

Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	3/10/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
SUBJECT:	Nomination of City of Folsom Representatives to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council nominate two representatives to serve as citizen representatives to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison for a two-year term ending in 2028.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

California Penal Code mandates the formation of a citizens' advisory committee for each state prison. The committee consists of members appointed by the prison warden, including representatives nominated for appointment by the local assembly member, local senator, local city council, local county board of supervisors, local chief of police, and local county sheriff. The purpose of the committee is to improve the public's understanding of correction programs and suggest ways to improve and participate in inmate programming.

The City of Folsom participates on this committee with one representative from the Folsom Police Department and two citizen representatives who are nominated by the Folsom City Council and then appointed by the Warden of Folsom State Prison. While no residence-based eligibility is explicitly stated in the Penal Code, Folsom State Prison recommends that the City Council nominate potential members from within the Folsom community to ensure that the committee adequately reflects the interests and diversity of the City of Folsom.

The two citizen representatives will serve in concurrent two-year terms, running from March 2026-March 2028. City staff advertised the vacant positions in the Folsom Telegraph, in the City's newsletter, posted on the city's website and social media pages, and on the bulletin

boards located at City Hall. An email notification was also sent to the City's Commission and Committee Vacancy Notice subscribers. Correspondence was sent to incumbent members inviting them to submit an application for reappointment.

The City Clerk's office received twenty-three applications. Those applications were provided to the Councilmembers in mid-February for advance review and consideration.

POLICY / RULE

California Penal Code section 5056 establishes the membership structure of the committee and states, in part, that two persons shall be appointed to the committee for a two-year term by the prison warden from nominations submitted by the city council of the city containing or nearest to the institution.

ANALYSIS

Twenty-three applications were submitted for the two positions:

1. Anderson, Samantha
2. Behrendt, Sarah
3. Bridges, Cherie
4. Claar, Jane
5. Felix, Ernest V
6. Fierro, Fermin
7. Getz, Steven
8. Hickok, Bette
9. Makarov, Roman
10. Marin, Robert Emerson
11. Mickelson, James Glen
12. Moss, Brian J
13. Nagarkar, Suman
14. Ochoa, Aaron M
15. Potstada, Samantha
16. Saleem, Layla
17. Shuman, Jeanne
18. Silva, Jim J (*incumbent*)
19. Thompson, Aaron
20. Thompson, Bruce
21. Walters, Stephen R
22. West, Mina L
23. Williams, Becky

Staff is requesting the City Council nominate two representatives. Once the nominations are made by the City Council, they will be forwarded to the Prison Warden for final appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

Recruitment Packet for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison
(2026-2028 terms)

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Freemantle, CMC
City Clerk

Recruitment Packet for Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

California

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Number of Members:2 (min) - 2 (max)

Term Length:2 Year(s)

Type:Permanent

Compensation:None

Positions

Vacant, Position 1

Vacant, Position 2

Applicants Information

Anderson, Samantha
Behrendt, Sarah
Bridges, Cherie
Claar, Jane
Felix, Ernest V
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Getz, Steven
Hickok, Bette
Makarov, Roman
Marin, Robert Emerson
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Thompson, Aaron
Thompson, Bruce
Walters, Stephen r
West, Mina L
Williams, Becky



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Applicant Information

First Name

Samantha

Last Name

Anderson

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Line 2

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El Dorado Hills

State

CA

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Employer and Occupation

3Strands Global Foundation and I am a Case Manager

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

No

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I am passionate about incarcerated adults and the misunderstandings that the community has about them. I would love to bring some of my advice and understanding towards this population. I want to work with other individuals who share the same passion as me and want to make a change in the way the public sees them. The City of Folsom has opened up a unique opportunity that I would love to be apart of.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I think some of the top issues facing this commission is trying to convince the public that this population is important and they deserve a second chance. Some may also be the funding for specific programs and convincing the public that the tax payer money is actually going towards what the city says it will. Many people don't want to contribute because they see it as a waste of money but if we convince them with statistics or prove to them in real time that these programs are working, they may be more willing to use tax payer dollars.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I have worked with adults and youth who have been in the criminal justice system find resources such as employment and education. I am currently a psychology student perusing a bachelor's degree and my goal is to work with the incarcerated population for mental health support. I know many different resources in the Sacramento area and beyond for different needs a person might require. I have the ability to be objective in every scenario and be able to make a decision based on the facts while taking in what the community feels is best.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have not attended any committee meetings in Folsom as of yet. But I have attended committee meetings in the Bay Area where I grew up. I heard about a lot of different topics about the city and heard what the community has said about those opinions.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Samantha Anderson

Signature Date

01/23/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Applicant Information

First Name

Sarah

Last Name

Behrendt

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Employer and Occupation

UC Davis Health, Office of Legal Counsel, Project Policy Analyst Supervisor

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I am interested in serving on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison because I value community engagement, transparency, and informed civilian participation in public institutions. I believe these committees play an important role in improving public understanding of correctional programs and supporting meaningful, constructive dialogue between the prison and the community.

My professional background has involved working in complex, regulated environments where accountability, risk awareness, and collaboration are essential. This experience allows me to bring a thoughtful, objective perspective while contributing to discussions around inmate programming, rehabilitation efforts, and community impact.

As a Folsom resident, I care deeply about the city's relationship with Folsom State Prison and would approach this role with respect, a willingness to listen, and a commitment to serving the public interest.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I believe the top issues facing the committee are improving public understanding of correctional operations, supporting effective inmate programming, and fostering open communication between the prison and the community. Bridging gaps between public perception and operational realities, while encouraging programs that support rehabilitation and successful reentry, is essential to both public safety and community trust.



Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

My professional experience has prepared me well to serve on this committee through a strong foundation in public-sector operations, budgeting, compliance, and cross-organizational collaboration. I work closely with leadership and external stakeholders to manage complex budgets, review policies and procedures, respond to public records requests, and coordinate multiple projects with accuracy and accountability.

I bring experience in process improvement, clear communication, and translating complex information into practical summaries that support informed decision-making. My work regularly requires discretion, organization, and the ability to balance competing priorities in highly regulated environments.

In addition, having a family member who serves as a correctional officer has given me valuable insight into the realities of correctional work and the importance of safety, professionalism, and effective programming. Together, these experiences allow me to contribute a thoughtful, informed, and respectful civilian perspective to the committee's work.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have not yet attended any commission or committee meetings in person. However, I have reviewed publicly available information regarding the Citizens' Advisory Committee and am eager to learn, participate, and contribute meaningfully if appointed.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Sarah Behrendt

Signature Date

01/26/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Applicant Information

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Cherie

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Bridges

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Employer and Occupation

NA

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

In previous years I served in many volunteer capacities including an elected position with the Resource Conservation District. I would like to serve again.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I honestly am not aware of any issues. I understand this position would help with improvement and education of which can always be beneficial.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

As mentioned before, I have served in numerous volunteer and elected capacities. I would greatly like to now serve in my community that I have lived for 9 years.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

No meetings recently.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Cherie Bridges

Signature Date

01/23/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Applicant Information

First Name

Jane

Last Name

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State

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Employer and Occupation

Retired Child Welfare Attendance Coordinator

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

Yes

If yes, please specify:

Currently serving: Sacto County Juvenile Justice Commission & serving on the CPS Oversight Committee

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

Having served on the Sacto JJ Commission as well as serving as a Grand Jury member (2022-23), I believe I can offer an unbiased viewpoint on this Folsom Commission.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

Concerns regarding impact of the Prison on Folsom residents and budgetary concerns regarding this impact

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

Have had the opportunity to tour Folsom State Prison and New Prison being on the Grand Jury. Also have served on Juvenile Justice Commission for many years. Am aware of concerns within the "walls of confinement" but also aware of community needs as a long-time Folsom resident. Both adult and juvenile facilities provide career technical opportunities for inmates and youth however more is certainly needed.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have attended Planning Commission and City Council meetings in the past.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Jane Claar

Signature Date

02/18/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Applicant Information

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Ernest

Last Name

Felix

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Employer and Occupation

Retired

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I have lived in California for over 35 years and in Folsom for 25 years. I retired in 2023 and would like to give back to the community. I have worked in leadership capacities and feel that my education, work and life experience can add value to the Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I am not certain what issues the commission is facing. One of the things that I have experienced with communication of committee/program goals is that the target audience tends to misinterpret and/or not understand the messaging. I tried to overcommunicate using different channels using examples that would resonate with the target audience(s). Additionally, in my 40+ years of work experience I have been a problem solver, developed, implemented and led programs designed to develop and grow employees. I believe my skills and experience can help the Commission create and/or improve programs.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

As stated above, I am a leader and problem solver. I have developed, implemented and led employee programs throughout my career. One said program improved the company's turnover and increased morale. I have a passion for helping and getting results.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have attended city meetings involving the Landscape & Lighting district and volunteered to help educate neighbors. I find that at times the staff is extremely busy and they do not get around to involving the volunteers.

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Signature

Ernest V Felix

Signature Date

01/27/2026

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Thought leader who achieves results. Extensive experience in leading cross-company/country teams engaged in large-scale and/or multi-discipline programs. Recognized as an innovative problem solver, trusted advisor and collaborator. Developed company-wide programs focused on technical leadership development, diversity equity and inclusion and general human resource policy & practice. Bilingual – English/Spanish.

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

- *Problem Solver*
- *Achieves Results*
- *Collaborator*
- *Resilient*
- *Strategic Thinker*
- *Mentor*
- *Communicator*
- *Ally*
- *Influencer*
- *Disciplined*

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed and implemented Intel’s inaugural Hispanic community strategy. This included building the framework for internal and external partnerships and programs. Today many of the diversity & inclusion partnerships and programs continue to play a key role in helping the company achieve diversity, equity & inclusion results.
- Designed & led implementation of a strategic retention program primarily responsible for increasing retention of Hispanics in the company by over 6X.
- Co-led the “Blueprint for Extraordinary Performance” program, a leadership program focused on developing underrepresented employees. The program graduated over 1,000 employees. Data showed graduates of the program progressed faster, had higher retention rates and higher performance than peer non-participants.
- Developed and led a global group mentoring program with over 3,300 participants from 20+ countries in over 300 groups. Program has received 90+% positive ratings.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

- Recipient **2022 Business Group Recognition Award** for leading a global mentoring program focused on development and “One Intel” culture mindset.
- Recipient of **2021 Jaime Oaxaca STAR award**, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineer’s (SHPE) highest national recognition awarded for the honoree’s selfless and outstanding contribution in science, technology and math (STEM) in the Hispanic community.
- Awarded a **2012 Intel Achievement Award (IAA)**, Intel’s most prestigious award for exemplary results of the Blueprint for Extraordinary Performance program.
- Received a **2020 Operational Excellence award** for solid results of the global mentoring program.
- Named **2015 Executive Committee Member of the Year** by the GEM Consortium, a national non-profit focused on STEM education.
- Recognized by **SHPE’s Board of Directors (2018 & 2019) for outstanding leadership contributions.**

EXPERIENCE

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

Apr 2023 – April 2025

Chief of Staff and Human Resources

Key member of executive staff leading human resources operations and cross-organization programs. Drives and ensures there are world-class processes, fair and legal policies in place within the SHPE’s business operations. Work closely with SHPE Chief Executive Officer and senior leadership team to ensure alignment of mission. Lead all human resource functions as well as payroll and communications.

Intel Corporation

Aug 1995 – Feb 2023

Technical Leadership Development (TLD) Manager

Jun 2016 – Feb 2023

Led TLD programs for the Design Engineering Group with over 20K global employees. Built strategies to grow and advance the group’s senior technical pipeline. Created an award-winning global group mentoring program. Positive participant feedback with higher retention rates. Co-led Intel’s largest internal technical conference, DTTC (Design, Test & Technology Conference). Transitioned conference from “in-person” (2,500 attendees) to virtual (7,000 attendees) event due to pandemic restrictions. Attendees rated conference 4.3 on 5-point scale.

- Development programs increased participant’s network, business acumen, soft-skills and retention levels. Programs have consistently received 90+% positive ratings.
- Mentoring program exponential growth: 50 to 5,000 participants, one country to 30+ countries and 1 business unit to 7 major business units.

- Developed and led innovative process that increased the number of senior technical women and underrepresented minorities by 14%.
- Led a cross-company team of TLD professionals focused on collaborating and sharing best practices and programs. Goals of the team are to increase efficiencies and effectiveness of TLD practices and programs across the company.

Global Diversity & Inclusion Strategist

Dec 2015 – May 2016

Partnered with global Human Resource leaders to drive the integration of diversity and inclusion (D&I) strategies and tactics into all HR products and services.

- Influenced stakeholders to incorporate capabilities to address/improve retention, development and advancement of women and underrepresented communities.
- Leveraged deep diversity acumen to build and drive an inclusive culture and environment.

Global Diversity & Inclusion Communities Manager

Nov 2014 – Dec 2015

Led the team that deployed Intel's diversity & inclusion strategies focused on the Hispanic, Black, Native American, Diverse-abled, Veterans and GLBTQ communities, representing 6 of 7 major community initiatives.

- Created community strategies, established framework for leadership recruitment and community structure & support to advance the company's strategies through leadership councils and employee resource groups, (ERGs).
- Worked with Intel Malaysia executive leadership team to create site D&I strategies ensuring they addressed the identified gaps, were within legal requirements and aligned with Intel's overall D&I direction.
- Represented Intel externally and partnered with organizations identified as strategic in the community to advance Intel's brand as a diversity & inclusion employer of choice.

Global Diversity Education & Employee Resource Group (ERG) Manager

Dec 2012 – Nov 2014

Increased scope to include leading the team driving Intel's education, advocacy outreach and ERG programs.

- Grew Intel's ERG to 27 different ERGs with over 130 chapters worldwide impacting more than 50,000 employees and recognized leader in the industry.
- Developed strategic plans to position Intel as an employer of choice and D&I industry leader.
- Managed a multi-million dollar budget focused on growing the technical diverse pipeline.
- Expanded Intel's D&I footprint globally; consulted with Intel Malaysia executive management to assess site needs and developed strategies impacting over 9,000 employees in Malaysia. Program results increased D&I awareness, reduced turnover and modified hiring practices.

Diversity Group Education Manager

Oct 2011 – Dec 2012

Led the team responsible for implementing strategies for Intel's multi-million-dollar education fund. This included building relationships and collaborating with community organizations. Developed education strategies focused on growing the technical pipeline in the Black, Hispanic and Native American communities.

- Managed Intel funded scholarships, fellowships and development programs impacting over 300 students.
- Team drove Intel's diversity scholar program responsible for hiring 30-40 interns per year with a full-time conversion rate of over 60%.
- Implemented Intel's industry leading "Letter of Intent" program, 35 letters were delivered year one.

Diversity Group Hispanic Community Manager

Jan 2007 – Oct 2011

Led Intel's inaugural initiative focused on the Hispanic community. Collaborated with Hispanic leaders (executives, ERGs, HR & external partners) to create Intel's Hispanic D&I strategies for this community.

- Led the creation of Intel's first Hispanic Leadership Council, comprised of the most senior Hispanics at the company.
- Identified, developed, and nourished partnerships with key internal & external stakeholders to successfully drive and implement strategies focused on developing, growing and retaining the leadership pipeline.

Diversity Employee Resource Group (ERG) Manager

Jun 2005 – Jan 2007

Led Intel's ERG program. Established, implemented, and drove a global strategy focused on attracting, developing, and retaining, employees in an inclusive environment. ERG demographics included 21 different groups with 105 worldwide chapters and a membership of over 12,000 employees.

- Developed performance metrics for the overall program and ensured the ERGs created success criteria to advance D&I strategies.

Human Resources (HR) Legal Investigator (Folsom, CA)

Nov 2001 – Jun 2005

Investigated and resolved complex and potentially litigious employee relations cases. Types of cases: claims of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, misconduct and/or unfair treatment.

- Investigated over 120 cases resolved 99% internally minimizing the company's legal risk.

Human Resources (HR) Manager – Latin America Region (Sao Paulo, Brazil)

Jun 2000 – Nov 2001

Led Intel's Latin America HR team. Team responsible for delivering full array of human resource services including compensation & benefits, talent acquisition, employee relations, training & development, and HR operations

- Implemented new benefit programs in five countries resulting in legally compliant and cost-efficient programs saving the company millions of dollars
- Developed an efficient HR infrastructure providing managers processes, tools and reporting to assist them to efficiently and effectively manage their teams

Human Resources (HR) Business Partner – (Folsom, CA)

Aug 1995 – Jun 2000

Consulted with Intel business groups (Information Technology and Sales & Marketing groups) to develop and implement HR strategies focused on employee development, progression, and retention.

- Worked closely with business group general managers to develop HR programs focused on progression & retention of employees.
- Collaborated with business partners to create organization effectiveness plans to support business strategies.
- Partnered with start-up and mature business groups to define HR strategies to drive business results.

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

Jun 2015 – Jun 2020

Board of Director Member & Treasurer – (virtual)

SHPE is a national non-profit with a mission to change lives by empowering the Hispanic community to realize its fullest potential and to impact the world through STEM. Served three consecutive term (maximum number of terms)

- Accountable for the oversight of SHPE's financial management affairs including a \$9 million budget.
- Lead SHPE's finance committee and worked with the Finance Director, CEO and COO to develop sound financial strategies.
- At the end of my terms SHPE had years of audited financials, six-month operating reserve fund and other operational efficiencies that did not exist at the beginning of my term.
- **GEM Consortium** Executive Committee and Marketing Committee Vice Chair; 2011 – 2015
- **Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**; Board of Directors: 2008 – 2012

Other Employers

- | | |
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| • First Nationwide Bank, VP & HR Manager | • Salt River Project, Compensation Specialist |
| • Valley National Bank, Compensation Manager | • The Arizona Bank, Compensation Analyst |
| | • Motorola Semiconductor, Compensation Analyst |

EDUCATION

Arizona State University; Tempe, AZ – B.S. Business – Management/Economics

Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo Leon; Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, México – Economics (Exchange Student Program)



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Applicant Information

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Employer and Occupation

California Army National Guard - Counterdrug Task Force. Operations Officer

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I want to serve on this committee because I believe strong communities are built through transparency, accountability, and constructive collaboration between institutions and the public. Folsom State Prison plays an important role in our region, and I am motivated to contribute to efforts that support safety, fairness, and positive outcomes for both staff and incarcerated individuals. My background in public service has shown me the value of balanced perspectives, ethical leadership, and listening to diverse voices when addressing complex challenges. Serving on the Citizen's Advisory Committee would allow me to give back to the community in a meaningful way while helping strengthen trust, communication, and responsible oversight within the correctional system.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I believe some of the top issues facing this committee include maintaining transparency and public trust, supporting safe and humane conditions within the institution, and encouraging successful rehabilitation and reentry outcomes. Balancing the needs of correctional staff, incarcerated individuals, and the surrounding community requires thoughtful dialogue and informed oversight. Additionally, addressing concerns related to mental health resources, effective communication with the public, and ensuring policies are implemented fairly and consistently are likely ongoing priorities. The committee has an important role in helping bridge perspectives, identifying concerns early, and providing constructive recommendations that promote accountability, safety, and long-term positive outcomes for the region.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

My professional background reflects a strong commitment to leadership, accountability, and public service. Through my military experience in the California National Guard, including leadership roles responsible for personnel, operations, and mission execution, I have developed the ability to assess complex issues, balance diverse perspectives, and make thoughtful, ethical recommendations. I have worked in high-stress environments that required clear communication, respect for policy and procedure, and a focus on community impact — skills directly applicable to a citizen advisory role. Additionally, my transition toward education and service within local communities reflects my dedication to rehabilitation, mentorship, and positive outcomes for individuals and organizations. I would bring a disciplined, objective, and community-focused perspective to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison.



Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have not attended any meetings.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Fermin Fierro

Signature Date

02/13/2026

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Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

Important Public Records Information: The city may receive requests from the public to review documents such as this form and the city is obligated to release these public records, including all information contained on the form.

Applicant Information

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Employer and Occupation *				
Retired				
Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? *				
<input type="radio"/> Yes				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No				
If yes, please specify:				

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Commission and Committee members must be residents and registered voters of Folsom.

Registered to vote? *

- Yes
- No

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information. *

- Yes
- No

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training. *

- Yes
- No



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 Preview

 **Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)**

 **Informational Questions**

Please answer all four questions

Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response *

I have always supported the community that I have lived in.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response *

Keeping Folsom striving and a safe a environment for all who live here.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response *

I served as an LAPD RESERVE OFFICER for 17 years and worked as a volunteer docent at the Folsom Prison Museum for 4 years until it was closed for questionable reasons

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response *

To date none.

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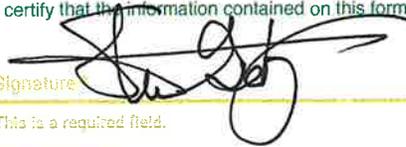
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✔ Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

? Informational Questions

📄 Truth and Accuracy

I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate.

Signature 

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Signature Date * 1-29-26

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Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Employer and Occupation

Retired teacher

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I spent over a year working at the Folsom Prison museum and got very interested in learning about the history of Folsom prison, and particularly interested in the rehabilitation programs currently available to incarcerated persons. I toured the braille program and some of the other CAL-PIA programs, including the license plate factory and sheet metal, and was really impressed with the work being done. I look forward to working with the committee to improve better understanding of what Folsom Prison has to offer the community

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I don't think the general public has any idea of the vast number of current opportunities at the prison for the incarcerated persons, and this probably is one of the top issues of making Folsom residents aware of what is occurring. It seems that the only publicity from the prison is inmate unrest. I'm sure funding is an ongoing issue when trying to incorporate more programs. Most visitors to the museum had no idea about the CAL-PIA programs, or other rehab programs and offerings. Another issue is probably the image of the prison as being negative, rather than looking to the positive strides that are being met.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

As a retired teacher I am very interested in the educational opportunities offered. I would like to enhance and expand on current programs, and help to encourage incarcerated persons that are currently not taking advantage of what is offered. Or perhaps encourage more programs for more involvement.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

None

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Bette D Hickok

Signature Date

01/23/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Plumbing business owner

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Registered to vote?

No

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I want to serve on this commission to contribute my experience and perspective to meaningful public service.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

The top issues include managing limited resources, addressing evolving community needs, and maintaining transparency and public trust in the commission's work.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

My background in collaborative work, critical analysis, and public engagement equips me to contribute constructively and responsibly to the commission's work.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

None, it's my first application

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

RM

Signature Date

01/19/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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California Highway Patrol/Automotive Equipment Standards Engineer, Military Aircraft Parts/President

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

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Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

Interest in recidivism rates, historical preservation, status and support for the prison museum and status of any new community involvement programs.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

Prison history museum conflict, fiscal issues resulting in prison closures and ensuring prison staffing does not pose a local security risk.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

My background includes five years of experience as a sworn Reserve Police Officer, four years of experience as an engineering technician at Camp 12/Folsom Prison for CALPIA (the prison work/employment program) and a master's degree in business administration in my own company, hiring 130 employees while managing all fiscal and managerial challenges.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have listened in to CALPIA's executive board meetings.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Robert Emerson Marin

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Qualifications for Citizen's Advisory Committee/Folsom State Prison

Excelling in All Facets of Organizational Management, Product Development & Cost Controls

HIGH-VOLUME BUSINESS / ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS | MULTI-PROJECT MANAGEMENT
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT | QUALITY CONTROL | AUDIT PROCESSES | TEAM BUILDING / TRAINING
STRATEGIC ANALYSIS / PLANNING | FISCAL MANAGEMENT | BUDGETING | COST-REDUCING INITIATIVES
SOURCING | PURCHASING | COMPLEX CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS | FEDERAL LAW | REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
GOVERNMENT / STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS | POLICY / PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT | MULTI-PROCESS OPTIMIZATION

Highly Accomplished Executive who expertly drives high-volume business / administrative operations across manufacturing, service, engineering, and quality-centric areas while resourcefully managing up to 400 concurrent projects and promptly responding to and resolving issues with strikingly favorable results.

Influential Strategist who continually gains buy-in among multidisciplinary teams to promote unified objectives and incredible goal achievement, and who contributes political savviness, government relations, and solutions-oriented critical thinking for insightful, change-driven outcomes in all operations.

Customer-Focused Communicator who builds and sustains strong alliances among public- / private-sector decision-makers, and who sees the "big picture" at all times while thriving in rapidly evolving scenarios to exceed key expectations – always willing to "go the extra mile" to surpass the status quo.

Career Highlights Include:

- **Doubling company's prior year's annual sales for 3 separate years.**
- **Filing and prevailing in 3 different bid protests of improper awards.**
- **Interviewing, hiring, and supervising 300+ employees throughout career.**
- **Effectively handling complex accounting audits by state and federal agencies.**
- **Coordinating, hosting, and representing the company at frequent trade shows.**
- **Developing software for a brand-new, customized company project tracking system.**
- **Developing thousands of project budgets and evaluating post-completion performance.**
- **Writing 10,000+ purchase orders and expertly sourcing at least 1,000 different suppliers.**
- **Analyzing customer noncompliance complaints to write 200+ technically based rebuttals.**
- **Personally inspecting and investigating all customer complaints regarding product quality.**
- **Writing and enforcing company's first quality control manual to be ISO 9001:2008 certified.**
- **Authoring and delivering persuasive PowerPoint presentations for high-level military officials.**
- **Researching legal requirements and case law to author 100 legal filings to ultimately recover significant funds from the U.S. Government from concealed misconduct or low competence.**
- **Personally litigating and prevailing in 9 U.S. Government contract disputes before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA); received 2 informal federal judicial commendations for outstanding courtroom case presentation (in written / oral presentation).**

Professional Synopsis

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, SACRAMENTO CA
(2021 – PRESENT)

Automotive Equipment Standards Engineer

Review, author & manage projects for new/revised state safety regulations and statutes. Implement changes used by automotive manufacturers, law enforcement personnel and motorists to facilitate safety improvements and changes in equipment requirements and test methods. Vehicle & equipment design.

Professional Synopsis (continued)

MILITARY AIRCRAFT PARTS, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA
(2004 – PRESENT)

President | CEO

Leverage broad scope of industry knowledge toward directing the start-up and successful operations of Sacramento County's largest CNC machine shop employing up to 130 personnel while generating \$6+ million in annual revenue. Spearhead the manufacturing of 900 different flight-critical assemblies (i.e. ducts, skins, airframe components). Recruit, train, mentor, and manage a top-performing team of machinists, quality inspectors, engineers, and administrative support personnel, as well as 5 managers.

Perform annual ISO9001:2008 & AS9100 audits, including drafting best practice documents and employee implementation. Lead annual planning meetings to evaluate past goals and develop new ones. Serve as sole contact in response to Government audits from OSHA, BOE, EDD, DOD, and insurance adjusters. Regularly interface with primary customer – the U.S. Government / Department of Defense.

Competitively perform vendor sourcing, purchasing, and contract negotiations of millions of dollars in manufacturing equipment, including bidding and administering 2,000+ federal government contracts. Meet with thousands of different vendors to locate new products or resolve existing issues. Coordinate 1,000+ LTL freight shipments. Perform inventory counts. Plan factory plant layouts in 8 different manufacturing and warehouse facilities using CAD. Develop low-cost tooling and manufacturing methods.

AEROMETALS, EL DORADO HILLS, CA
(1999 – 2004)

Project Manager | Design Engineer

Designed new and replacement commercial helicopter components for this company generating \$12+ million in annual sales. Developed manufacturing instructions from government-issued engineering drawings. Contacted vendors to source components and determine pricing. Wrote key reports to gain FAA approval.

Education, Professional Development & Technical Summary

Master of Business Administration (General Management)
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Extensive Doctoral Studies in Systems Engineering, Unmanned Systems University

Module D Basic Police Academy Graduate – Long Beach Police Department / Orange County Sheriff

Graduate-Level Mechanical Engineering Studies – California State University, Long Beach & Sacramento

Supplemental Independent Study

Microsoft Project | Pre-Hearing Discovery | Federal Acquisition Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations | Titles of U.S. Codes | Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations

Microsoft Office Suite | MS Publisher | Prezi | dBase | MapTrak | AutoCAD | Autodesk Inventor | Revit

Community Leadership

SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT | LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
(1991 – 1997)

Armed Level I Reserve Police Officer

Rapidly responded to 911 calls for service. Objectively enforced traffic regulations as a DUI Officer, including making essential arrests. Drafted comprehensive reports. Testified in court as necessary.



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Employer and Occupation

High Rock Security - Seasonal Event Security Agent & Coffee Quintessence - Coffee Roaster

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

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Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

Steward Safe Community

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

The top issue facing this committee is the integration of evidence-based inmate programming with community safety goals. To be effective, the committee must identify and support programs that not only reduce in-prison violence but also prioritize successful reentry. By focusing on mental health, vocational training, and conflict resolution, we can improve the well-being of the incarcerated population while enhancing the long-term safety of the Folsom community.

My priority would be to help safely and effectively plan and execute these programs to ensure they meet the dual goals of reducing internal injury and violence while significantly improving overall community health and public trust.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

As a lifelong Folsom resident and seasoned entrepreneur, I offer a unique combination of vocational expertise and security experience. Between 2009 and 2016, I worked within the CALPIA Coffee Roasting Enterprise at Mule Creek State Prison. This gave me direct, firsthand insight into how correctional industries and vocational programming operate, and more importantly, how they can transform lives through skill-building.

My background as an Eagle Scout and Military Reserve veteran instilled in me a deep commitment to service and discipline. Furthermore, my work as a Security Agent for large-scale events (100,000+ attendees) since 2014 has honed my ability to manage complex safety protocols and public interactions. Now, as the owner of Coffee Quintessence, I bring the perspective of a local business owner who understands the importance of community health. I am eager to apply this '360-degree' view—from the prison floor to the local storefront—to help Folsom maintain a safe and productive relationship with its state prison.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

Arts and Culture Commission, Planning Commission and Library Commission.



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FOLSOM
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE

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James Mickelson

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02/18/2026

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Professional Summary

Highly experienced **Industrial Supervisor** and **Specialty Coffee Roasting Expert** with over three decades of progressive experience in industrial operations, team leadership, logistics, and quality assurance. Proven ability to transform and manage complex industrial programs, streamline logistical operations, and train high-performing teams, including developing and implementing an enhanced skills-training program for inmate workers at a maximum-security prison. Concurrent expertise in **Safety & Security**, executive transportation, and exceptional five-star customer service.

Core Competencies

Industrial Operations

- Commercial Coffee Roasting
- Manufacturing Process Improvement
- Quality Control (QC) & SQF
- Industrial Equipment Operation

Leadership & Training

- Industrial Supervision
- Workforce Development
- Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) Lead Instructor
- Customer Service & Sales

Logistics & Safety

- Event Security & Patrol
- Inventory & Supply Control
- Safety Protocol & Enforcement
- Freight Merchandising

Professional Experience

Industrial Supervisor, Coffee Roasting & Packaging

California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) | Ione, CA

April 2009 – November 2017

- Managed and secured the Coffee Roasting & Instant Coffee Packaging Enterprise at Mule Creek State Prison.
- Trained and supervised staff and up to 25 Level 4 PC inmate workers in all aspects of coffee production.
- **Transformed the program** into a secure, clean, and safe operation with enhanced industry skills training.
- Managed all production planning, material receipt, cycle counts, equipment repair scheduling, and payroll.
- Enforced safety regulations, managed hazardous materials, and maintained security to prevent escapes/injuries.

Event Security Agent

High Rock Security | Gerlach, Nevada

2014 – Present

- Provide security for high-profile public events, ensuring the safety of equipment, attendees, staff, and artists.
- Patrol venues, identify potential security risks, respond to emergencies, and coordinate with local authorities.

Head Coffee Roaster (Owner/Operator)

Coffee Quintessence (E-commerce) | Folsom, CA

October 1995 – Present

- Founded in 1997 an e-commerce business delivering **custom-roasted, high-quality coffee** to customers.
- Utilize Sample rosters and a 3-KiloYoshan Coffee Roaster to fulfill on-demand custom coffee orders.



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

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Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I have lived in Folsom since 1998 and I am at a point now where I can start to give back to my community and I believe this is a good way to give back.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

This is a new committee so there are no issues, however since we do have Folsom State Prison in our community we do need to work with them to ensure the safety and integration with the city.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I am a business owner, project manager, and a coach for a team in Folsom which has given me some skills and abilities to be a member of a commission or a committee. I have also led many teams and been an HOA board member which has also provided me with experience in a committee like setting.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have attended the Parks and Rec committee meetings as well as City Council meetings.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Brian Moss

Signature Date

01/28/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Homemaker

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Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I have always wanted to get involved in our community.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

We need more inclusion and create awareness while helping inmates with better programs.

Art and music are used for therapy and benefits immensely. Inclusion of this will help inmates with emotional stability and personal wellbeing.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

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Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

None

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Suman Nagarkar

Signature Date

01/23/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Through 2023 Senior management for T-Mobile/ Currently Self employed

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

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Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I am interested in serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee to better understand how correctional institutions operate and how they interact with the surrounding community. I have both a personal interest in learning how the system functions in practice and an academic interest as a student of political science. This committee offers a valuable opportunity to observe how policy, operations, and community engagement intersect, while also contributing constructively to discussions around education, mental health, and reentry programming.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

One of the primary issues facing the committee is bridging the gap between public perception and the realities of prison operations and programming. There is often limited understanding of what programs exist, how they are implemented, and what constraints affect them. Another key issue is identifying practical ways to support education, mental health, and reentry efforts in a manner that is realistic, collaborative, and aligned with institutional and public safety requirements.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I bring a thoughtful and analytical perspective shaped by my studies in political science and over a decade of experience in senior leadership and communications roles. In my professional career, I have worked with diverse stakeholders, managed complex organizational challenges, and helped implement initiatives designed to improve systems and outcomes. I have also taken a personal and professional interest in public policy and constructive community engagement.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have not yet attended a meeting of this committee. I have reviewed publicly available information regarding its purpose and responsibilities and am prepared to attend meetings regularly if appointed.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Aaron M. Ochoa

Signature Date

01/31/1990



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

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Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

To get involved with the city and community by helping bridge the gap between the prison administration and community. I feel, serving on the committee will help support transparency, and accountability while raising concerns constructively to improve. It's a way for me to get involved and contribute to public safety without being in law enforcement.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I feel some of the top issues would be balancing transparency with confidential safety protocols, recruitment and retention, budget constrictions, and lastly recognizing that incarceration serves a purpose in protecting public safety, while rehabilitation is equally important so there are not repeat offenders and preparing individuals for successful reentry. Both accountability and rehabilitation are equally important.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I am an engaged citizen who wants to be more involved in strengthening our community and improving how the public understands the prison system. I believe that meaningful change happens when everyday citizens step forward with a willingness to listen, learn, and contribute constructively. Through my formal education and professional background, I have developed strong communication skills and the ability to analyze complex issues from multiple angles. Additionally, having traveled to more than 75 countries, I have gained exposure to a wide range of cultural, social and governmental systems. That experience has shaped my ability to approach difficult topics with openness, respect and perspective.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have not attended a meeting yet, but I am interested in attending and understanding more about the expectations and involvement.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Samantha Potstada

Signature Date

02/13/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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State of California - Labor Relations Manager

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

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Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I would like to volunteer my time locally and give back to the community.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

Safety for prison staff and inmates.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I worked in California State Prison, Sacramento (CSP_SAC) for several years and am familiar with many of the policies and procedures.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

None

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Layla Saleem

Signature Date

01/27/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Employer and Occupation

Founder and Outreach Coordinator of Jake's Journey Home NonProfit

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

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Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I would like to serve because I have extensive and unique experience working with this population. I have a criminal justice degree.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

Creating a successful and sustainable re-entry process for people

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I run a nonprofit and interact with folks being released from prison/jail. I collaborate on a daily basis with the legal system assisting people navigating it. I have knowledge, patience, ingenuity and a team-player mentality. I have a potential track for folks to help make their transition from prison life to society a more successful and sustainable future.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I attended a Planning Commission, specifically traffic, signals and stop signs.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Jeanne Shuman

Signature Date

01/23/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Retired - Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

Yes

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Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

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Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

For the past two years, it has been my pleasure to serve the City on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison. It would be my honor to continue serving on the Committee for another two years.

As explained in a subsequent section, I worked in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 32 years, and saw what impact (both positive and negative) a prison can have on the surrounding community both economically and politically. In fact, I often times represented my prison when interacting with community leaders on issues that the prison created for the community, such as parking and inmate work assignments.

I have been retried for several years, but I would like to continue providing my unique perspective to the Committee as both a resident/homeowner and someone who intimately understands how a prison operates and can affect a community. I will continue to be a positive and productive member of the Committee.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

The correctional facilities in Folsom are somewhat secluded from the population centers and tend to only come within the community's consciousness when they are in the news, or there is some sort of incident. By comparison, at other prisons I have worked at, like Mule Creek and Solano, the facilities are much more visible and elicit a lot of community attention. Regardless, the Folsom correctional facilities are incredibly important to the community, if for no other reason than because many Folsom residents are directly tied to them either through employment or because of a relationship with someone incarcerated there.

Working with an immense entity such as a prison could be difficult for many people. Luckily, I am very familiar with the prison system. Ultimately, to be an effective Committee, it is vital that communications and trust go both ways, and that the parties are comfortable engaging in open dialogue. The Committee needs to generate clear and concise directives after thorough discussions, and consider the agreements that have been reached in the past.



Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I bring the unique perspective of working at all levels of corrections and paroles during my 32 year career with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. After returning from the Vietnam War, I commenced working for the Department in 1973 as an entry level Correctional Officer at San Quentin. Throughout the next several decades, I was promoted several times and worked in various capacities at several prisons including San Quentin, Soledad, Solono, Mule Creek, and the California Medical Facility. I also served in paroles, and held administrative posts at Headquarters and a special assignment at Aerojet. I eventually was promoted to Associate Warden at Mule Creek. In this role, I was at one time responsible for the prison's budget of \$68 million and supervised 300 employees.

Throughout my career, I managed all functions of a correctional institution including food services, plant operations, personnel, housing, discipline and classification. I served at all levels from entry level correctional officer to upper management. I received specialized training in leadership, communications (with emphases on media), report writing and budgets. I also represented the Department at local colleges during recruiting drives. Finally, I have the benefit of seeing how different prison operate in different and diverse communities.

After retirement, I was an elected official with my tribe: the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians. That Board governed the Tribe (composed of over a thousand members) and its multi-million dollar commercial activities, including a gaming facility. More recently, I became a graduate of the City's CAPS volunteer training program.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

City Council. Utility Commission.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Jim J Silva

Signature Date

02/05/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I believe I could help enlighten and bring more awareness to the city of Folsom and its residents about the two prisons that sit within their community. The knowledge I have gained over 21 years, and things I have learned would be well served by giving back to the community I live in.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

Most individuals have not had the experience of being around convicted felons or seen the inside of a prison and its daily operations. Individuals may be naive on the operations of how the system works and the complexity of a state run prison system.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I have worked as a correctional officer for 21 years at California State Prison Sacramento. I have experience with a multitude of different types of incarcerated persons.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have never attended a commission or committee meeting

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Aaron Thompson

Signature Date

01/24/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

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Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

To be a active citizen in the City of Folsom

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I think the partnership between the Prison and the Folsom Community.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I have worked 19 years as a Recreation Therapist at CSP Sacramento (New Folsom) in the mental health department in the prison.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have not attended any meetings or committees.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Bruce Thompson

Signature Date

01/23/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I would like to see Folsom State Prison implement several different programs, such as reopening the Folsom Big House Museum.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

Communication with Folsom State Prison and the residents of Represa is the key to opening the door to beneficial new projects.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I have worked for CDCR for 27 years. Six different institutions and a fire camp. I personally know several wardens, union presidents and the current director.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

None

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Stephen R. Walters

Signature Date

01/30/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Registered to vote?

No

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

Through my role at a local adult school in my school district, I discovered a deep passion for second chances. I firmly believe that a person's past mistakes or poor decisions do not define who they are or determine where they can go in life.

At Folsom Cordova Adult School, I have seen this belief come to life firsthand. I have worked with students who may have made mistakes in the past but are now showing up with determination and a genuine desire to change their lives. Being part of that journey has been incredibly meaningful to me and has reinforced my commitment to rehabilitation, growth, and accountability.

These experiences are why I am interested in serving on the Community Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison. I believe that time spent in prison should not prevent individuals from moving forward, and that successful reentry into the general population is a critical first step toward rebuilding one's life and contributing positively to the community. Through this committee, I hope to support constructive dialogue around rehabilitation and reentry while bringing a community-centered perspective grounded in empathy, responsibility, and second chances.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I believe the top issues facing the Community Advisory Committee include supporting effective rehabilitation programs, improving reentry outcomes, and strengthening communication between the institution and the surrounding community. Ensuring that incarcerated individuals have access to education, vocational training, and reentry resources is critical to reducing recidivism and promoting long-term success after release.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I currently work in the Communications and Community Engagement department at Folsom Cordova Unified School District, where I support clear, accurate, and transparent communication with a diverse school and community population. This role has strengthened my ability to listen thoughtfully, convey complex information, and collaborate with multiple stakeholders.

Additionally, my experience working at Folsom Cordova Adult School exposed me to individuals who are actively pursuing education as a means of personal growth and second chances. Supporting these students has given me valuable insight into rehabilitation, reentry, and importance of community support, which I would bring to my service on the committee.



Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

N/A

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Mina West

Signature Date

01/28/2026



Citizen's Advisory Committee for Folsom State Prison (Regional Board)

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Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

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Registered to vote?

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Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

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Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes

Informational Questions



Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I think it is important that the citizens of Folsom have a voice in what happens at the prison. I want to be able to be that voice for both the citizens and those incarcerated. I want to be able to help make reform a true possibility for those who will be released back into society one day.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I think the top issues are most likely budget, conditions, and programs that can help reduce recidivism.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I recently worked as a Deputy Coroner for the Sacramento County Coroner. This position required me to enter the prison to investigate in custody deaths. This position also allowed me to work with various law enforcement personnel in correctional settings. I also previously worked as a paramedic in San Bernardino County. This position allowed me to interact with those housed at state prison, federal prison, county jail, and a state hospital. Having worked both of these positions gives me a unique perspective of having been involved with and being able to see "both sides." I also graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a criminal justice major. I took several corrections classes including a correctional environments course which included visiting multiple institutions and studying and evaluating their operating procedures.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

None

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

Becky Williams

Signature Date

02/15/2026

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