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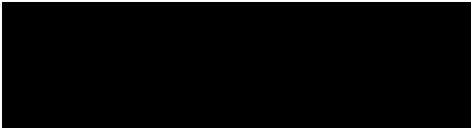
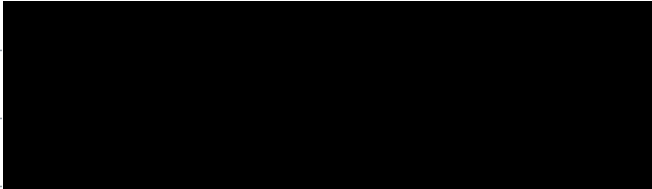
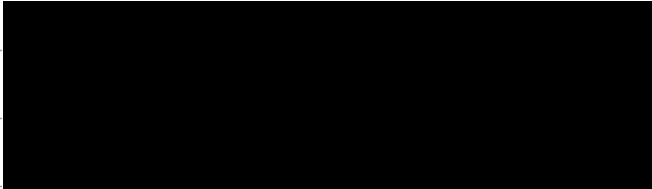
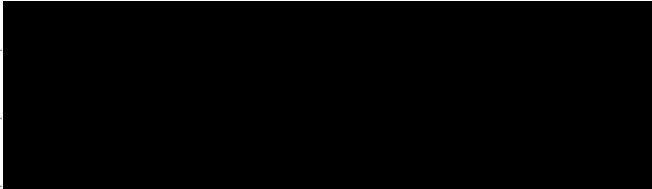
# Item #5a - Columbus Application

## Public Ethics Commission Application

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### Contact Information

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Name	Samantha Columbus
Address	
Phone	
Evening Phone	
Email	

### Please answer the following questions

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Are you an Oakland resident?	Yes
Years of residency in Oakland	6
Your City Council District	District 6
List any City of Oakland Boards or Commissions (including this Commission) on which you currently or have previously served:	Alameda County- Oakland Community Action Partnership
Have you attended a Public Ethics Commission meeting?	Yes
Are you currently employed by the City of Oakland or do you have any direct and substantial financial interest in any work, business, or official action by the City?	No
Are you currently or are you planning to run for elective office in Oakland?	No
Are you currently or are you planning to endorse, support or oppose an Oakland candidate or ballot measure?	No

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Are you currently or are you planning to work on behalf of an Oakland candidate or ballot measure?

No

Are you a registered Oakland lobbyist?

No

Are you required to register as a lobbyist?

No

Do you receive compensation from an Oakland lobbyist?

No

Do you receive gifts from an Oakland lobbyist?

No

How did you hear about this vacancy?

City of Oakland website

### Supplemental Questions

**1. Why do you want to serve on the Public Ethics Commission?**

The Public Ethics Commission would be a great avenue for me to be involved in my community and create the change I want to see. Ensuring fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity is very important to my in my Personal life as well as in a public sphere. It's extremely important to hold our city accountable for rules and regulations that are in place and I would love to be a part of a body that does that work.

**2. What skills and experience will you bring to the Commission? (Include any governmental experience, activities with civic and business organizations, neighborhood groups, or any other experience that would contribute to your effectiveness as a Commissioner.)**

In my job I work with City officials and administer city regulations so I am very familiar with checking for compliance based on regulations, by reading, and analyzing this information. I have served on the AC-OCAP board for almost two years now and am familiar with the meeting process. I am also a recent SFSU undergraduate with my degree in Urban Studies and Planning. I am very passionate about bringing my knowledge to this commission and working towards fair and equitable goals.

**3. What issues, projects, or goals would you like to pursue while serving on the Commission?**

I would love to see more reports released by the commission on various issues surrounding enforcement programs, lobbyist data, and the city budget and how it's used.

**4. What do you think are the City's most pressing ethics, campaign finance, or transparency challenges?**

I think it's great that Oakland residents now have online access to lobbyist data and campaign and ethics data, and I think it's of great importance to make access to this information more widely known. I wouldn't have known this information was available to the public if I did not attend the last meeting or read the PEC annual report.

**5. What else would you like the subcommittee to know as your application is considered?**

I am currently a member of Urban Habitat 2021 Board and Commission leadership training. If you are unfamiliar with this program, local people are selected to participate in this program that increases political participation in low-income communities and communities of color and are committed to advancing social justice.

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Please provide two references

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## Reference 1

Name Raquel Pinder-Hughes

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Address

Phone

Email

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## Reference 2

Name Grant Eshoo

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Address

Phone

Email

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## Submit your resume

Upload your resume

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## Sign and submit application

Signature

Date/Time

Mar 04, 2021

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## Samantha S. Columbus

### EDUCATION

**Laney Community College**

2014-2017

**San Francisco State University**

2018-2020

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**The City of Alameda Housing Authority, Rent Programs** Alameda, CA January 2017-present

*Program Assistant*

- Answer all incoming calls and handle caller's inquiries regarding policies and procedures
- Respond to client and public inquiries and refers clients to appropriate department resources
- Provide word-processing and clerical support
- Maintain and update program website
- Scan and maintain confidential information using YARDI and LASERFICHE
- Coordinate mass mailings
- Maintain clean office space and lobby
- Responsible for processing all Public Records Requests
- Provides information to the public to ensure an understanding of the Rent Program's policies and procedures
- Assists clients, applicants, and tenants with paperwork and documents

**Bon Appetite, Oakland, CA**

August 2016-January 2017

*Front Desk Hostess*

- Answered phones and assisted with customer questions
- Greeted customers and assisted with reservations
- Trained new employees

**Stefanie Putnam, Lafayette, CA**

May 2011-December 2016

*Caregiver*

- Managed schedules and ensured all doctor's appointments were kept
- Performed light housekeeping duties and meal preparation
- Administered medications following doctor's instructions
- Assisted with daily living activities and personal grooming

**St. Mary's College, Professor Cynthia Ganote, Sri Lanka**

January 2016

*Teacher's Assistant*

- Assisted on a service learning trip for twelve college students to Sri Lanka
- Taught English to Sri Lankan students
- Mentored St. Mary's student teachers during their time abroad
- Lead a solo class field trip

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- Organized and maintained expense receipts to facilitate smooth payment of expense reimbursement upon return

**Peet's Coffee & Tea, Inc.**, San Ramon, CA

September 2011-August 2012

*Barista*

- Prepared coffee bar drinks
- Performed stock closing duties
- Managed end of day store clean up
- Trained and on boarded new employees
- Provided excellent customer service

**Dr. Scott Lothamer DDS**, Moraga, CA

January 2010-August 2010

*Office Assistant*

- Answered phones and assisted with patient questions
- Greeted patients and assisted with check in
- Professionally and courteously verified appointment times with patients.
- Sent out reminder card mailings to patients weekly.
- Created new files, and added information to existing client files from dental visits
- Organize and maintain chart filing system
- Performed front office and back office tasks as needed

**The Cheesecake Factory**, Pleasanton, CA

June 2008-August 2009

*Front Desk Hostess*

- Answered phones and assisted with customer questions
- Greeted customers and assisted with reservations
- Trained new employees

### **Professional**

NAHRO's certified specialist of Occupancy- Housing Choice Vouchers (CSO-HCV), November 2017