



Hiring Begins for Walmart Supercenter in Kerman

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Robert Heather: "Wait for the person to get done and go to the next seat, it's like musical chairs without the music."

Applicants arrived at the new Walmart Supercenter hiring site in Kerman bright and early. "I got five people in front of me, so I've probably got about another you know, 30 to 45 minutes."



All waiting for a chance to apply for one of the 300 Walmart Supercenter positions. A big deal for a small city with a population of around 13,000.

They need employees by the first week of July. They also encourage veterans to apply. "We're looking for your bakery associate, your meat associate, produce, overnight, cashier, supervisor, department manager."

Emilio Baca is the new Walmart store manager. He's worked his way up since he was 16 and wants to be able to give others the same opportunity.

"They can come here and we'll be more than glad to meet with them and actually give them a computer where they can turn the application in."

Local mayor and long-term owner of a family run grocery store in the city remains optimistic the new Supercenter will be a positive addition.

Gary Yep, Kerman Mayor: "Kerman has about 14% unemployment, so anytime that you can create that many jobs in a city, it's always good for a community."

Residents welcome the opportunity and convenience they say the new Supercenter will bring.

Veronica Larrondo: "People are gonna come from Firebaugh, Mendota... everywhere. You know 'cause this... most people you have to go all the way to Fresno or Madera."

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