



# County of Santa Cruz

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA: 3/13/01

March 7, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: APPOINTMENT TO LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment of the following person to the Latino Affairs Commission in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.117, Section 30, for a term to expire April 1, 2001:

John Hernandez  
715 Seacliff Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003  
662-2761 (H)  
429-1311 (B)

Very truly yours,

*Ellen Pirie*  
ELLEN PIRIE, Supervisor  
Second District

EP:ted

cc: John Hernandez  
Latino Affairs Commission

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COUNTY ADVISORY BODY

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INSTRUCTIONS

If you are interested in serving on a County Advisory Body please complete the following application and return it to the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean St., Room 500, Santa Cruz, California. If you are interested in being considered for more than one advisory body a separate application should be submitted for each appointment you are seeking.

Upon receipt, your application for appointment will be routed to each Board member and then filed for further consideration by Board members when there is a vacancy on the advisory body. If a Supervisor is interested in nominating you for appointment, the Supervisor will contact you and discuss the appointment, the appointment process, and requirements for the advisory body in question.

Please specify below the Commission/Committee or Board to which you are seeking appointment and provide the requested information.

Thank you for your interest in County Government.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE or BOARD Latino Affairs Commission

Name John Hernandez

Address 715 Seacliff Dr.  
Aptos, CA 95003

Phone (Home) (831) 662-2761

(Business) (831) 429-1311

Supervisory District 2

Length of Residence in Area 8 mos in Aptos - 9 yrs in County

Age (Optional) Circle one: Under 21  
21-30  
31-40  
Over 40

PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Please specify)

<u>Advisory Body</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>N/A</u>	

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**EDUCATION**

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<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
Santa Clara Univ. School of Law	Law	J.D.	2000
UC Santa Cruz	Latin American & Latino Studies	B.A.	1996

**WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**


<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
Watsonville High Mock Trial Team		Attorney/Coach	2000
La Raza Lawyers of Santa Cruz County		Vice-President	1999 - present
Santa Cruz Young Lawyers Assoc.		Treasurer	2000
Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety & Health		Board member	1998 - Present

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Please attach a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on the advisory body in question and why you are qualified for the appointment.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

  
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 Signature

2-28-01  
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 Date

## JOHN HERNÁNDEZ

715 Seacliff Drive • Aptos, CA 95003 • 831-429-1311 (W) • 831-662-2761 (H)  
jhernandez@scdefenders.com

### Education

**JURIS DOCTOR** **1997 - 2000**  
**CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW**  
*Santa Clara University School of Law* *Santa Clara, CA*

President, Student Bar Association (1999-00); Treasurer, Student Bar Association (1998-99); Founder/Past-President, SCU Student Chapter of Association of Trial Lawyers of America (1998-99); Co-Chair, Russell W. Galloway Jr. Criminal Law Moot Court (1998-99); Chair, Public Interest Benefit for Justice (1998-99); Member, La Raza Law Students Association; Vice-President, Criminal Law Society (1998-99); Recipient, Law Faculty Scholar Scholarship (1997-00) and Law Alumni Scholarship (1999); Bay Area Minority Summer Clerk (1998); La Raza Law Student of the Year (2000); BT Collins Scholar (2000).

**B.A. LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES** **1991 - 1996**  
*University of California Santa Cruz* *Santa Cruz, CA*

Member, Union de Nuestras Americas; High Honors Award, Senior Thesis.

### Employment

**DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER** **1999 - PRESENT**  
*Biggam, Christensen & Minsloff* *Santa Cruz, CA*

Provide direct representation to clients in misdemeanor litigation including: Driving Under the Influence, Drug Crimes, and Domestic Violence; Extensive research and writing of motions to suppress, discovery motions and Sema motions; Prepare and argue defense motions; Conduct client counseling, interviewing and investigating. Maintain and run a daily criminal misdemeanor calendar.

**LAW CLERK** **1999**  
*Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office* *Santa Clara, CA*

Assist in preparation of felony trial litigation. Assignments include: motion preparation, client interviewing, summarizing/reviewing evidence, and legal research and writing.

**LAW CLERK** **1997 - 1999**  
*Law Office of Robert E. Taren* *Santa Cruz, CA*

Responsible for deposition review and preparation for litigation; Conducted extensive research and writing on Workers Compensation administrative law and State of California employment laws; Substantial hearing preparation including discovery processing and client interviewing.

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## Memberships

- Vice-President, Santa Cruz County La Raza Lawyers Association
- Member, California Public Defenders Association
- Member, Santa Cruz County Criminal Defense Bar
- Board Member, Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety & Health
- Member, Santa Cruz County Bar Association
- Member, UCSC Alumni Association
- Member, American Civil Liberties Union

LAW OFFICES

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LAWRENCE P. BIGGAM  
GERALD M. CHRISTENSEN  
JON C. MINSLOFF

2103 NORTH PACIFIC AVENUE  
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95060  
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28 February 2001

Honorable Ellen Pirie  
Board Of Supervisors  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Re: Appointment to Latino Affairs Commission**

Dear Supervisor Pirie:

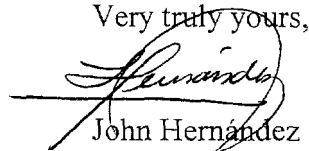
I am interested in serving as a member of the Latino Affairs Commission. I believe that my qualifications and experience would be a useful asset to the commission. I have a fervent desire to serve the community, specifically the Latino community. As you can see from my application and resume, I am a community-minded person and would appreciate any opportunity to be a public servant.

The Latino Affairs Commission would be an opportunity to directly address the issues that affect the Latino community in Santa Cruz County. I have been involved in the community more recently as an attorney coach of the Watsonville High School Mock Trial Team with Judge John Salazar. In the past, I have volunteered in assisting the U.S. Citizenship course at Santa Cruz Adult Education.

I believe that the Latino Affairs Commission is a critical entity in that it advances the concerns of a large section of our community. Those concerns range from equal access to services to representation. I believe that I could offer a new voice and new perspective that will assist in community building.

I hope to be able to discuss my qualifications with you personally. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,



John Hernandez  
Attorney at Law