



Shasta Children and Families Commission

Application for Commission Membership

First Name Erin		Last Name Salazar	
Mailing Address: 840 Royal Oaks Drive			
City Redding		State CA	Zip 96001
Business Phone (530) 225-0035		Home Phone	
Cell Phone (209) 609-3677		Email esalazar@rsdnmp.org	

1. Which Commission Membership category best describes you?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Educator/former educator specializing in early childhood development	<input type="radio"/> Representative of a local school district
<input type="radio"/> Recipient of services resulting from the First 5 Shasta Strategic Plan	<input type="radio"/> Representative of a local medical, pediatric, or obstetric association or society
<input type="radio"/> Representative of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk	<input type="radio"/> Representative of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group
<input type="radio"/> Representative of a community-based organization that has the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development	

2. Which of the First 5 Shasta Pathway Goals are you most familiar with and/or most interested in?	
<input type="radio"/> GOAL 1: Healthy, Well-Timed Births	<input checked="" type="radio"/> GOAL 4: High-Quality Child Care and Early Education
<input type="radio"/> GOAL 2: Health and Development on Track	<input type="radio"/> GOAL 5: Continuity in Early Childhood Experiences
<input type="radio"/> GOAL 3: Supported and Supportive Families	

- 3. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Shasta Children and Families Commission?**
I am passionate about Early Childhood Education and early literacy. I am deeply invested in working towards improving the lives of young children by helping children, their families, and the community acquire the knowledge and skills to set them up for success. I believe that my knowledge, experience, and interests align well with the purpose of the Commission.


4. What is your professional/employment experience as it relates to the Commission position?

I have been a kindergarten teacher for the last 11 years and a preschool teacher for several years before that. I have also worked as a Reading Intervention Teacher for grades K-6. I have extensive experience working with students, their families, colleagues and community members on goals and projects to improve the success of children in school. I was selected as the 2016 Redding Rotary Teacher of the Year and was excited to receive this honor and represent kindergarten and early childhood educators. I am bilingual (Spanish) and have extensive experience working with English Learners and their families within the educational setting.

5. What is your experience with organizations/community groups as it relates to this position?

Much of my time is committed to working in the school community. As a teacher, I collaborate with faculty, students, families and community members to identify priorities, develop action plans, and allocate resources to further the goals and interests of individual students, my classroom, and our school on a daily basis.

I am involved in the Shasta K-2 STEM grant and have been a part of trainings geared toward Early Childhood educators through More to Explore at Turtle Bay Park. I am the host of the Little Free Library at my school. I have also been a volunteer with the Junior Giants program for the last two years and Girl Scouts for the past year.



Signature

9/14/16

Date

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and application via U.S. mail or email.

Mail to: First 5 Shasta, Attention: Commission
393 Park Marina Circle, Redding, CA 96001

Email: commission@first5shasta.org

Deadline: Applications must be received by September 15, 2016.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Shasta Children and Families Commission.



SHASTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Superintendent
Tom Armelino

Board of Education
Diane Gerard
Rhonda Hull
Sharon Hunter
Steve MacFarland
Laura Manuel
William Stegall
Elizabeth "Buffy" Tanner

August 15, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been acquainted with Erin Salazar for the past four years. During that time, I have always found her to be an advocate for young children, a champion for doing what is best for students and an excellent role model consistently portraying how to have healthy and joyful relationships with students. She understands the importance of nurturing young children academically, socially and emotionally.

Erin is a life-long learner in pursuit of continued growth and understanding of how to meet the needs of our littlest learners. She has the energy, enthusiasm and heart necessary to invest as a member of the First 5 Shasta Commission. She also has an extensive knowledge base of early childhood issues that will benefit the Commission in continuing to make a positive impact in our community.

I fully recommend Erin as an excellent colleague that would contribute positively and collaboratively with the First 5 Commission.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie

Stephanie Alexander
Instructional Services Coordinator

September 14, 2016

Erin Salazar
840 Royal Oaks Drive
Redding, CA 96001
(209) 609-3677
esalazar@rsdnmp.org

Dear Commission

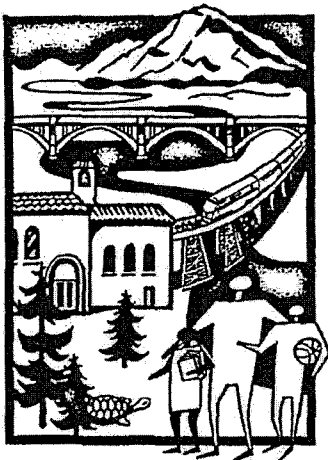
I am writing to introduce myself and express interest in the open First 5 Shasta Commission seat. I am a professional educator with over 15 years experience working in early childhood education, the the last 11 of which I have spent teaching kindergarten. I have worked with diverse student populations in public schools in my hometown of Stockton, and for the past 13 years in Tehama and Shasta Counties. I love people and find pleasure in working with all those involved in the improving the lives of children, families, and the community.

I enjoy learning from the new experiences that each school year brings and through volunteering with community organizations. I would be sincerely grateful for an opportunity to use my experience, knowledge and skills to serve the community through a Commission dedicated to supporting early childhood education and school readiness.

I would be happy to to discuss the duties of the Commissioner and what I have to offer the Commission. I hope you will find that I am qualified to serve and would appreciate interviewing for the seat.

Respectfully yours,

Erin Salazar



REDDING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Academic Excellence Since 1873

BONNY VIEW SCHOOL

CYPRESS SCHOOL

JUNIPER ACADEMY

MANZANITA SCHOOL

SYCAMORE SCHOOL

TURTLE BAY SCHOOL

STELLAR CHARTER SCHOOL OF
TECHNOLOGY AND HOME STUDY

SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kim Pickering
Peggy O'Lea
Steve Martinez
Heather Kelnhofer
Bruce Ross

Richard Fauss, Ed.D
Superintendent



TURTLE BAY SCHOOL

1330 Arboretum Drive
P.O. Box 992418
Redding, CA 96099-2418
(530) 225-0035 Phone
(530) 225-0039 Fax

TURTLE BAY SCHOOL

AJ ANDERSON
Principal

August 18, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:



It is with extreme pleasure and with the utmost respect that I have this opportunity to write a letter of recommendation for Erin Salazar.

I have been blessed to work with some amazing educators during my career – many of them working in the kindergarten grade level – but not one of them has ever possessed the passion, the animation, the eagerness, or the dedication to student success as Mrs. Salazar. This past year I have had the privilege to work alongside Erin at Turtle Bay School as her principal. It was immediately evident to me that she is by far the most gifted elementary educator I have ever had the privilege to work with. She is a leader in her grade level and on the Turtle Bay campus, and is carried in the highest esteem by the students, staff, and all school stakeholders with whom she interacts. But perhaps most paramount is the fact that every educational decision she makes is to improve the lives of the students she serves.

Mrs. Salazar is proactive in her planning and wants her classroom to be warm and inviting for all who enter. With her knowledge and expertise, Erin is invaluable to me and the entire staff by monitoring formative and summative assessment data, assessing student needs, collaborating with staff and other school stakeholders, and still finding time to help with projects and curricular decisions at the district level. She is an active participant in the Shasta County Office of Education's STEM Grant, and on numerous occasions has invited community and business partners in to her classroom to teach her students about colleges and careers. She regularly visits Turtle Bay Museum and Exploration Park to get science curriculums such as GEMS to share with her colleagues. Erin is the epitome of a team player.

Mrs. Salazar continues to be an enormous asset at Turtle Bay School. Her timely and accurate completion of tasks is never in question. Moreover, her professionalism towards her duties, her quality of personal character, and her fun nature make her an asset on any team she serves. Erin has my highest recommendation. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A.J. Anderson
Principal
Turtle Bay School
530.225.0035