

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority At Large	Application No: No: 20200615144740_9836
ELIGIBILITY	
Are you a qualified voter in the City of San Antonio?	Yes
PROFILE	
Prefix	Dr
Last Name	Gonzalez
First Name	Erika
Middle Name	Gabriela
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Erika Gabriela Gonzalez
Title	
Address Type?	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	78212
Phone Type?	
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
eMail	
Employer	
Job Title	
Occupation	
Board/Commission/Committee Name	VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority~At Large~~16
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
	Hispanic/Latino/a

Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	
Gender:	Female
Age:	35 to 44
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	No
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	35
In which City Council District do you reside?	01
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	08
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek or take part, either directly or indirectly, in any sale of land, materials, supplies, or service to the City in the foreseeable future?	No
	No

Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	Centromed (Board Member-term finishes 12/2020), Central Catholic (Board Member), Girls Inc (Board Member), Latino Victory Project (Board Member), Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women (Chair), San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Chair 2020)
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Describe your Educational history.	I graduated from Health Careers H.S. here in San Antonio and went on to obtain my B.S. in Biology from St. Mary's University. From there I went on to Univ Tx Medical Branch Galveston under a HPSP Air Force Scholarship and obtained my medical degree. I then came on Active Duty in the USAF and completed my residency in Pediatrics at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS and then went on to specialize in Allergy/Immunology at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tx. I am dual board certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology.
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	After completing my residency and fellowship, I became staff/professor for the Allergy and Immunology Fellowship at Wilford Hall Medical Center. I served 10 years as an active duty Medical Officer where I ultimately became Chief of the Immunology Clinic for 59thMDOS Command. After separating from the Air Force, I went out into private

	<p>practice and founded South Texas Allergy and Asthma Medical Professionals and STAAMP Research. In 2014, I was asked to help establish the Allergy/Immunology department at the newly founded Children's Hospital of San Antonio and was Chief of the Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology department until I transitioned back full time into private practice in 2018. I am certified by the Association of Clinical Research Professionals which allows me to conduct clinical research with the FDA on the latest therapeutic option in allergy, asthma and immunology. I am also dual board certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology. I am an Associate Professor at Baylor College of Medicine and Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio.</p>
<p>Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service</p>	<p>I have been actively involved in the community since completing my military career. In addition to serving on the boards listed above, I also am involved in free asthma screenings and clinics in the community and participate in city wide health fairs and back to school fairs. I am a member of the South Texas Asthma Advisory Coalition and helped established the San Antonio Kids BREATHE program that is now overseen by Metrohealth and continue sit on the SA Kids BREATHE advisory council. I am on the advisory board for the Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology at St. Mary's University and also sit on the advisory board for YWCA Wage Equity Council.</p>
<p>Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:</p>	<p>The recent COVID-19 pandemic shed a light on the pre-existing health disparities that exist in the United States and San Antonio was not spared. When we reach the other side of this pandemic these health inequities will not cease to exist and we really need to begin to address the systemic racism contributing to these injustices. In addition to home and food security, the other social determinant that heavily contributes to lack of health care access is access to transportation. Lack of transportation is the leading social determinant that affects the ability of community of colors to receive proper preventative medicine and is the main cause of missed or delayed health care appointments, increased health expenditures and overall poorer health outcomes. In fact each year, 25 of patients and 35 of veterans in San Antonio do not obtain timely medical care due to</p>

transportation issues. Transportation is a vehicle for wellness and as such I think it is very important that a voice from someone with a health care background be at the table when developing the strategy for our city's transportation system moving forward. Developing affordable and appropriate transportation options, walkable communities, bike lanes and other healthy transit options is also vital to boost the health of our city and economic recovery. Now more than ever transportation will serve as an economic tool to get people equal and equitable access to job opportunities. As a small business owner and through my involvement at the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber, I have a unique understanding of the role that transportation plays in helping to enhance the much needed workforce development and access to economic opportunity. At a time when we are prioritizing and establishing the path forward to rebuild the health of our community and to boost our local economy, we can not underestimate the importance of a comprehensive approach to transportation planning. With my combined experience in health care, military/veteran issues, small business owner and VIA rider with a disabled brother that saw first hand some of the challenges and barriers posed on those with disabilities, I would love the opportunity to be able to bring this unique perspective to the conversation and would be honored to serve on the board of directors.

APPLICATION SIGN-OFF

As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec.2-534. All board and commission members must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.

I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information

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must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.

I recognize that I am an applicant for VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority~At Large~ ~16, as a City of San Antonio board or commission that is more than advisory in nature. As a city officer, I understand that I, my immediate family members, and any business in which I and/or they hold a 10% or greater ownership interest will be prohibited from seeking or accepting contracts with the city for the duration of my service on this board. I further understand that this restriction will extend with regard to many types of discretionary contracts for a period of one year after leaving city service.

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OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.

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Enter Your Name

Erika Gonzalez

Date of submission.

6/15/2020

The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or

<p>reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.</p>	
<p>I want the public to have access to my Home Address.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.</p>	No
<p>I want the public to have access to my Family Information.</p>	No
<p>Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.</p>	