

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Low-Income Representative – North Kern District



NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION DAY: Monday, May 10, 2021

Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) is the designated poverty fighting non-profit Community Action Agency serving Kern County, California, established in 1965. CAPK is one of the largest nonprofit agencies in Kern County and one of the oldest and largest Community Action Agencies in the United States. CAPK's mission is *to provide and advocate for resources that will support Kern County residents so they will have the skills and resources necessary to improve their quality of life and become self-sufficient.*

The Agency has offices in 33 cities/communities, with administrative headquarters located at 5005 Business Park North, Bakersfield, CA 93309. CAPK employs over 900 dedicated professionals with diverse backgrounds and expertise, serving nearly 100,000 low-income Kern County residents. CAPK provides assistance to low-income individuals and families of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds through direct-service programs focused on empowering clients with skills and supports the transition out of poverty to become self-sufficient.

CAPK Board of Directors

CAPK is governed by a 15-member tri-partite Board comprised of representation by five (5) public officials, five (5) democratically elected low-income, and five (5) from the private sector. The minimum qualifications of a North Kern Low-Income Board Member are:

- Must be a resident of North Kern District which includes Delano, McFarland, Wasco, Shafter, Lost Hills, Buttonwillow, Elmo, Famoso, and outlying rural communities.
- Must be 18 years of age.
- Must be either a low-income resident as identified by the federal poverty level index or represent a low-income population.

Both candidates, Ms. Ana Vigil and Ms. Dora Hernandez-Jara, qualify to serve as a CAPK Board Member.

Voter Qualifications

As a voter, you are required to meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of North Kern District which includes Delano, McFarland, Wasco, Shafter, Lost Hills, Buttonwillow, Elmo, Famoso, and outlying rural communities. (addresses will be verified using GIS mapping or other means)
- Must be 18 years of age on or before election day (May 10, 2021)
- Self-certify that you are a low-income resident based on the federal poverty level index listed below:

2020 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,480 for each additional person.

<u>Persons in Family / Household</u>	<u>Poverty Guideline</u>
1	\$12,760
2	\$17,240
3	\$21,720
4	\$26,200
5	\$30,680
6	\$35,160
7	\$39,640
8	\$44,120

Poll Locations

Five poll locations have been established for in-person voting on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The poll locations are listed below:

Community Action Partnership of Kern	5005 Business Park North	Bakersfield
CAPK Shafter Youth Center	455 E. Euclid Ave.	Shafter
CAPK WIC Office	2101 7 th St., Bldg. E	Wasco
CAPK Head Start Child Development Center	1835 Cecil Ave.	Delano
La Mission De Jesus (CSFP Food Distribution Site)	188 San Juan St.	McFarland

Mail-In Voting

Voting is available by mail and all voters must meet the voter qualifications noted above. To verify age, voters must submit a copy of their CA Driver's License, a CA ID Card, or copy of their birth certificate. Ballots received without this verification will be deemed invalid. All addresses will be verified by GIS mapping or other means to confirm residence within the North Kern District.

Mail-in ballots must be requested by May 5, 2021 by calling the CAPK office at (661) 336-5236 ext. 1170, or by email at info@capk.org. Ballots must be postmarked by May 10, 2021 to be considered valid.

For questions about the election, please contact Pritika Ram, Director of Administration, at (661) 336-5236 ext. 1142.



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Candidate Ana Escalante-Vigil

Age: 46 years old

Residence: Wasco/Shafter -Kern County for 19 years

Occupation: Case Manager & Homeless Court Coordinator for Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc. (GBLA), where she has advocated for 16 years.

Experience: Through her position at GBLA, Mrs. Escalante-Vigil helps homeless individuals with their SSI/SSDI and identifying permanent housing.

Ms. Escalante-Vigil has been an active community advocate her whole life. Her passion to advocate for low-income and marginalized communities extends beyond her duties at GBLA.

In her free time, Ms. Escalante-Vigil is busy uplifting the lives and struggles of the families she represents as a Board Member of the Community Action Partnership of Kern, volunteering for various local campaigns, including the annual Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House - Walk for Kids, Kern County Homeless Census Count and the annual Kern County Veteran Stand Down. Ms. Escalante-Vigil also serves as the Vice President of the Democratic Women of Kern and sits on the Advisory Board for the Kern County Women's March. She continuously works to ensure local and state legislators are responsive to the needs and challenges of her community.

Mrs. Escalante-Vigil is a wife and proud mother of Eliseo, who recently graduated from Wasco High School, where she served as President of the Tiger's Parent Club from 2018 - 2020. In October 2020, Ms. Escalante-Vigil recently received a Certification of Special Congressional Recognition Latino Inspire Award from Congressman TJ Cox.



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Candidate Dora E. Hernández-Jara

Age: 71 years old

Residence: Shafter – Kern County for 70 years

Occupation: Retired

Experience: Ms. Hernández-Jara attended schools in Shafter, Bakersfield College, and Cal State University, Bakersfield, earning a B.A. in Spanish and a minor in English. While earning her A.A. in Secretarial Practice, she worked as an Administrative Secretary to the Kern County Self-Help Enterprises, then moving to the Kern County Liberation Movement, known as Clínica Sierra Vista.

Ms. Hernández-Jara has worked as a bilingual secretary at the local schools and taught for 21 years at the high school level in McFarland and Shafter High Schools, teaching all E.L.D. Levels, senior writing proficiency, and Spanish for native and non-native speakers.

Ms. Hernández-Jara currently serves as Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Committee for the Preservation of La Colonia; is a community representative on the AB617 Steering Committee and is working to ensure specifics of SB1000 are included in Shafter's Master plan. For the past couple of years, she and community members have worked with Supervisor Couch's office to secure funds for recreational amenities in the Mexican Colony.

Ms. Hernández-Jara is passionate about community activism, through her experience with the local community water board, which included securing Block Grants for community development--paved streets, streetlights, curb and gutter, and a drainage sump, and related needed improvements.