discrimination against the queer community. I discussed my personal experience with coming out as well as how watching my community be attacked impacts me as a young queer individual.

### **California's LGBTQ+ kids in the crosshairs as a surge of bills targeting gender identity reaches record high**

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/03/27/californias-lgbtq-kids-in-the-crosshairs-as-a-surge-of-bills-targeting-gender-identity-reaches-record-high/amp/>

May 2023

This article discusses recent potential anti-LGBTQ+ bills within California. I discussed how I can see these bills further harming the queer community as well as how our safety as queer youth is being targeted.

### **A Step in the Right Direction**

<https://ahsdogwatcher.com/718/clubs/a-step-in-the-right-direction/>

February 2023

As apart of my High School's GSA, I was published in an article crediting my presentation towards the staff members informing them on LGBTQ+ awareness such as vocabulary, student confidentiality, and queer student safety.