Public Ethics Commission Application

Contact Information

Name	Olivia Rodriguez	
Address		
Phone		
Evening Phone		
Email		

Please answer the following questions

Are you an Oakland resident?	Yes
Years of residency in Oakland	7
Your City Council District	District 7
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
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 Item 6c - Olivia Rodriguez
Do you recieve compensation from an Oakland lobbyist?	No
Do you receive gifts from an Oakland lobbyist?	Νο
List any languages other than English that you speak fluently.	Spanish
How did you hear about this vacancy?	PEC email
Supplemental Questions	
1. Why do you want to serve on the Public Ethics Commission?	I have been wanting to get involved in a civil capacity here in Oakland for many years now. I considered running for elected office, but the culture of politics has dissuaded me. Therefore, I would like to apply my knowledge of city rules and policies as well as my passion for philanthropy to help my city become a better version of itself through active participation on the Public Ethics Commission.
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.)	I have been in the Education sector for 10+ years and believe that working in such a sector, I would bring a resourceful attitude as well as a relentless spirit of truth seeking. I have worked in teams as well as on solo projects and can navigate both very well. I understand that as a Public Ethics Commissioner, remaining neutral is key and I believe that I am very capable of doing that.
3. What issues, projects, or goals would you like to pursue while serving on the Commission?	I have been following the work that the Commission has been doing with regards to the Election Process here in Oakland, specifically potentially distributing voting vouchers such as was done in Seattle. I would like to continue that work and see it put into effect in the 2024 elections, if not sooner.
4. What do you think are the City's most pressing ethics, campaign finance, or transparency challenges?	I believe that elected officials in our City need to realize that they are accountable to its residents, and not the other way around. I would like to see our elected officials act in an ethical way in which big money corporations do not "buy" candidates, but rather, the elected officials work for the benefit of our City as a whole.
5. What else would you like the subcommittee to know as your application is considered?	I would like to be considered for the vacancy that opens in September and runs until 2022.

Please provide two references

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Reference 1

Krystal Nzoiwu
Dawn Arens

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Olivia M. Rodríguez



OBJECTIVE

To work for an organization that provides its community with valuable programs, resources, and community outreach, thus allowing me to fulfill my passion for philanthropy.

EXPERIENCE

Hayward Unified School DistrictHayward, CAJanuary 2018 – PresentFamily Engagement, Outreach & Equity Specialist/Substitute Teacher

- Work with primarily recently emigrated families and help to coordinate community and school resources
- Provide workshops and classes to the parent population on such topics as Parents' Rights, Arts & Crafts, low-income program assistance, Computer Literacy, English Conversation Circles
- Attend planning meetings with colleagues in order to establish coordination of services
- Track parent attendance at events and classes and maintain a database of relevant information

Mills CollegeOakland, CADecember 2016 – October 2017Student Administrative Services Coordinator

- Work with Academic Records, Student Accounts and Financial Aid in order to help students with their questions and concerns regarding all three departments
- Delegate phone calls and student walk-ins to appropriate departments if I am unable to help them myself
- Prepare transcript orders for printing and sending to respective recipients
- Create Course Schedule online utilizing various systems such as Banner, 25Live, and Google

Newark Memorial High SchoolNewark, CADecember 2015 – December 2016College and Career Program Specialist

- Advise students on college and career pathways, including A-G requirements, SAT/ACT testing, FAFSA, etc.
- Work with parents in order to better serve students by conducting Parent Workshops on various topics such as Financial Aid, ABC's of College Apps
- Coordinate exams for the entire school such as PSAT and AP Exams
- Work with Administrators in order to coordinate and provide services that students need
- Conduct lunchtime workshops for students on various topics such as TAG, Cal Grants, Resume writing, etc.
- Optimize and update Naviance, a college and career tool for student use, with student information such as AP, PSAT, SAT and ACT scores

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San Leandro Adult SchoolSan Leandro, CAOctober 2014 – December 2015Spanish GED Instructor

- Create and implement a curriculum with corresponding lesson plans for adult learners
- Coordinate with the Transition Center in order to prepare students for transition into the workforce and/or college
- Work in conjunction with administrators in order to meet school educational goals on a weekly basis

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine	Irvine, CA	September 2003 - June 2008
<i>1st BA: Criminology, Law and Society</i>	2nd BA: P	sychology and Social Behavior

REFERENCES

Available upon request