



**CITY OF OAKLAND
POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL
(SPECIAL MEETING)**

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

5:30 PM

Via Teleconference

Selection Panel Members: Chairperson James Chanin (District 2), Vice Chairperson Brendalynn Goodall (Mayor), Gay Plair Cobb (At Large), Don Link (District 1), Langston Buddenhagen (District 3), Lorelei Bosserman (District 4), Monique Rivera (District 5), Rickisha Herron (District 6), and Bill Thomasson (District 7).

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1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

2. Open Forum

Speakers will be called on by the facilitator as speakers “raise their hand” through video conference or by telephone. All speakers will be allotted a maximum of two minutes unless the Chairperson allocates additional time.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Resolution to Continue Teleconferencing Meetings (Attachment 1)

The Selection Panel will consider re-adoption of a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings of the Selection Panel and its committees would present imminent risks to attendees’ health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by California Assembly Bill No. AB-361

4. Report from the Ad-hoc Committee on Proposed Interview Questions

The Selection Panel will discuss and take possible action on interview questions developed by the committee in addition to questions developed by the Selection Panel during the meeting. The questions developed by the committee include:

- a) For new applicants: Tell us something about your background and how it has led to your interest in public safety and in your desire to be appointed to the Oakland Police Commission.

For incumbent applicants: Has your experience on the Commission thus far confirmed your initial expectations about the work, or has your experience been different from what you expected? Please explain.

- b) What would be (or has been) your approach to creating highly effective teamwork with colleagues on the Commission?
- c) We are aware that work on the Commission, including committee work, requires approximately 10 hours/week---minimum. Please tell us how you plan to manage this obligation (or, for incumbents, how you are currently managing it). Tell us something about your other commitments such as other boards, commissions or volunteer activities.

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5. 2022 Police Commissioner Applicant Candidate Statements (Attachment 2)

The Selection Panel will invite Police Commission Applicants to make up to a five (5) minute candidate statement on why they would like to serve on the Police Commission. At the Chairperson's discretion, the Selection Panel may ask questions to clarify any statements made by the candidates.

- [Selection Panel Applicant Interview Schedule and Candidate Applications](#)

6. Police Commissioner Nomination Process (Attachment 3)

The Selection Panel will discuss and take possible action on its process for appointing Police Commissioners during the 2022 nomination process, including which candidates will advance to interview with the Selection Panel in August 2022. The Selection Panel may also set or amend its future meeting schedule.

- [Staff Report: 2022 Nomination Process](#)

7. Rules of Procedure (Attachment 4)

The Selection Panel will discuss and take possible action on adopting Rules of Procedure for conducting its business.

- [Proposed Rules of Procedures](#)

8. Adjournment

The meeting will adjourn upon the completion of the Selection Panel's business.

Do you need an ASL, Cantonese, Mandarin or Spanish interpreter or other assistance to participate? Please email fverdin@oaklandca.gov or call (510) 238-4756 or (510) 238-2007 for TDD/TTY five days in advance.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Police Commission Selection Panel

RESOLUTION NO. 22-004

ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>;

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>;

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. See <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>;

WHEREAS, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms stay home. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>;

WHEREAS, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>;

WHEREAS, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>;

WHEREAS, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that are not designed to ensure circulation of fresh/outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart;

WHEREAS, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

WHEREAS, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

WHEREAS, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: that the Police Commission Selection Panel finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Police Commission Selection Panel determines that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Police Commission Selection Panel firmly believes that the community's health and safety seriously and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Police Commission Selection Panel will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Police Commission Selection Panel Board finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever is occurs first.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES-

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ADOPTED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Attachment 2

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Police Commission - Selection Panel - Applicant Interviews

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Via Teleconference

Time Slot	Applicant Name
6:00 PM	Angela Jackson-Castain
6:10 PM	Jesse Hsieh
6:20 PM	Barry Robinson
6:30 PM	Thelonious Polk
6:40 PM	Stacy Thompson
6:50PM	Rakita O'Neal
7:00 PM	Monica Hollins
7:10 PM	Samantha Columbus
7:20 PM	Euless Winbush
7:30 PM	Margaret Grimsley
7:40 PM	Heather Washington

To participate, please click the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88284741875> and join the Zoom meeting prior to your interview start time. When the Panel is ready for your interview, you will be asked to "Raise your Hand" in Zoom and will be promoted as a Panelist. Please note your video will be enabled, and that all meetings are open to members of the public.



Police Commission

Application for Position of Commissioner

The purpose of the Police Commission is to oversee the Oakland Police Department in order to make sure that its policies, practices and customs meet national standards of constitutional policing.

A Selection Panel of volunteer community members will select Oakland residents to serve on the Police Commission. Seated Commissioners are volunteers and will not be compensated.

Applicant Information

Full Name:	<u>Jackson-Castain, Angela</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>06/30/2022</u>
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I</i>
Home Address:	<u>[REDACTED]</u>		<u></u>
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	<u>Oakland</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>94608</u>
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Email: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
		<i>or</i>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>

Supplemental Questionnaire

The purpose of this supplemental questionnaire is to evaluate your qualifications to serve on the Police Commission. This application, along with your answers to these questions, will be used by the Selection Panel to select the most suitably qualified candidates (Question 1, 2, 3 and 4 below.)

- Applications submitted without a completed supplemental questionnaire will not be considered.
- Please limit your response to each question to one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper (single or double spaced).

Please respond (in writing) to the following questions:

1. Please describe any life work and significant community volunteer experiences that prepare you to contribute to the work of the Commission.
2. Please describe your contacts or experiences with the Oakland Police Department.
3. Please describe, if applicable, if you or an immediate family member has had significant volunteer or employment experience:
 - a. as a police officer,
 - b. as a criminal prosecutor or defense attorney,
 - c. with a public agency or nonprofit community group serving or advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes.
4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

- I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee? ☒ YES ☐ NO
- I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee? ☒ YES ☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Lt. Colonel J. Rick Brown, Transparency Matters, LLC Relationship: Colleague

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Katherine Darke Schmitt, US Department of Justice,
Deputy Director at the Office of Victims of Crime Relationship: Former Client

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone:

Full Name: Celiné Justice, Pivotal Ventures, Melinda French Gates
Company Relationship: Friend/
Professional

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

1. With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ White
- ☒ Black or African American
- ☐ Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

- ☒ Woman/Female/She/Her ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)
- ☒ No, I do not have a disability
- ☐ I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☒ Born and raised; 1982 - present

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

☐ 0

☐ 1-2

☒ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☒ Family member and Terri McWilliams, also currently serving as alternate commissioner

Disclaimer and Signature

The City Charter requires background checks for all Police Commission members and alternates. Prior convictions will not eliminate you from consideration. The Selection Panel strongly encourages formerly incarcerated individuals to apply.

I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

My signature below also indicates my acknowledgement that, by applying for the position of Commissioner, I will be subject to a background check.

Once submitted, your application form, along with all attachments, becomes a public record.

Signature:



Date: 06/30/2022

Completed applications must be received by **June 30, 2022**, by mail, hand-delivery, or email as follows:

Mail or Hand-Delivery (Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm)	Selection Panel for Police Commission c/o City Administrator's Office 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 3rd Floor Oakland, CA 94612
Email	Address: CityAdministratorsOffice@oaklandca.gov Subject: Police Commission Application
For assistance or additional information contact	City Administrator's Office CityAdministratorsOffice@oaklandca.gov (510) 238-3301

Application for Position of Commissioner: Supplemental Questionnaire

Applicant: Angela Jackson-Castain

1. Please describe any life work and significant community volunteer experiences that prepare you to contribute to the work of the Commission.

As someone born and raised in Oakland, community engagement and advocacy were instilled in me at an early age. One of my first significant experiences preparing me for the work of the Commission was serving as Chair for the **City of Oakland's Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission** under former Mayor Jerry Brown while in high school. This experience afforded me insight into how communities addressed societal issues from a governance vantage point; and, not just as individuals experiencing them. This was my introduction into city government, I then went on to major in political science in college.

Another significant experience was through work. I was instrumental in establishing the **U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Diagnostic Center** where I lead the delivery of national best practices, training and technical assistance, and data-driven solutions to **local communities across the country grappling with systemic criminal justice and law enforcement issues**.

In this capacity, I honed my expertise to become a nationally recognized **criminal justice professional and subject matter expert (SME)** with over twelve years of experience in quantitative and qualitative analytical techniques and the application of rigorous research methodologies to assess the **efficacy of law enforcement**, systemic violence and other serious crime problems. I collaborated with top executives in law enforcement, municipal and judicial sectors and other leaders in the criminal justice community to help communities address these complex justice issues by developing empirically-based recommendations and customized solutions to persistent public safety and organizational challenges. The goal of this work was to develop holistic, tangible solutions that encompassed all facets of the community to build local capacity to implement recommendations and monitor progress for sustainable change.

The experiences of my personal and professional life have more than adequately prepared me to contribute to the work of the Commission, as I have demonstrated experience in the following:

Policy & Practice

- Reviewing, customizing and developing **policing policy and procedures** in accordance with **national standards**; specifically, in the areas of police **misconduct and discipline, use of force, organizational risk management, police accountability** and the customization of Lexipol policies
- Establishing **police/civilian oversight, transparency and accountability** organizations
- Conducting **program evaluations** and developing and implementing **key performance indicators** and to track progress toward intended outcomes
- Serving as a **key contributor, panelist and trainer** at international and national conferences (i.e., IACP, NOBLE, NCJ, NFCJ, PERF; see resume for an exhaustive list and organizational affiliations)

Stakeholder Coordination & Collaboration, Strategic Planning & Resourcing

- Understanding of the **entire criminal justice system** and **key stakeholder groups** needed to support reforms and initiatives
- Establishing **criminal justice coordinating councils** for top officials across all sectors of the justice system
- Facilitating **community outreach and engagement**; hosting/moderating townhalls, focus groups, roundtable discussions, etc.
- Developing robust **strategic plans** with identification and prioritization of initiatives, projects and activities in alignment with **near- and long-term goals and objectives**
- Understanding **municipal finances**; including financial structures, budget management and resource allocation
- Identifying and coordinating **local, state and federal resources** to support program initiatives

Application for Position of Commissioner: Supplemental Questionnaire

Applicant: Angela Jackson-Castain

Expertise & Knowledge Base

- Possessing **up-to-date knowledge** of key issues such as **racial disparities** in policing and **unconstitutional policing practices** confronting justice and social systems
- Working with and on behalf of **marginalized populations** to improve police interactions
- Developing/coordinating **effective policing solutions** on a range of topics; such as **racial bias, mental health, substance abuse, recidivism, juvenile justice, domestic and intimate partner violence and homelessness**

My hope is to be able to leverage these skills and experience to enhance the work of the Commission. Through my working relationships with renowned experts and national organizations, I am well-positioned to bring innovative solutions to the Oakland Police Department and the City of Oakland.

I voted to establish the Commission in 2016 and I am still committed to its vision and mission to improve upon and ensure best practices in policing, specifically for people of color and other marginalized groups. Moreover, I am personally committed to the eradication of systemic racism and injustice. Working with the Oakland Police Commission would provide me an opportunity to directly contribute to the growth and development of my community.

2. Please describe your contacts or experiences with the Oakland Police Department.

Aside from the D.A.R.E. program as an Oakland public school student and more recent requests for support from law enforcement/community liaison officer to address specific incidents/concerns in my West Oakland neighborhood, I have had virtually no other contact with OPD. In a professional capacity, the local departments I have worked directly with include Richmond, Vallejo and Salinas PDs.

3. Please describe, if applicable, if you or an immediate family member has had significant volunteer or employment experience: (a) as a police officer, (b) as a criminal prosecutor or defense attorney, (c) with a public agency or nonprofit community group serving or advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes.

N/A; neither I nor an immediate family member has worked or volunteered in these roles. I have only worked with the aforementioned in a professional capacity.

4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

City of Oakland Police Commission, Alternate Commissioner

I am currently serving as an Alternate Commissioner and was recently sworn-in June 16, 2022. As I am being onboarded and going through prerequisite training, I am also collaborating with Commissioners to determine where the greatest need lies and how I can be of most service. I anticipate being a key contributor to the policy-related ad hoc committees, such as Body Worn Cameras Policy, Racial Profiling Policy, Militarized Equipment Policy, Rules and Procedures, SOPs; as well as the Community Outreach ad hoc. I am also exploring the potential to stand up an ad hoc committee around Data and Analysis for to inform decision making. As I am still getting acclimated, no challenges to report at this time.

Application for Position of Commissioner: Supplemental Questionnaire

Applicant: Angela Jackson-Castain

YWCA Berkeley/Oakland Board of Directors, Executive Committee

For the last six years, I have served as a Board member on the Board of Directors for the YWCA Berkeley/Oakland to support of its mission to eliminate racism and empower women. I am currently on the Executive Committee and have served on a variety of subcommittees; such as the Asset, Financial Development, Program & Policy, Nominating, and Personnel committees. I supported the development, review and approval of annual budgets, audits; evaluated and nominated potential candidates for membership; supported program leads in delivering the YWCA programs' services to Oakland and Berkeley; and participated and spearheaded funding raising events.

Some of the most challenging aspects of my participation has been around representation. Until recently, I have been serving as the youngest Board member and being a Black woman on a Board that has historically been comprised of more affluent, white women closely aligned to the University (Cal Berkeley). Therefore, the approach to delivering services to underserved members of the community, in particular school-aged girls in Oakland, has come from a limited vantage point and perhaps, a lack of understanding of what needs should be met through our programming.

As a result, we have shifted the focus of the Board to improve understanding and awareness of systemic racism and the cascading impacts. As a Board, we recently received racial justice and anti-racism training, we are launching an initiative on digital equity and partnering with other organizations to align investments as shareholders to promote social corporate responsibility, particularly in the realm of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Other Local Activities

Active member of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College – Bay Area Chapter, volunteer in Oakland Public School District, PICO California, and Faith in Action. As a youth, served as the Chair of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission for the City of Oakland and Chair of the Northern California chapter of A Better Chance.

Please see enclosed resume for full list of organization memberships and affiliations.

Encl.: Resume

Angela Jackson-Castain, M.S.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety Practitioner

Program & Project Manager

📞 [REDACTED]
✉️ [REDACTED]
📍 California, 94608 (USA)

Security Clearances:

Active DoD Top Secret (since 04/04/2010)/SCI (in progress); DOJ Public Trust; DHS NPPD Suitability

Professional Qualifications

Over 16 years of professional experience in the private and non-profit sectors
Successfully organizes and manages large, cross-functional teams of professionals to complete complex projects
Astute quantitative and qualitative analytical skills
Recognized Subject Matter Expert in applied analytics, criminal justice, public safety and emergency management fields
Adept at building, maintaining and growing client relationships in a team-based, professional services environment

Education

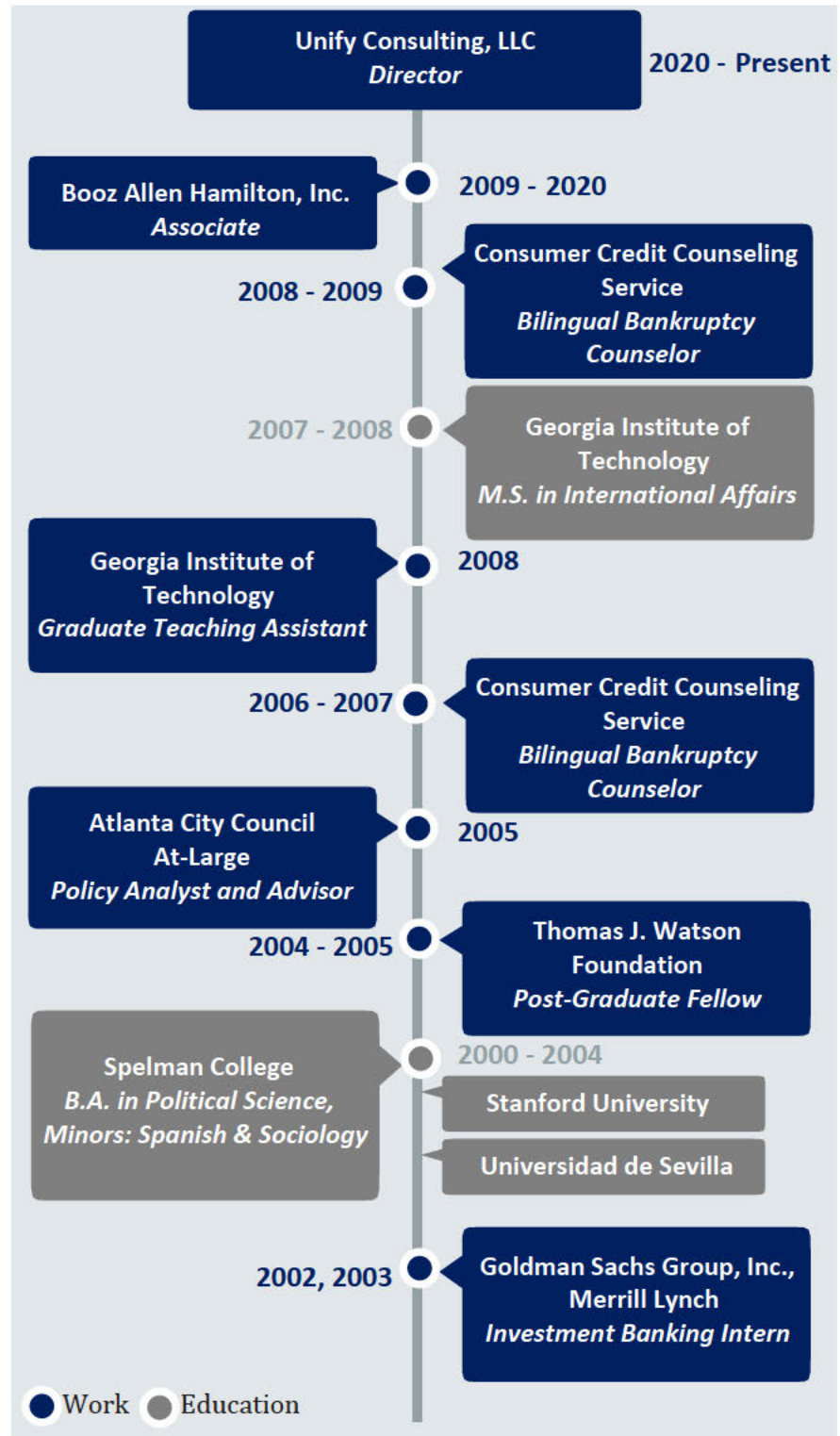
Georgia Institute of Technology
Master of Science, 2008
Spelman College
Bachelor of Arts, 2004

Other Educational Experience

Stanford University
Domestic Exchange, 2003
La Universidad de Sevilla, Spain
Foreign Exchange, 2002

Core Competencies

Program Project Management
Organizational Change Management
Organizational Effectiveness
Business and Intelligence Analysis
Training and Technical Assistance
Empirical Research Methods
Socio-cultural Analysis
Modeling, Forecasting & Decision-making



Work Experience

2009-2020	Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. <i>Associate</i>	Washington, DC Metro Area
Management Consulting	<p>U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency <i>Facilitator 1, 2018 - 2020</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides strategic planning support and program management oversight on behalf of DHS' Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to enhance decision-making, coordination, and planning for emergency communications across all 56 states and territories. • Serves as primary facilitator for CISA's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program. • Responsible for developing, delivering and facilitating multi-day, statewide workshops to ensure, accelerate and attain operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide, while accounting for new/emerging technologies and national initiatives, for the national security/emergency preparedness community. • Leads multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional stakeholder groups in the development of strategic plans and implementation/monitoring tools to help states prioritize resources, strengthen governance, identify future investments, and address interoperability gaps. • Manages project staff and program activities; including, staff oversight and development; development of Monthly Status Reports, project plans and tasks, program updates, and final deliverables; monitors and tracks project budgets, expenditures, billable activities; and coordinates resources across federal components to deliver training and technical assistance to the field. <p>U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Diagnostic Center, <i>Diagnostic Specialist, 2012-2017</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead the delivery of highly-customized, data-driven training and technical assistance to more than 60 communities nationwide to address systemic violent crime and public safety challenges. • Provided Subject Matter Expertise and innovative leadership to key stakeholders across the federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, leveraging nationally-recognized evidence-based practices to address complex criminal justice issues of concern. • Coordinated resources across DOJ's many components to deliver information, training, and resources to address challenges identified by requesting government entities. • Managed, organized, and planed approximately 25 large-scale projects for various jurisdictions nationwide, examining justice systems to develop strategies and empirically-based recommendations to address crime problems and deliver required training and technical assistance to implement recommendations. • Identified and executed consulting agreements and subcontracts with more than 50 technical assistance providers; to include, individuals, agencies, and organizations, maintaining strong controls and accountability over task execution and deliverables. • Oversaw and facilitated the provision of direct technical assistance services to top-level executives in the criminal justice and law enforcement fields. • Core activities included: overarching project management (e.g., tasks, deliverables, timelines, and budgets) and management of subcontractor and other support staff; conducting baseline organizational assessments, gap analysis, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis, policy review, meeting facilitation, strategic planning, peer-to-peer mentoring, criminal justice information sharing and training. 	

- Served as primary author of key contract deliverables and products to inform the broader justice community on data-driven approaches to identifying and solving the most pressing crime-related challenges confronting justice systems.

U.S. Department of Defense, *All-Source Intelligence Analyst*, 2009–2012

- Worked within the functional areas of threat modeling and applied analytics to develop methods and approaches to intelligence problems; provided data collection, analysis, and policy recommendations to U.S. Government (USG) clients in support of their security and defense missions.
- Conducted Research & Development, as a model and methods developer, leveraging a variety of social science methodologies and analytical techniques to systematically dissect complex problems and provide empirically-based recommendations.
- Conducted statistical, quantitative, and qualitative data coding and analysis, as well as social network analysis to research potential threats, terrorist and transnational crime networks.
- Authored case studies on relevant international human security issues and civil-military relations for countries of interest for the U.S. Combatant Commands (COCOMs).
- Provided geospatial analysis in support of U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) to enhance hazard assistance disaster relief knowledge management platforms and for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to evaluate broadband and wireless capabilities for municipalities.
- Developed complex databases and methodology to analyze unstructured data on the global dispersion of populations of interest. In support of the same USG client, conducted in-depth interviews with key subject matter experts to develop a Best Practices Guide on Agent-Based Modeling.

2008–2009 & 2006–2007	Consumer Credit Counseling Service <i>Bilingual Budget/Credit Counselor, Bilingual Bankruptcy Counselor</i>	Atlanta, GA
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**Non-Profit
Financial**

- Provided financial counseling and high-quality customer care to English and Spanish-speaking clients faced with bankruptcy, budget, and credit issues.
- Responsible for training new employees on the process of counseling clients and the creation of personalized Debt Management Plans, as well as managing compliance with law firm affiliates.
- Served as media spokesperson to relay current market trends and program offerings to news media personnel and other key stakeholders.
- Supported educational outreach projects to provide basic financial education and budget management strategies to local residents.

2008	Georgia Institute of Technology <i>Graduate Teacher Assistant</i>	Atlanta, GA
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Education

- Served as sole teaching assistant for an Ethics in International Affairs course, serving approximately 200 undergraduate students.
- Managed and developed supplemental course material; developed and executed grading scheme for students' assignments.
- Assisted students by reinforcing course content presented by the professor, answering questions, and leading pre-exam tutorial sessions.

2005	Atlanta City Council – Post 3: At Large <i>Policy Analyst and Advisor</i>	Atlanta, GA
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Government

- Addressed constituent concerns, researched legislation, and attended Neighborhood Planning Unit and council meetings.
- Served as Supervisory Office Manager and managed a staff of five; provided workforce training skills to staff members and facilitated community engagement activities.

2004–2005	Thomas J. Watson Fellowship <i>Watson Fellow</i>	Global
Independent Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted post-graduate independent research in Brazil, Egypt, India, and the Dominican Republic to analyze the impact of the international monetary lending system and on local education. • Examined aggregate statistical data on education and international funding; conducted in-depth research on national educational systems. • Conducted structured interviews of government officials, non-profit organizations, local school administrators, parents, and students to observe and document educational disparities among various populations of the countries visited. • Authored a paper: “Education for All? A Comparative Study of Educational Disparities” documenting all findings and outcomes of the study and presented at a national conference. 	

Other Relevant Skills

Computer Applications & Programming Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficient in Windows 11 and MS Office, all versions through 2013/365, MS Project, MS Planner, MS Access, ASANA, SharePoint, Adobe Acrobat Professional, ArcGIS and ESRI products, APAN, Social Network Analysis tools, Palantir, SPSS, Stata, Stella, Web 2.0 tools, Bloomberg, HOSTaccess and Timpani
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Additional Professional Training Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management Academy Bootcamp • Salesforce, Software as a Service (Saas), Customer Relationship Management (CRM) • Organizational Leadership and Team Development • Tableau Fundamentals • Agile Fundamentals • Intelligence Analysis Bootcamp • Financial Intelligence • Advanced Geospatial Information Systems
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Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish (Fluent), Portuguese (Novice - Conversational), Arabic (Novice)
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Other Professional Experience

Conferences & Training Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nevada District Court Judges: 2018 Annual Seminar, April 2018 <i>Faculty</i> Topic: “Pretrial Risk Assessment: History and Developing Trends” • Nevada Limited Jurisdiction Judges: 2018 Winter Seminar, February 2018 <i>Faculty</i> Topic: “The Design and Validation of the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment” • Vera Institute and Police Foundation, October 2017 <i>Subject Matter Expert</i> Participation requested for a national professional focus group to advise on methods, opportunities, and approaches to harvesting useful data from the community, law enforcement, and other criminal justice system for improved policing as part of a formal research project to inform the development of CompStat 2.0. • International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA): 27th Annual IACA Training Conference, September 2017 <i>Instructor</i> Topic: “Data Analytics for Violence: A Two-City Case Study on Gun and Interpersonal Violence and Developing a Targeted Violence Reduction Strategy”
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**Conferences &
Training Events
(continued)**

- **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE): 41st Annual Training Conference and Exhibition, August 2017**
Moderator
Topic: “Building Community Engagement and Reducing Violent Crime in Richmond, California”
- **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ): 80th Annual Conference, July 2017**
Faculty, Panelist & Moderator
Topic: “Prioritizing Reform: Nevada Blue Ribbon for Kids Commission’s Strategic Reform of the Child Welfare System”
Topic: “Improving the City of Seattle and King County’s Capacity to improve Responses to Juvenile Domestic Violence”
- **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), October 2015**
Topic: “Addressing Police Misconduct and Accountability: Two Case Studies”
- **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE): 39th Annual Training Conference and Exhibition, July 2015**
- **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), March 2015**
- **National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA): National Forum, August 2014**
Panelist
Topic: “Offender Reentry: The Burden of Shifting Case Loads”
- **National Forum on Criminal Justice (NFCJ), 2014**
- **Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), May 2014**
- **Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) Conference: April 2013**
- **George Mason University, April 2013**
- **World-Wide Human Geography Data Working Group, March 2012**
- **Computational Social Science Society of the Americas (CSSSA) Conference, October 2011**
Agent-Based Modeling Workshop

**Professional
Affiliations &
Memberships**

- Project Management Institute (PMI)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Computational Social Science Society of the Americas (CSSSA)
- American Political Science Association
- Military Operations Research Society



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Applicant Information

Full Name:	Hsieh, Jesse J		Date:	06/19/22
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>	
Home Address:	[Redacted]			
	<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland		CA	[Redacted]
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>	
Phone:	[Redacted]		Email:	[Redacted]

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Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

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☒ YES

☐ NO

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☒ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Evan Kuluk

Relationship: former coworker

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Avaninder "Avi" Singh

Relationship: co-board member

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Regina Jackson

Relationship: co-commissioner

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

1. With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply.)

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- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☒ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)
- ☒ No, I do not have a disability
- ☐ I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 5 years

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

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3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ Originally, through word of mouth.

Disclaimer and Signature

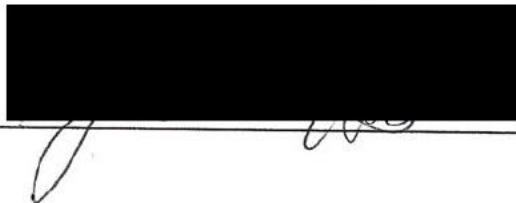
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Signature:



Date:

6/25/22

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EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Public Defender

San Francisco, CA
6/21-Present

Deputy Public Defender

- Represent indigent clients against pending criminal charges
- Interview and advise individuals as to their constitutional rights and other pertinent information relevant to existing or prospective criminal charges
- Initiate and direct investigation essential to the development of a defense
- Manage advocacy teams
- Conducts legal research and writing for motions and the development of a defense
- Confers with prosecutors and judges to negotiate dispositions for clients
- Conduct jury trials.

Office of the Public Defender, Contra Costa County

Martinez, California

Deputy Public Defender III, Alternate Defender Office

9/17-5/21

Deputy Public Defender II-III, Felony Unit

3/14-9/17

Deputy Public Defender II, Juvenile Unit

4/13-3/14

Deputy Public Defender Special Assignment, Misdemeanor Unit

5/12-4/13

Training Committee

2020-present

Racial Justice and Diversity Committee

2014-2020

Law Clerk Recruitment Committee

2014-2020

Union Executive Board

2020

- Represent indigent clients against pending criminal charges
- Interview and advise individuals as to their constitutional rights and other pertinent information relevant to existing or prospective criminal charges
- Initiate and direct investigation essential to the development of a defense
- Conducts legal research and writing for motions and the development of a defense
- Confers with prosecutors and judges to negotiate dispositions for clients
- Conduct jury trials and juvenile delinquency contests.

East Bay Community Law Center

Berkeley, California

Supervising Attorney, Clean Slate Practice

6/09-5/12

- Represented indigent clients pursuing criminal records remedies after contact with the criminal justice system
- Supervised weekly court-based clinic, conducted client intake, prepared clients to file pro se, drafted declarations and briefs, negotiated with district attorneys, appeared at hearings in California Superior Court
- Supervised clinical law students, providing formal and informal feedback and training on all aspects of advocacy and ethics
- Represented indigent clients pursuing administrative and legal relief challenging the collateral consequences of their convictions
- Developed and coordinated a litigation strategy for advocates around the state to help clients seeking remedies under FCRA and ICRAA

A New Way of Life

Watts, California

Staff Attorney

1/09-5/09

- Supervised volunteer legal advocates at free monthly clinics

- Drafted and prepared petitions for expungements
- Created training manuals for attorneys
- Represented clients in California Superior Court hearings

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

Pacoima, California

Legal Extern, Workers' Rights Advocacy Group

9/07-5/08

- Staffed regular self-help Workers' Rights Clinic
- Drafted legal memoranda and assisted with litigation tasks.
- Represented a client at a Labor Commissioner hearing with attorney supervision
- Afterschool tutor for elementary and junior high school students

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyers Association

President 2021-present

Vice President 2019-2021

Secretary 2018-2019

Contra Costa County Representative 2015-2017

Asian American Bar Association, member 2017-2021

Alameda County Bar Association, member 2019-2020

Contra Costa County Bar Association, member 2019-present

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California

J.D., May 2008

- Asian Pacific American Law Journal, Business Manager
- Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Association, Secretary

SKILLS

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese (spoken)

BAR ADMISSION

California, SBN 260348

Volunteer Activities

Center for Youth Development through Law, Board Member 2021-present

AABA Garrick Lew Scholarship Selection Committee 2019-2022

Contra Costa Clean Slate Day, Volunteer 4/8/17, 3/26/16, 8/4/14, 10/9/13

KABANC Pro Bono Legal Clinics 2015

OneBrick SF Volunteer 2011-2012 (SF Foodbank, At The Crossroads)

Reentry Legal Clinic 2007-2009

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles, Workers' Rights Clinic 2006-2008

Search for Academic Achievement Testing Administrator 2001-2004

American Cancer Society Relay for Life 2004

Early Entrance Program Provisional Quarter, Mentor 2001, 2002, 2004

Fine Arts Program Facilitator, Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court 2000-2001

Voting Booths, ASI Elections 2001

Foothill Middle School, Music Tutor 9/99 to 6/01

Please respond (in writing) to the following questions:

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For the last sixteen years I have worked with people that have had to interact with the police. As a law student and new attorney, I helped clients legally clean up their record to avoid the stigma of contact with law enforcement. As a deputy public defender for the last ten years, almost every client of mine has contacted a police officer. Through my clients, I have gained great insight into how the police interact with the innocent and the guilty alike.

I am also familiar with law enforcement tactics and practices. As a public defender I review police reports, investigations, body camera footage, and department policies daily. I have handled cases from the simple drug possession to homicides; from traffic stops to cases involving months of surveillance. It is my job to know how the police handled an investigation and then to think critically about that investigation from an outsider's perspective: to determine what went right, what went wrong, and what could have been done better.

Since May 2021, I have sat on the Oakland Police Commission, first as an alternate commissioner, and more recently as a commissioner. In the short time I have been on the Commission, I have worked collaboratively on various policies in ad hoc committees with community members and police officers. I hope that the work we have done will help mold and shape the culture of the Oakland Police Department and look forward to continuing the work that I have started with my fellow commissioners.

2. Please describe your contacts or experiences with the Oakland Police Department.

Since being on the Police Commission, I have had regular contact and experiences with the Oakland Police Department. Police Chief Armstrong regularly reports out to the Commission, and I regularly ask him questions about specific topics. We have not met in person or developed any other type of working relationship. I also regularly work with representatives of the Oakland Police Department in ad hoc groups focused on developing policy. I have also had conversations with individual members of the Oakland Police Department about their jobs and their view of how to make the Department better. The police officers I have interacted with through my capacity as a commissioner have been professional and pleasant.

Prior to being on the Police Commission, I had minimal contact with members of the Oakland Police Department. Once, I was pulled over for speeding on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. By then, I knew how to stay on an officer's good side: two hands on the wheel, make no sudden movements, describe my actions before doing them, and never mention that I am a lawyer. I still ended up with a ticket but one with a lesser violation for my "cooperation."

In connection with my work, I have reviewed a few police reports and body camera footage from the Oakland Police Department.

Clients who have talked to me about their experiences with the Oakland Police Department have generally conveyed lukewarm to negative experiences with OPD.

3. Please describe, if applicable, if you or an immediate family member has had significant volunteer or employment experience:

a. as a police officer: None.

b. as a criminal prosecutor or defense attorney: I am the only attorney in my family.

c. with a public agency or nonprofit community group serving or advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes: I previously worked at A New Way of Life Reentry Project and the East Bay Community Law Center, two non-profit organizations assisting people who had been convicted of crimes clean up their records and mitigate the collateral consequences of their convictions.

4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Since May 2021, I have been a commissioner on the Oakland Police Commission. It has been a positive experience. I work collaboratively with other commissioners, community members, and members of the Oakland Police Department towards a common goal: changing the culture of the Oakland Police Department. The most challenging aspect of has been finding the time to do the job well. A well-developed policy requires an incredible amount of research, community outreach, and critical thinking just so that I can understand the issue, all its facets, and make sure language will be followed in the way that it was intended. A single policy could be a full-time job in it of itself.

I have served on other boards and committees. I have served on the board of the Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyers Association for the past six years, on the board of the Center for Youth Development Through Law for the past two years, and on various committees while I worked at the Public Defender's Office in Contra Costa County. My experiences have been positive and my style on these boards is similar: I generally like to listen to my fellow board and committee members to try to chart a way forward with the consensus of everyone. If there is not as much participation, I try to start off the conversation and get people talking so that they have an opportunity to offer their thoughts and opinions to get as much information as possible before coming to a decision.



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Applicant Information

Full Name: Robinson. Barry. A. Date: 07/06/2022
Last First M.I.

Home Address: [REDACTED]
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
Oakland. CA. 94601
City State ZIP Code

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

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☐

YES

☐

NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☐

YES

☐

NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: John Mendoza Relationship: Former Coworker

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Derek Remedios Relationship: Former Coworker

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Trisha Ang Relationship: Wife

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

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☐

White

☐

Black or African American

☐

Latino

☐

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

☐

Asian

☐

American Indian or Alaskan Native

☐

Other: _____

☒

I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☒

Male

☐

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Please check one of the boxes below:

☐

Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)

☒

No, I do not have a disability

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I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☒ 1 year

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

☐ 0
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☒ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☒ Oakland city website

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7-13-22

Barry Robinson Supplemental Responses:

1. When I was young I volunteered at the Hayward public library. This gave me a deep sense of duty to my community and while I may not volunteer as much these days due to familial obligations, work, and college, I am more than glad to squeeze the time in to help out my beautiful city of Oakland
2. As far as I've seen OPD has proven to be an efficient dutiful force that helps protect our community. While they may be unresponsive at times, their heart is in the right place and if anything they just need some guidance.
3. My family and friends do not fall into any of these categories but I consider myself a person who is nonpartisan and able to listen to both sides of an issue and deliberate without prejudice.
4. For a little while I took part in College Leadership in my honors society at Canada College in Redwood City. For the brief time I did it I enjoyed being part of a community and helping to make my organization better. It's the same can do attitude I will bring to this commission.



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Full Name: Polk Thelonious I. Date: 06/21/22
Last First M.I.

Home Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

Oakland CA [REDACTED]
City State ZIP Code

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☒ YES

☐ NO

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☒ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Anaela Polk

Relationship: Wife

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: George Cuevas

Relationship: Close Friend

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Janet Brown

Relationship: Professional

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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☐ 20+ years

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☐ In the Oakland Post Newspaper

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1. I use to work in West Oakland with children running a business; the cost of you purchasing the product compared to the selling price. Not only in the west, but also in the north. And when to replenish the product and hiring.
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Police Commission

Application for Position of Commissioner

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Applicant Information

Full Name: Polk Thelonious I. Date: 06/21/22
Last First M.I.

Home Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

Oakland CA [REDACTED]
City State ZIP Code

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Supplemental Questionnaire

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4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee?

☒ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☒ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Amelia Polk

Relationship: Wife

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: George Cuevas

Relationship: Close Friend

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Janet Brown

Relationship: Professional

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

1. With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ White
- ☒ Black or African American
- ☐ Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☒ Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)
- ☐ No, I do not have a disability
- ☐ I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 20+ years

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

☒ 0
☐ 1-2
☐ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ In the Oakland Post Newspaper

Disclaimer and Signature

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My signature below also indicates my acknowledgement that, by applying for the position of Commissioner, I will be subject to a background check.

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Signature: _____

Date: 06/21/22

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Application Considerations

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☒ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☒ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Dr. Susan Sperling

Relationship:

President of Chabot College/Former Supervisor

E-Mail

Phone:

Full Name: Margaret Dixon

Relationship:

Admin o justice aculty/colleague

E-Mail

Phone:

Full Name: Cathy Jackson

Relationship:

colleague/ ounder o sister hub

E-Mail

Phone:

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Black or African American

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Latino

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Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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Asian

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American Indian or Alaskan Native

☐

Other: _____

☐

I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐

female

☐

I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

☐

Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)

☒

No, I do not have a disability

☐

I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 61 years

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3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ Internet

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Stacy Thompson

June 30, 2022

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Supplemental Questions

1. Please describe any life work and significant community volunteer experiences that prepare you to contribute to the work of the commission.

My life's work has been committed to supporting education as a practice of freedom with a focus on addressing issues of disenfranchisement and exclusion. My personal and professional history has established that dedication. As an African American woman who grew up in Oakland/East Bay and a first-generation college graduate, I have demonstrated my dedication, commitment, service and unwavering support of community-based organizations, college instructional programs/support service through the creation of innovative programs, while promoting a social justice agenda.

Most recently, I founded the RISE Program, a pipeline from jail to college for formerly incarcerated. The program supports its students that are most often people of color, low income and often learning disabled to reach their educational and career goals. Working collaboratively with Santa Rita Jail, County Probation department, college instructional and student services the RISE program provides a summer bridge, counseling services, mentoring, financial aid advising and school supplies. The program started in 2016 and has received regional and statewide recognition for its unique tenants.

As Vice President of Academic Services, I provided leadership in the transition of the Alameda County Sheriff academy from Las Positas College to Chabot college by overseeing POST curriculum adaptation and approval at the college and state chancellor's office. Leading the negotiations for the MOU between the district and the Sheriff's office, I instituted mandatory equity/unconscious bias training for all deputy/faculty who teach at the academy.

2. Please describe your contacts or experiences with the Oakland Police department.

During my tenure as Dean of Instruction at Merritt College, I worked closely with the Oakland Mayor, Police Chief and Merritt college Administration of Justice faculty to create and establish the Law Enforcement Pre-Academy Program, offered through Merritt College's Administration of Justice Department for the first time in Fall Semester 2015. The academy's motto 'grow your own', provided a unique opportunity for Merritt College students to acquire

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the hands-on training needed for the rigorous police academy as well as the knowledge and skills to pass the certification test.

As part of this academic affiliation, Merritt College provided an accredited curriculum for the Oakland Police Academy. The program provided the students with direct interaction and hands-on experience with City police officers. The goal of the program was to have home grown 50 well-trained candidates from diverse racial/ethnic and linguistic backgrounds to meet the public safety needs of the City of Oakland.

3. Please describe if you or an immediate family member has had significant volunteer or employment experience with advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes.

I have no immediate family members who have volunteered or been employed with advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crime. I have, during my tenure at Chabot college, worked collaboratively with college staff, Open Gate, Santa Rita Education Coordinator, 5 Keys Santa Rita Jail to create the RISE (Restorative Integrated Self-Education) program for Formerly Incarcerated Students, population that has often been overlooked and underserved. RISE was designed to address the significant needs of formerly incarcerated students seeking vocational training or who are planning to transfer. The program connects potential RISE scholars to college by creating a pipeline for low-risk formerly incarcerated students recently released from the Santa Rita correctional facility provides wrap-around services such as, counseling, mentoring, Books, financial aid and housing assistance and services to support students through their educational journey and transitional period. The program has served over 200 scholars and more the 100 students have graduated and/or transferred since the program began.

In 2021, after retiring from education administration, I founded Strategic Transitions Consulting (ST Consulting). I have contracted with Chabot College, starting in July 1, 2022, to develop a system by which to offer classes inside Santa Rita County Jail. Additionally, ST Consulting has joined Sister Hub, a collaboration of for profit, nonprofit and community-based organizations, committed to identifying funding to support the success of women from

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disenfranchised communities. This includes abuse survivors, recovering addicts, survivors of human trafficking or domestic violence.

4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission or other group?

Understanding and appreciating the vital role community-based organizations play in the life of community, I have dedicated many years of service locally, regionally and nationally. Some of those organizations include:

- Peralta Community College District Bond Oversight Committee, *Member*
- Western Region Council of Black American Affairs, *President*
- The Village Demands, *Vice President of Programs*
- Lewis and Clark College, *Trustee*
- Lewis and Clark College, *Board of Alumni*
- Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, *Chair*
- California Community College Chief Instructional Officers (CCCIO), *Region 3 representative*
- Hayward Rotary Club, *Member*
- American Association of University Women, *Member*
- Oakland Head Start Advisory Committee, *Chair*
- Child Care Coordinating Council (4C's), *Board Member*
- Alameda County Child Care Planning Council, *Steering Committee Member*
- National Association for the Education of Young Children, *Member*
- California Community College Early Childhood Educators (CCCECE), *Member*

4a. Describe your experiences.

My experiences serving on community/educational boards, committees and commissions have been rewarding. I have worked on boards whose mission is support black staff/faculty higher education, women's advocacy, community service and children/families. In my experience, people volunteer to be on boards/committees because they are committed to and care about the mission of the organization and because they care want to make a difference.

4b. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

The most challenging aspect serving on a volunteer board, committee or commission is the varying skill levels and time commitment of board members. Sometimes members do not follow through timely with the tasks they have volunteered to perform due to personal/professional demands or do not have the necessary skills to complete the tasks. I find it

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is essential to have effective paid support staff for all volunteer boards in order to set and meet goals.

Personality conflicts sometimes occur which may be difficult to resolve without mediation and can serve as a road block to the board's progress. Again, having an effective support staff and experienced leadership will mitigate this obstacle.



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Applicant Information			
Full Name:	O'Neal	Rakita	I
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>
Home Address:			
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	ca	
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:		Email	

Supplemental Questionnaire

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☐ YES

☐ NO

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☒ YES

☐ NO

References

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Full Name: Ronda Newt

Relationship: Personas

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Donald Proby

Relationship: Professional

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Karen Lipney

Relationship: Professional

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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White

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Latino

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Other: _____

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2. What is your gender?

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Female

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Please check one of the boxes below:

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Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)

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No, I do not have a disability

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I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 14 years

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

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6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ a post on a persons instagram page

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Signature: Rakita I. O'Neal Date: 6.29.2022

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Rakita O'Neal Supplemental Questionnaire 6.29.2022

1. Please describe any life work and significant community volunteer experiences that prepare you to contribute to the work of the Commission.

- a. I have been a civil servant and community advocate for over 20 years. Currently, I work for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive housing in SF providing program management and contract management to my community providers as well as our most vulnerable community members experiencing homelessness. I regularly volunteer in my Oakland community as a mentor, tutor, food banking and supporting parents as an advocate with their IEP meetings for their children. Previously, I was in education for seventeen years and believe in actively supporting my community by volunteering to be of service in any way that I can. I also just completed my certification as a Community Mediator with Community Boards.

2. Please describe your contacts or experiences with the Oakland Police Department.

- a. I currently live in the Harrington and Fruitvale neighborhood. When our car was stolen mid 2017, the police came, took our report, and advised us they would be in contact with us if our car was located. Our car was later located, an officer called us from the city it was located in. On a regular basis we see officers in our neighborhood, sitting at our intersection to keep people from running the stop sign, this has been a regular occurrence for the past 9 years we have lived at this location. Due to the shortage of officers, we regularly hear from neighbors that the response time is long. In our neighborhood, when officers have passed through, they will usually acknowledge our presence depending on how often they come through our neighborhood.

3. Please describe, if applicable, if you or an immediate family member has had significant volunteer or employment experience: a. as a police officer, b. as a criminal prosecutor or defense attorney, c. with a public agency or nonprofit community group serving or advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes.

- a. I am from San Diego, and I came up to SF/ Oakland area to go to SF State. Previously, I grew up with my mom and sister and my mom was a Deputy Sherriff for 20 years. While I was in middle school and high school my mom also volunteered as crisis counselor for victims of rape and domestic violence as well as an advocate for families in crisis.

4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

- a. I have served as the Chair of Black grad at SF state. I currently serve as a Founding DEI member of our DEI Committee in my department, and I am currently an SF City Racial Equity Leader
- b. As the Chair of Black grad, the most challenging aspects were getting people to stay involved with volunteering for the committee through out the whole planning process before graduation. Students are busy and depending on their schedule had trouble with managing their time and usually the committee was not high on their priority list until it got closer to graduation. As the Chair I was charged with adding membership, holding meetings, leading fundraising, and building relationships with our SF state department heads and staff, so I was always busy, but that position taught me how to delegate and build community and relationships.
- c. As a founding member of the DEI committee, in my department, I work with my committee to provide a space for fellow staff to learn about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Additionally, I sit on hiring committees for department staff to provide a DEI lens on creation of hiring process, questions, and review of and selection of applicants. I have been apart of creating trainings and supporting RFQ's, RFP's and SOI's to bring on community organizations to provide additional trainings and consulting to the department. Finally, I meet monthly with our Chief Equity officer to advise on DEI issues and initiatives as well as meeting with the rest of the department executive leadership on creating policies, department issues and embedding DEI work throughout the department through manager trainings support. The most challenging aspects of my participation has been sometimes being the only one to speak up about issues that affect me and those around me in a negative way. When speaking up, in the past, I have become a target that may have limited promotions or access to opportunities. While this was painful, I have been able to reconcile that I was true to what was right based on my belief that equity is important in everything we do. Moving forward, other opportunities have come my way and my experiences have added to my ability as a leader, a follower, civil servant, and community member.

The above was written by me Rakita O'Neal on 6/29/2022.



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Applicant Information			
Full Name:	Hollins	Monica	A
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>
Home Address:	[Redacted]		
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	A	
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:	[Redacted]	Email:	[Redacted]

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Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee?

☒ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Rachel Stoltzfus

Relationship: Manager

E-Mail

Phone:

Full Name: Elilta Habtetsion

Relationship: Friend

E-Mail

Phone:

Full Name: Alondra Jones

Relationship: Friend

E-Mail

Phone:

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

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American Indian or Alaskan Native

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Other: _____

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I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

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Female

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3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

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Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)

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No, I do not have a disability

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I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 22 Years

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

☐ 0
☒ 1-2
☐ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ My mother (Rochelle Buford- Williams) recommended I apply.

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Signature: Monica Hollins Date: 6/26/2022

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- 1) I believe in the importance of being of service to the community. I was raised in an environment where community service is highly valued and considered an obligation. My professional background is comprised of jobs that required significant community engagement and buy in to succeed. These were not easy victories. I had to optimize existing resources, simplify complex information into clear and direct terminology, formulate logical approaches, make recommendations to address complex issues and maintain relationships in high intensity situations. I have had the pleasure of working with families, people with disabilities and seniors. Ultimately, I was successful because I treated people the way I want to be treated.

Much of my work history involves helping people, who are at or below 50% of the average median income, retain housing stability and/or improve their living conditions. It's no secret that public housing residents, subsidized housing recipients and the unhoused have a contentious relationship with the police. In most localities, it is the sheriff that enforces evictions and the police who destroy homeless encampments. We live in a society that criminalizes the unhoused; therefore, creating an adversarial relationship with the police. I'd like to work with other Oaklanders to help improve this relationship. I know this is challenging work. I think my educational background, work, personal experiences and interests have prepared me for this role. If selected, I will be an asset to the commission.

I have had the pleasure of living in West Oakland for 22 years. I have seen the community around me change drastically. I believe the absence of police accountability, systemic racism, and their inability to use de-escalation tactics are reasons the relationship between the police and Black and Brown people in Oakland has not improved. Effective oversight is needed to revamp that relationship. I strongly believe the creation of the Oakland Police Commission is a step in the right direction. It would be an honor to serve along with other Oaklanders who recognize the importance of this commission and are willing to dedicate time and energy to help make Oakland a safer place to live.

- 2) As a Black woman, my experiences with the Oakland police department haven't been positive. I've witnessed what appeared to be abuses of power, harassment, and an overall lack of respect for people.
- 3) No
- 4) No



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Applicant Information

Full Name:	Columbus, Samantha, S	Date:	6/30/2022
	<i>Last First M.I.</i>		
Home Address:			
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	CA	
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:		Email	

Supplemental Questionnaire

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4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Raquel Pinderhughes Relationship: peer/mentor

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Larisa Casillas Relationship: colleague

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Greg Katz Relationship: Former colleague

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

1. With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Latino
- ☒ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐ Female ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)
- ☐ No, I do not have a disability
- ☐ I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 8 years

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)



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3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ instagram

Disclaimer and Signature

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I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

My signature below also indicates my acknowledgement that, by applying for the position of Commissioner, I will be subject to a background check.

Once submitted, your application form, along with all attachments, becomes a public record.

Signature: Samantha Columbus Date: 6/30/2022

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Samantha Columbus, 6.30.22

1. I recently participated in and completed (2021) Urban Habitat's Board and Commission Leadership training, which focuses on training leaders to advance social justice. I also volunteered my time frequently within the City of Oakland at the local community garden, the black cultural zone, and at SoOakland events which helps me feel more grounded in the community I live in.
2. I haven't had much contact with the police in Oakland in a one-on-one manner however, I have been to marches and demonstrations where police presence was heavy.
3. My brother-in-law is a DA for Marin County
4. I currently serve on the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership board. I have served on this board for a little over two years now and it's been a wonderful use of my time. Our goal is to alleviate poverty within Alameda County and the unincorporated cities by granting funds to local nonprofits and organizations that help people with food access, housing, and job placements. My experience on this board has been great, I've learned so much about leadership and what can happen when a group of people come together with a common interest that serves the people, the only challenging aspect is not having enough funds to give to every organization that needs help.



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Applicant Information			
Full Name:	Winbush	Eules	Date: 06/24/2022
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>
Home Address:			
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	Ca	94609
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:		Email	

Supplemental Questionnaire

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4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

Since I was 6 yrs. old

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

- ☒ 0
☐ 1-2
☐ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

Oakland Post Newspaper

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Signature: _____

Date: 6/29/22

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Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☐ YES

☒ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Loretta N. George

Relationship: daughter

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Veronica L. George

Relationship: daughter

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Sis. Sandra Scott

Relationship: friend

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

1. With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply.)

☐

White

☒

Black or African American

☐

Latino

☐

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

☐

Asian

☒

American Indian or Alaskan Native

☐

Other: _____

☐

I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐

female

☐

I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

☐

Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)

☐

No, I do not have a disability

☐

I do not wish to answer

Application for Police Commission
Police Department
www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

To Lorelei:

Supplemental Questionnaire:

1. I worked with IRS for 12 years; beginning as a grade 1, receptionist & retiring a grade 9 in the collection division. My concern for all with regards to tax issues earned me a 5 plus on my yearly evaluations; a plaque of appreciation from the then commissioner of the IRS, monetary awards; acting manager positions; a stack of appreciation letters from thankful taxpayers.

I also ,for thanksgiving an christmas, helped to feed the homeless and give words of encouragement; I was active with the church until I left, and am now active again2

2. I must admit I haven't had a lot of contact with the police; not because I don't like them; I follow the law. I do want to tell you of one experience I had with them December 8, 2012. My husband became stricken while driving a car on the corner of 38th & Suter street. He died at the scene while I was on the phone with dispatch, even though the fire department was 2 blocks away, the police was on the scene 1st. My husband was dead, but they didn't stop. They took turns with his heart and one of them came to me and told me to "keep praying, Mrs. Burns, cuz we got this!". GOD gave Kenny his life back after 10 minutes. One of the cars followed me to Highland, went in with me and gave me his phone number and told me to call if I ever needed him. I have LOVED the police department ever since. I know there are bad apples in every place, including the white house, but I know how to discern between.

3. No one in my family has been in the police, nor anyone I know have been involved with humanitarian services with the police.

4. I have never served on any committee other than being in the background. I volunteer with Habitat for Humanities; I assist my son-in-law and daughter with my grandson. I zoomed with him for a year during the school shutdowns. I like being in the background!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Bullock', written in a cursive style.



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Applicant Information			
Full Name:	Grimsley	Margaret	Date: 6/30/2022
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>
Home Address:			
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	CA	
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:		Email	

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4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee?

☒ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☒ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Rod Akil Relationship: Friend

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: David Shor Relationship: Friend

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Liam Chinn Relationship: Colleague

E-Mail: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

1. With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ White
☒ Black or African American
☐ Latino
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Asian
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Other: _____
☐ I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐ Female ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)
☐ No, I do not have a disability
☐ I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

☐ 60 yrs _____

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

☐ 0
☒ 1-2
☐ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

☐ An activist friend sent me the post from Councilperson Carroll Fife's Instagram post _____

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I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature: Margaret Grimsley Date: 6/30/22

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1. Please describe any life work and significant community volunteer experiences that prepare you to contribute to the work of the Commission.

I served on the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force – Alternative Response Advisory Group. This task force was co-chaired by Council Persons Nikki Fortunato Bas and Loren Taylor. It's goal was "...to rapidly reimagine and reconstruct the public safety system in Oakland by developing a recommendation for Council consideration to increase community safety through alternative responses to calls for assistance and investments in programs that address the root causes of violence and crime (such as health services, housing, jobs, etc.)..." I currently serve on the Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (BAC), and am co-lead of an ad hoc committee within the BAC that is researching police spend in Oakland.

2. Please describe your contacts or experiences with the Oakland Police Department.

As a Black woman who has lived in Oakland all of my life, I have been stopped and questioned by the Oakland Police multiple time via "traffic stops", where I have been told I matched the description of a criminal suspect, or questioned about what I'm doing or where I'm going. My son, my brothers and my 9 nephews all grew up in Oakland and all have been stopped in traffic stops and similarly questioned. I've also have a step-niece who is an Oakland police officer. I have also had some pleasant interactions with police officers with Oakland, notably with police officers of color, who live in and grew up in Oakland. I've also been impressed by the current police chief, based on public remarks he's made in interviews and community presentations.

3. Please describe, if applicable, if you or an immediate family member has had significant volunteer or employment experience: a. as a police officer, b. as a criminal prosecutor or defense attorney, c. with a public agency or nonprofit community group serving or advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes.

My first job out of college was as a counselor for a group home of boys 12-17. Many of the boys came from juvenile detention. Nothing other than that.

4. 4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

See my answer to #1 as regards my service on boards, committees or commissions. All of my service has been fueled by a passion for racial and social equity, especially in this city, that I love and where I grew up. I have become more and more convinced that significant change begins locally. My service on the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force was extremely inspiring, in that it connected me with smart, energetic, creative and driven Oaklanders with a similar passion for this city. The most challenging aspect of my experiences has been the difficulty in getting creative new solutions, with demonstrable benefits (both qualitative and quantitative) implemented. Some in city government, and even within the task force and BAC, seem committed to doing the same thing, and expecting a different result. My goal is to learn how to more effectively influence the implementation of positive changes for this city.



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Applicant Information

Full Name:	Washington Heather N			Date:	June 27, 2002
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>		
Home Address:	[REDACTED]				
	<i>Street Address</i>			<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland			CA	94606
	<i>City</i>			<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:	[REDACTED]			Email:	[REDACTED]

Supplemental Questionnaire

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4. Have you ever served on a board, committee, commission, or other group? (Examples might include church boards or school organizations.) Please describe your experiences. What were the most challenging aspects of your participation?

Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

I would like to be considered as a Selection Panel appointee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

I would like to be considered as a Mayoral Appointee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

References

Please list three professional or personal references who are familiar with your background, experience and qualifications, and who can answer questions about your ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Full Name: Dr. Linval Crosdale

Relationship: Colleague

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Ms. Nichet Smith

Relationship: Colleague

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Dr. Liza Briggs

Relationship: Colleague

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

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- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
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- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian
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- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ I do not wish to Self-Identify

2. What is your gender?

☐ Female ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

3. You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history of such an impairment or medical conditions.

Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)
- ☒ No, I do not have a disability
- ☐ I do not wish to answer

Required Questionnaire

4. How long have you lived in Oakland?

10 years

5. How many meetings of the Police Commission have you attended, on Zoom or in person? (You can find a link to the next meeting on the agenda for that meeting, which can be found at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can also find video recordings of past meetings there.)

- ☐ 0
☒ 1-2
☐ 3 or more

6. How did you hear about applying to be on the Police Commission?

community member

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Signature: Heather Washington Date: June 27, 2022

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SELECTION PANEL REPORT

TO: Selection Panel for the
Oakland Police Commission

FROM: Felicia Verdin
Assistant to the City Administrator

SUBJECT: 2022 Nomination Process

DATE: July 15, 2022

Action Requested:

For the Selection Panel to:

1. Review, discuss and/or modify the 2022 nomination schedule.
2. Review, discuss and/or modify the evaluation and interview schedule.
3. Determine its next meeting or series of meetings.

Executive Summary:

The Selection Panel received 12¹ Police Commissioner applications for the 2022 nomination process. All candidates that submitted an application by June 30, 2022 Selection Panel meeting. After conclusion of the candidate statements, the Selection Panel will vote on which applicants will be invited to interview with the Selection Panel on August 2.

At this meeting, the Selection Panel may also amend its process for evaluating candidates. The tentative interview schedule and applications are included in Attachment A. At this meeting, the Selection Panel will interview candidates and may decide to nominate a candidate as a Police Commissioner, delay making that nomination, or select candidates that will participate in a second round interview tentatively scheduled for August 2, 2022.

The term for the nominee will initiate on October 17, 2022. Staff proposes the Selection Panel make its decision no later than mid-August 2022, which will allow staff time to complete the required background check and submit the scheduling request and staff report to be heard at a City Council meeting in September.

During its April 26, 2022 meeting, the Selection Panel nominated Angela Jackson-Castain to serve as an Alternate on the Police Commission. On June 7, Ms. Jackson-Castain's appointment was confirmed by the Oakland City Council meeting. She attended her first meeting on June 23, 2022.

Staff did provide the attached rating sheet to members of the Panel to review applications. Not all members of the Panel submitted a rating sheet to staff. This is an item of discussion for the Panel to determine how the rating sheets could be utilized during the selection process.

Background:

In 2022, the Selection Panel will be nominating a slate of one (1) appointee to the Police Commission and (1) Alternated Police Commissioner for City Council approval. The term for

¹ One applicant, Eric Cavallari did not respond to a request for an interview. Another potential applicant, Clarice Newton only submitted a resume and did not respond to request to complete an application.

Commissioner Jesse Hsieh, currently serving on the Police Commission will expire October 2022. Alternate Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain's term will also expire in October 2022.

Police Commissioner Terms

Table 1: Terms for Current Police Commissioner

Commissioner	Appointing Authority	Term End Date
Tyfahra Milele, <i>Chair</i>	Mayor	Oct. 2023
Marsha Peterson, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Selection Panel	Oct. 2023
Jess Hsieh	Selection Panel	Oct. 2022
Brenda Harbin-Forte	Mayor	Oct. 2022
Rudolph Howell	Selection Panel	Oct 2024
Regina Jackson	Mayor	Oct. 2021
David Jordan	Mayor	Oct. 2023
<i>Angela Jackson-Castain, Alternate</i>	Selection Panel	Oct. 2022
Karely Ordaz, Alternate	Mayor	Oct. 2023

Nomination Schedule

The Selection Panel determined the 2022 nomination schedule as reference below in **Table 2**:

Table 2: 2022 Nomination Schedule

Activity	Date
Application released	May 2022
Joint press release with Mayor announcing 2022 nomination period	May 20, 2022
Incumbents notified	May 27, 2022
Application deadline	June 30, 2022
Candidate interviews (first round)	July 19, 2022
Finalist interviews (second round)	August 2, 2022
Determination of slate	August 10, 2022
Background check process complete	early-September 2022
Council confirmation	September 20, 2022

As previously mentioned, if the goal is to get a nominee scheduled for confirmation at the City Council meeting of September 20, 2022, the Selection Panel will need to determine the nominee no later than mid-August 2022. All other dates can be adjusted accordingly based on input from the Selection Panel.

2022 Police Commission Application

The current Police Commission application available on the City's website at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Police-Commission-2022-Application.pdf>

The Police Commissioner Application is available online in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese on the Police Commission webpage (www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/police-commission).

Additionally, staff was able to provide the following outreach:

- Press release to all media contacts
- Email communication to announce and request distribution of information to:
 - Mayor's Office
 - City Council Offices
 - City service provider networks
 - Selection Panel Members
 - Oakland Police Commissioners
 - Community Police Review Agency
 - Oakland Neighbors Inspiring Trust
 - Latino Task Force
 - Oakland Community Organizations

In 2020, Vice Chairperson Brendalynn Goodall worked with KLBX radio to run a 15-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) leading up to the application deadline. The PSA was advertised free of charge and aired 30 times between May 29 to June 12, 2020.

Also in 2020, Member Lorelei Bosserman organized outreach efforts by the Selection Panel and maintained a database of organizations that were contacted directly by Selection Panel Members.

Applicant Statistics

Table 3 shows application statistics by nomination year. There were no nominations required in 2018.

Table 3: Applications Statistics by Year

Nomination Year	Applications Received	Applicants Invited to Interview	Nominations made by Selection Panel
2017	146	28	4 Commissioners; 1 Alternate
2019	16	10	1 Commissioner; 1 Alternate
2020	68	17	2 Commissioners
2021	16	5	1 Commissioner
2022	12	To be determined	To be determined

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Attachment:

- A) 2022 Applicant Evaluation Tool
- B) 2021 Finalist Interview questions
- C) Selection PaneSheet

ATTACHMENT A

Applicant Evaluation Tool



APPLICANT EVALUATION TOOL
Position: Police Commissioner (Volunteer)

Position Description

Serve on Police Commission public body of seven (7) members plus two (2) alternates. The Police Commission's role is to oversee the Oakland Police Department's policies, practices and customs to meet national standards of constitutional policing and oversee the Community Police Review Agency that investigates police misconduct and recommends discipline.

Core Competencies, Interview Questions & Evaluation

Core competencies are the identified knowledge, skills, and/or abilities that are necessary to the successful performance of an Oakland Police Commissioner. The objective of the interview is to assess the competency and qualifications for serving as a Police Commissioner. The Selection Panel will ask each applicant a series of questions that are designed to understand the applicant's qualifications in the following areas:

- A. Interpersonal / Collaborative
 - a. Works cooperatively and productively with others to achieve results.
 - b. Respects and welcomes diverse perspectives. Able to process multiple points of view and achieve constructive results.
 - c. Respects the confidentiality of information or concerns shared by others.
 - d. Strong communications skills – both written and oral.
- B. Judgement / Decision-Making
 - a. Has a strong sense of urgency about solving problems and getting work done.
 - b. Effectively analyzes and interprets rules and regulations.
 - c. Understands inter-relational systems and influences.
 - d. Applies factual information, due diligence and sound judgment in making decisions and dealing with confidential and/or sensitive information.
- C. Analytic / Investigative Practices
 - a. Has knowledge and/or experience in sound investigative practices.
 - b. Has knowledge and/or experience in applying a racial equity framework and systems thinking approach to identifying and addressing issues.
- D. Values / Commitment / Perspective
 - a. Seeks and synthesizes community perspective into decision-making.
 - b. Able to commit time and energy to serving on Police Commission.
 - c. Brings perspective of community most impacted by law enforcement (e.g., race, gender, disability, residency, etc.)
- E. Level of Interest
 - a. Understands role and authority of Police Commission.

ATTACHMENT B

Finalist Interview Questions

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

A. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant's strength of the **Core Competency – Interpersonal / Collaborative**:

1. Tell us about your experience working effectively with others, including your experience working on other boards, commissions and groups. How did you handle conflict in these situations?
2. Scenario: The Commission's members strongly disagree on an issue. What would you do to forge a consensus or reach a compromise?

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Interpersonal / Collaborative					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

B. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant's strength of the **Core Competency – Judgement / Decision-Making**:

3. While serving on the Police Commission there will be a great deal of pressure from the public, fellow commission members and City staff. What skills will you draw on to manage this and come to a fact-based decision?
4. Tell us about your experience and/or opinion of the Oakland Police Department.
5. Describe an experience where you had to make a difficult decision that affected someone's life.
6. Being a Commissioner may involve being insulted by the public and criticized by the police. Have you ever been publicly insulted? What advice would you give to someone about how to handle it?
7. Has someone you disagreed with ever changed your mind about something? Please provide an example.

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Judgement / Decision-Making					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

C. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant's strength of the **Core Competency – Analytic / Investigative Practices**:

8. Throughout the Federal Court's oversight of O.P.D., the Court has consistently criticized OPD's Internal Affairs Division for the thoroughness, objectivity and professionalism of its investigations of alleged officer misconduct and there is a public perception that both line police officers and their supervisors are rarely held accountable. What structural or policy changes should the Commission explore to address this issue?
9. How does institutional racism and systemic oppression impact the department's ability to achieve compliance with the Negotiated Settlement Agreement?
10. How do you define police brutality and what are the key elements that produce it?
11. With the assistance of a Court-appointed expert, it has been fully established that OPD officers have for some time and continue to make racially-biased stops of motorists and pedestrians. What actions should the Commission take to change this OPD practice?

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Analytic / Investigative Practices					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

D. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant's strength of the **Core Competency – Values / Commitment / Perspective**:

12. Tell us about your current schedule outside your career or volunteer community work. How would you manage the additional hours (up to 20 hours per week) required to participate on the Police Commission?
13. Tell us about your community involvement and what groups you are affiliated with.
14. While serving on the Commission you will learn information that may not be familiar to your life experience, share a brief experience where you had to see through many lenses.
15. Why do you want to be part of the Oakland Police Commission and what impacts would you like to see the Oakland Police Commission have and accomplish?
16. What skills would you bring to the Oakland Police Commission?
17. What is the Police Commission doing right?
18. If you became a Police Commissioner, what would you do differently?
19. For you personally, which of your work, community service and/or organizational leadership experiences would help you in serving on the Oakland Police Commission?

POLICE COMMISSIONER APPLICANT EVALUATION TOOL

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Values / Commitment / Perspective					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

E. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant's strength of the Core **Competency – Level of Interest:**

20. When did you first become interested in the Police Commission? What have you done to learn more about it? And what are your impressions?

21. Have you attended any Police Commission meetings either in person or virtually?

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Level of Interest					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

POLICE COMMISSIONER APPLICANT EVALUATION TOOL

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Overall Score					
Comments					

OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL

Proposed Selection Procedure

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document describes the procedure used by the Selection Panel (SP) for recruiting and selecting people to serve on the Oakland Police Commission (PC).

2. OVERVIEW

- 2.1 Selections are made every year, to replace or reappoint commissioners whose terms expire. The selection process typically takes place between February and July and consists of recruiting applicants (outreach), reviewing applications, interviewing applicants, checking applicant references, and voting on who to appoint. The final selections should be made by August, so that there is enough time for staff to do background checks before the nominees are submitted to the City Council for approval. The nominees must be submitted to the City Council before the terms of the outgoing commissioners expire on October 15. If approved by the City Council, the new commissioners begin their terms on October 16.
- 2.2 If a commissioner who was selected by the SP resigns or is removed before their term expires, the SP must fill the vacancy. The SP may hold a special meeting and select someone from the Reserve Pool (if one exists) to fill the vacancy. Alternatively, the SP may choose to find a replacement during the regular annual selection process, or to hold a special recruitment and selection cycle.

3. PRINCIPLES

3.1 Mission

- 3.1.1 The goal of the SP is to select a diverse group of commissioners who can maintain an objective perspective, focus on facts, and exhibit a spirit of collaboration and community focus, for the betterment of policing in the City of Oakland.

3.2 Diversity

- 3.2.1 One important element of a strong commission is diversity—diversity of race, gender, class, background, neighborhood, age, job experience, and personal experience. The diversity of the commission ensures its likelihood to serve the diverse community in the City of Oakland. People with different backgrounds bring different skill sets, different perspectives, and different insights to the work.

3.3 Representation

- 3.3.1 Another important element of a strong commission is representation. The commission must include people from the communities that are most heavily impacted by police misconduct. People who have experienced or witnessed police misconduct know more about what needs to change, what changes are most likely to work, and what the potential pitfalls of new approaches might be.
- 3.3.2 National statistics show that Black people, Native American people, and Latino people are significantly more likely to be killed by police officers than white people. Presumably they are also more likely to experience other types of police misconduct.
- 3.3.3 Other groups that are often heavily impacted by police misconduct include LGBTQ people, poor people, formerly incarcerated people, residents of East Oakland, residents of West Oakland, people who are living without housing, young people, and immigrants.
- 3.3.4 Historically, the victims of certain types of crime have often been neglected or mistreated by the criminal justice system. Examples include members of communities that are often targeted by hate crimes, victims of sexual assault, victims of sexual exploitation, and victims of domestic violence. People who have experienced this kind of neglect or mistreatment at the hands of the criminal justice system can also bring valuable perspectives and insights to the work of the PC.

3.4 The Applicant's Experience

- 3.4.1 Applying to be on the PC and undergoing the public selection process is difficult and stressful. Every effort should be made to minimize the unpleasantness of the applicant's experience (without compromising the effectiveness of the process). The SP should express appreciation to the applicants—individually and collectively, verbally and in writing.

4. AD HOC COMMITTEES AND DESIGNEES

- 4.1 Ad hoc committees can be formed to perform any of the tasks in this procedure except the final applicant interviews and the final vote to select the commissioners (which must be done by the full SP).
- 4.2 Similarly, any task in this procedure (except the final applicant interviews and the final vote to select the commissioners) can be delegated to a single member of the SP (a designee).
- 4.3 Typically, committees and designees make recommendations which are voted on by the entire SP. If desired, the SP can authorize the committee or designee to perform the task as they see fit without getting approval from the SP on the details. (For example, the SP may authorize a designee to write a letter and send it without bringing the letter back to the SP for approval.)

5. RECRUITING APPLICANTS AND SELECTING COMMISSIONERS

- 5.1 The SP typically meets from February to August each year, meeting monthly or more often as required.
- 5.2 The most urgent tasks are setting the schedule for the year—particularly the application deadline—and doing outreach to recruit applicants. If possible, these tasks should be addressed at the first meeting of the year (typically in February).
- 5.3 Applications are accepted all year.
- 5.4 Staff includes all the applications received to date in the agenda packet for every meeting, so that SP members can begin reviewing the applications at any time.
- 5.5 Every agenda packet should include the following:
- This procedure
 - The Applicant Evaluation Tool
 - All applications received so far
- 5.6 Setting the Schedule
- 5.6.1 With staff guidance, decide on a schedule for the year. In 2021, the schedule was as follows:

Activity	Date
Incumbents notified	March 5, 2021
Updated application released	April 21, 2021
Joint press release with Mayor announcing 2021 nomination period	April 21, 2021
Community organizations contacted by staff	April 23, 2021
Previous applicants invited to reapply	April 26, 2021
Email to Mayor and City Council Offices requesting officials to share information	April 28, 2021
Application deadline	June 15, 2021
Deadline for Selection Panel to review applications	TBD
Candidate interviews (first round)	TBD
Finalist interviews (second round)	TBD
Determination of slate	Mid-August 2021
Background check process complete	Early-September 2021
Council confirmation	October 5, 2021

- 5.6.2 The final selections must be made in time for staff to complete background checks before the names of the nominees are submitted to the City Council.
- 5.6.3 The City Council must approve the nominees before October 16, when the new commissioners begin their terms.

5.7 Outreach (Recruiting Applicants)

- 5.7.1 The goal of outreach is to let people in a variety of communities know that they can apply to be on the PC and give them information about the PC and how to apply.
- 5.7.2 It is especially important to reach people who are members of communities that are heavily impacted by police misconduct, such as Black people, Native American people, Latino people, LGBTQ people, poor people, formerly incarcerated people, residents of East Oakland, residents of West Oakland, people who are living without housing or who have lived without housing in the past, young people, and immigrants.
- 5.7.3 Contact Person
 - 5.7.3.1 The SP designates someone (preferably an SP member) to be the contact person for members of the public who have questions about applying to be on the PC. This person's name and/or contact information appear on outreach literature.
- 5.7.4 Press Release
 - 5.7.4.1 The SP asks staff to write a press release and obtain a copy of the City's current list of people and organizations that usually receive press releases from the City.
 - 5.7.4.2 Staff writes a press release and gets the mayor's approval. (See Appendix A for a sample press release.)
 - 5.7.4.3 Staff includes the press release and the City's usual list of recipients in the agenda packet for the next meeting.
 - 5.7.4.4 The SP approves the press release as is or requests changes.
 - 5.7.4.5 The SP asks staff to distribute the press release to the City's list of people and organizations that usually receive press releases from the City.
 - 5.7.4.6 If desired, the SP asks staff to distribute the press release to additional recipients.
 - 5.7.4.7 Staff distributes the press release to the City's usual recipients and any additional recipients designated by the SP.
 - 5.7.4.8 The SP asks staff to keep a running list of who will be notified.
 - 5.7.4.9 The SP asks staff to keep a running list of who has been notified.
 - 5.7.4.10 If desired, a press conference can be held by the SP, the chair of the SP, and/or the mayor.
- 5.7.5 The SP asks staff to do outreach to radio stations, local social media accounts, KTOP-TV, the local press, including the minority press, and more.
- 5.7.6 See Appendix L for sample radio announcements.

- 5.7.7 Social Media Posts, Newsletter Announcements, and Website Announcements
 - 5.7.7.1 The SP reviews the suggested text in Appendix B and Appendix C, makes any desired changes, and then approves the text for use this year. If desired, the SP can designate a committee or designee to rewrite this text.
 - 5.7.7.2 The SP asks staff to post the suggested text on the city's social media platforms, newsletters, etc. and requests that the text be posted weekly until the application due date.
 - 5.7.7.3 The SP asks staff to post the suggested text on the PC and SP websites and remove it after the application due date.
- 5.7.8 Letter to the Mayor and City Council Members
 - 5.7.8.1 The SP reviews the sample email message in Appendix D, makes any desired changes, and then approves the text for use in the current year.
 - 5.7.8.2 The SP asks staff to send the email to the mayor and City Council members.
- 5.7.9 Personal Contacts
 - 5.7.9.1 SP members post information on their own social media accounts and ask their friends and associates to do the same.
 - 5.7.9.2 SP members reach out to individuals they think should apply to be on the PC.
 - 5.7.9.3 SP members reach out to Neighborhood Councils.
 - 5.7.9.4 SP members reach out to individuals and organizations that could spread the word to Oakland residents, especially Oakland residents from communities that are heavily impacted by police violence and other police misconduct (such as Black people, Native American people, Latino people, LGBTQ people, poor people, formerly incarcerated people, residents of East Oakland, residents of West Oakland, people who are living without housing or who have lived without housing in the past, young people, and immigrants).
 - 5.7.9.5 SP members reach out to organizations whose members have skills or expertise doing the types of work that Police Commissioners do, such as reviewing and rewriting policies, overseeing organizations, community engagement, labor relations, or personnel administration. *Let's appoint an ad hoc committee to ask current and former commissioners what they think we should look for.*

- 5.7.10 The recommended procedure for contacting organizations and individuals includes the following steps:
- 5.7.10.1 If possible, find a contact name as well as a phone number and email address.
- 5.7.10.2 Send an email (see Appendix E for a sample email) describing the PC, the application process, and the deadline, and asking the following:
- Are you interested in applying?
 - Can you think of someone you know who would be perfect for this?
 - Can you help us spread the word?
 - Would you please post something on your social media accounts and ask your friends to do the same? (Include sample text in the email message.)
 - Does your organization have a newsletter or website or email list or social media accounts that you could put an announcement/email/post in? (Include sample text in an attachment.)
 - Does your organization have a meeting where someone could make an announcement?
- 5.7.10.3 Follow up with a phone call.
- 5.7.11 Contacting Commissioners Whose Terms Are Expiring
- 5.7.11.1 Staff determines which commissioners have terms that are expiring in October of the current year.
- 5.7.11.2 Staff notifies them that their terms are expiring.
- 5.7.11.3 Staff includes commissioners who were appointed by the mayor as well as those appointed by the SP.
- 5.7.11.4 If the commissioners are eligible to be re-appointed (if they have served only one term), staff invites them to apply and includes the application form for sitting commissioners. Staff asks the incumbents to inform the SP by a certain date whether or not they intend to reapply.
- 5.7.11.5 Staff notifies Alternate Commissioners that they are eligible to apply to be Regular Commissioners. Staff includes the application form for sitting commissioners. Staff asks the Alternate Commissioners to inform the SP by a certain date whether or not they intend to reapply.
- 5.7.12 Assistance from the Public
- 5.7.12.1 The SP chair or designee makes an announcement at every SP meeting encouraging members of the public to help spread the word.
- 5.7.12.2 Staff adds this announcement to the agenda for every SP meeting.

5.7.12.3 Staff makes sample text available to the public electronically. (See Appendix B and Appendix C for sample text.)

5.7.12.4 The SP designates someone to make announcements at PC meetings. (See Appendix F for sample wording.)

5.8 Reviewing This Procedure Every Year

5.8.1 The SP should review and revise this procedure as early as possible each year, preferably in February or March, so applicants have adequate time to notify references and prepare for interviews.

5.8.2 If a process improvement ad hoc committee was appointed the previous year, they present their recommended changes and the SP votes on them.

5.8.3 If there was no process improvement ad hoc committee or designee, or if the committee or designee makes no recommendations, the SP decides whether to review and revise the procedure as a full panel or use the current procedure.

5.8.4 This can also be done after the current selection cycle is complete, sometime after July, for use in the following year.

5.8.5 Improvements from year to year are encouraged. Changing the procedure at the last minute is discouraged.

5.8.6 Any or all of the following documents can be revised:

- this document
- the interview questions for new applicants
- the interview questions for incumbents
- the Application Evaluation Tool
- the application for new applicants
- the application for incumbents

5.8.7 This document is revised as necessary.

5.8.8 Staff includes the new version in the agenda packets for future meetings.

5.8.9 Staff posts the current version of this document on the SP website.

5.9 Training

5.9.1 Training in ethics, equity, and City Code section 604 is mandatory and will be arranged by staff.

5.9.2 In addition, it may be desirable to consult the **City of Oakland's Human Resources Department** or hire a human resources professional to provide training in recruiting applicants, writing interview questions, interviewing candidates, and evaluating candidates. If possible, this should happen before the interview questions are finalized.

5.10 Acknowledging Applications

5.10.1 Throughout the year, staff sends a letter to everyone who applies to be on the PC. (See Appendix G for a sample.)

5.10.2 Before adjourning for the year, the SP writes and approves the letter for the following year.

5.11 Updating Interview Questions

5.11.1 If desired, the SP can review and revise the interview questions in the Applicant Evaluation Tool.

5.11.2 Staff includes the current Applicant Evaluation Tool in every agenda packet.

5.12 Reviewing Applications and Selecting Applicants to Interview

5.12.1 The SP schedules a meeting for approximately one week after the application due date, unless staff asks for a different timeline.

5.12.2 Staff makes sure the agenda packet for that meeting includes the following:

- All the applications received by the due date.
- A table showing the names and demographic information of all the applicants. (See previous years for examples.)
- The Application Evaluation Tool.

5.12.3 At that meeting, the SP makes a tentative decision about how many applicants to interview and agrees on a method for choosing those applicants. For example, if there are 100 applicants, the SP may decide that every SP member can vote for 20 applicants, then staff will tally the votes, and the SP as a whole will consider interviewing the 30 applicants who got the most votes.

5.12.4 Also at that meeting, the SP determines a deadline for SP members to finish reviewing all the applications and send their votes to staff.

5.12.5 The SP schedules a meeting for approximately one week after the deadline, unless staff asks for a different timeline.

5.12.6 Every SP member reads every application.

5.12.7 SP members consider several things, including the following:

- the applicant's level of dedication to police accountability work
- the applicant's knowledge of the PC
- the applicant's relevant lived experiences interacting with the police or witnessing police interactions with other members of the community
- the applicant's skills and expertise doing the types of work that Police Commissioners do, such as policy review and drafting experience, overseeing an organization, community engagement, labor relations, or

personnel administration *Let's appoint an ad hoc committee to ask current and former commissioners what they think we should look for.*

- the applicant's ability to present clear and objective views, based on facts
- the applicant's ability to work constructively with others
- the applicant's established connections with the community
- the current makeup of the PC
- which applicants can provide diversity and representation

Important: Issues of diversity and representation should be considered even in these early steps. We can't choose diversity and representation at the end of the process if we eliminate it at the beginning of the process.

Important: Try to avoid eliminating candidates for reasons related to class or profession or level of education. For example, people in some lines of work might be more likely to have resumes. This may make a good impression, but it does not mean they would be better commissioners.

5.12.8 Each SP member sends their votes to staff by the due date.

5.12.9 Staff tallies the votes and includes the results in the agenda packet for the next meeting, including how many votes each applicant got and which SP members voted for which applicants, and listing the applicants in order of how many votes they got.

Important: Staff must make it clear in the agenda packet that these votes do not indicate the SP's final decisions about who to interview.

5.12.10 At the meeting, the SP discusses the votes and the candidates.

5.12.10.1 First, identify a preliminary group to consider. Depending on the votes, the SP may decide to consider a different number of applicants than originally planned. (For example, if the SP has decided to interview the top 30 vote-getters but there is a three-way tie for number 29, the SP may choose to interview the top 28 vote-getters or the top 31 vote-getters.)

5.12.10.2 If a member of the SP thinks there is an applicant who should be interviewed even though they didn't make it into this preliminary group, the panel member can explain why. Some possible reasons might be: (1) the applicant has an important quality that may have been overlooked by other panel members; (2) the applicant could bring more diversity to the commission; or (3) the applicant could increase the representation of impacted communities on the commission. For example, if the PC currently consists of attorneys and CEOs, the SP might be interested in appointing a working-class person if a qualified

working-class person applies. If there is a working-class applicant with a really great application who makes it into the top 40 vote-getters but not the top 30, the SP may choose to interview that applicant in addition to the top 30.

5.12.10.3 The SP discusses the pros and cons of interviewing any applicant who didn't make the cutoff but is being advocated for by an SP member.

5.12.10.4 The SP votes on whether to interview any applicants who did not make the cutoff.

Important: Issues of diversity and representation should be considered even in these early steps. We can't choose diversity and representation at the end of the process if we eliminate it at the beginning of the process.

Important: Try to avoid eliminating candidates for reasons related to class or profession or level of education. For example, people in some lines of work might be more likely to have resumes.

5.13 Interviewing Candidates

5.13.1 The SP decides whether to ask candidates to make 5-minute statements before holding full interviews.

5.13.2 Staff contacts the candidates and schedules 5-minute statements or 30-minute interviews.

5.13.3 When contacting a candidate to schedule an interview or 5-minute statement, staff informs the candidate of the following (in writing):

- The SP appreciates their willingness to apply for this very difficult and demanding work.
- The number of people who will be interviewing them.
- The interview will be broadcast live and recorded and stored for public access.
- The SP may discuss their strengths and weaknesses in public.

5.13.4 Staff sends a statement about evaluation criteria to the candidates, along with a copy of the Applicant Evaluation Tool. See Appendix H for a sample.

5.13.5 When sending letters to applicants who are not being interviewed, make sure the letters include information about next steps they can take to get involved in the work of the PC and/or who they can contact for questions.

5.13.6 At every meeting that includes an interview or a 5-minute statement from a candidate:

- Explain the selection process to the public.
- Inform the public that the interview questions and priorities are listed in the Applicant Evaluation Tool (which is in the agenda packet) although follow-up questions are also allowed.
- Inform the public that evaluation criteria are listed in this document (which is in the agenda packet) and have been sent to all the applicants who are being interviewed.
- If incumbents are being interviewed, remind the public that the incumbent's interview is only part of what the SP considers. The SP also considers the incumbent's demonstrated performance as a commissioner. Refer the public to the video recordings and agenda packets from the last 3 years of PC meetings.
- Express appreciation to the candidates for applying and undergoing public interviews.

5.13.7 For full interviews:

- Typically, the members of the SP take turns asking candidates questions from the Applicant Evaluation Tool. Follow-up questions are also allowed.
- Consider including 3-5 minutes at the beginning or end of each interview for the candidate to make a presentation (especially if they did not make 5-minute presentations earlier).

5.13.8 After the initial interviews or 5-minute statements, the SP decides who to invite to the next round of interviews.

Important: Try to avoid eliminating candidates for reasons related to class or profession or level of education. For example, people in some lines of work might be more experienced and comfortable with the kind of interviews the SP is conducting.

5.13.9 Discussing candidates is allowed but not required. When doing so, be mindful of the candidates' feelings and their public reputations. SP meetings are recorded, and the recordings will be available online for years to come, easily accessible by family members and potential employers. Never insult candidates publicly, and avoid criticizing them publicly unless it is absolutely necessary in order to explain specific concerns to the other SP members. Do not speculate on unknown facts, such as an applicant's country of origin or what a formerly incarcerated person's alleged crime was.

5.13.10 At least 6 finalists should be interviewed, so there are enough vetted finalists to form a Reserve Pool even if some finalists withdraw from the process. If two commissioners need to be selected, at least 7 finalists should be interviewed.

- 5.13.11 Every finalist should be interviewed at least twice, for at least 30 minutes each time, before a final decision is made.
- 5.13.12 After each round of interviews, SP members are given another chance to discuss the candidates and share information, observations, and opinions. Be mindful of the finalists' feelings and public reputations.
- 5.13.13 Letters to candidates who were not selected should express appreciation for applying for a volunteer position and undergoing public interviews. They should also include information about how they can get involved in the work of the PC and/or who they can contact for questions.
- 5.13.14 Letters to candidates who were selected for the Reserve Pool should also express appreciation for applying and undergoing public interviews, and they should also include information about how they can get involved in the work of the PC and/or who they can contact for questions.
- 5.13.15 Additional interviews or other measures can be added to the process if desired by a majority of the SP.
- 5.14 Checking References
 - 5.14.1 Before the final interviews, SP members call each finalist's three references and ask a set of agreed-upon questions. (See Appendix J for a sample list of questions.)
 - 5.14.2 SP members report on what the candidates' references said at an SP meeting. Be mindful of the candidates' feelings and public reputations.
- 5.15 Selecting Commissioners
 - 5.15.1 The final selections should be made by mid-August, so there is enough time for staff to do background checks before the names of the nominees are submitted to the City Council for approval. The nominees must be confirmed by the City Council before the terms of the outgoing commissioners expire on October 15.
 - 5.15.2 If desired, the SP discusses the finalists. Be mindful of the finalists' feelings and public reputations.
 - 5.15.3 If desired, the SP takes a vote to see which finalists get the most votes.
 - 5.15.4 Someone makes a motion to select one of the finalists, and the SP members vote yes or no on selecting that individual. An individual must get 2/3 of the vote to be selected. (If the SP consists of 9 members, the selected finalist must get at least 6 votes.)
- 5.16 Creating a Reserve Pool
 - 5.16.1 The SP can create a Reserve Pool, if desired, made up of applicants who were not selected in the current year.
 - 5.16.2 The purpose of a Reserve Pool is to make it easier to fill an unexpected vacancy in the coming year. If a commissioner who was selected by the SP resigns or is

removed before their term has expired, the SP must fill the vacancy. If a Reserve Pool exists, the SP can select a member of the Reserve Pool to fill the vacancy.

- 5.16.3 A Reserve Pool is typically created at the end of a selection cycle.
- 5.16.4 The criteria for inclusion in the Reserve Pool are decided each year by the SP. The members of the Reserve Pool may be some of the finalists who were not selected in the current year.
- 5.16.5 The Reserve Pool must consist of at least 3 people.
- 5.16.6 People who are selected for the Reserve Pool must be asked if they want to be in the Reserve Pool and if they are willing to inform the SP if they become unavailable to serve on the commission.
- 5.16.7 Important: Members of the Reserve Pool must be informed that (a) being in the Reserve Pool does not guarantee that they will be appointed in the event of a vacancy on the PC, (b) being in the Reserve Pool does not guarantee that they will be appointed in the following year, (c) membership in the Reserve Pool expires on August 1 of the following year, and (d) if they want to be considered during the next year's selection cycle, they must submit a new application. (For example: If a Reserve Pool is created in July 2022, it will not expire until August 1, 2023, but anyone who wants to be considered in the regular selection cycle in 2023 must submit a new application by the application deadline in spring or summer of 2023.)
- 5.16.8 It is the responsibility of the chair of the SP to communicate the above points to the members of the Reserve Pool or to delegate the task to a designee (preferably a member of the SP). It is the responsibility of staff to confirm that this information has been communicated to the members of the Reserve Pool. See Appendix K for a sample letter.
- 5.17 Background Checks and Submission to City Council
 - 5.17.1 Staff performs background checks for the selected individual(s) and submits their name(s) to the City Council in time for the City Council to confirm their appointments before the terms of the outgoing commissioners expire on October 15.

6. POST-SELECTION TASKS

- 6.1 After the selections are made, certain tasks should be done before the SP adjourns for the year.
- 6.2 Letter to Future Applicants
 - 6.2.1 Write and approve a letter to send to people who apply in the next year. (See Appendix G for a sample letter.) Request that staff send the letter to anyone who applies.

6.3 Next Year's Schedule

- 6.3.1 Choose an application deadline for the following year, which can be used in outreach material for the next 11 months.
- 6.3.2 Ask staff to update the application information on the PC and SP websites, including the application deadline.
- 6.3.3 Choose a date for the next SP meeting (typically in February or March).

6.4 Revising the Application

- 6.4.1 The SP may choose to revise the application for the following year. This should be done as soon as possible, so that people who apply during the year can use the new version. This work can be delegated to an ad hoc committee or an individual SP member.

6.5 Revising the Procedure

- 6.5.1 Create a process improvement ad hoc committee to review the process in October, November, and/or January and create a list of recommended changes for presentation to the full SP at the beginning of the following year's selection cycle (in February or March). Alternatively, the full SP could meet in October, November, and/or January to review and revise the process.

6.6 Updating the SP Website

- 6.6.1 The SP reviews the SP website and decides on any changes.
- 6.6.2 Staff implements the changes.
- 6.6.3 Staff removes the information about this year's applications from the PC and SP websites, replacing it with information for next year's application process (including the deadline for the next year).

7. FILLING VACANCIES

- 7.1 If a commissioner who was selected by the SP resigns or is removed before their term has expired, the SP must fill the vacancy.
- 7.2 The SP may choose to select someone from the Reserve Pool (if one exists). Members of the Reserve Pool can be interviewed again, or the SP can vote on who to select without interviewing them again.
- 7.3 Alternatively, the SP may choose to hold a special recruitment and selection cycle, although that is very time consuming. The SP could also choose to fill the vacancy during that year's regular selection cycle, particularly if the vacancy occurs in the spring or summer and the regular selection cycle is already underway.
- 7.4 If the SP chooses to interview members of the Reserve Pool again, the chair of the SP (or a designee) explains the process to the public, explaining that the selection is based on information obtained previously, from candidates' applications, interviews, and references.

8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL

- 8.1 This document was approved by a majority of the SP on [date]. It will become effective on January 1, 2023.

9. REVISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

- 9.1 This document can be changed at any time. Changes must be approved by a majority of the SP.
- 9.2 Improvements from year to year are encouraged. Changing the procedure at the last minute is discouraged.
- 9.3 Exceptions to this procedure must be documented and approved by a majority of the SP.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 The sample text in the appendices can be used or modified if desired. Using this wording is not required.

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

May 20, 2022

Oakland Residents Encouraged to Apply for Police Commission

Applications Due June 30, 2022

Oakland, CA – Mayor Libby Schaaf and the Selection Panel for the Police Commission today announced the opening of the application process to serve on the Oakland Police Commission.

“Oakland’s volunteer Police Commission is currently the most powerful and independent Police Commission in the country,” **Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf** said. “When the actions of a member of the Oakland Police Department are called into question, the public must have total confidence that allegations of misconduct are taken seriously, investigations are thorough, transparent, and fair, and offenders are held accountable when appropriate. The City remains committed to ongoing and nationally recognized strides the Oakland Police Department has been making.”

Establishing and maintaining public trust and confidence in the Oakland Police Department (OPD) is essential for the department to provide the highest level of service to the community.

Selection Panel Chairperson **Jim Chanin**: “We are seeking dedicated community members that will hold the Oakland Police Department to the highest standards and speak up for the community at-large. If you can be fair to all parties, and are passionate about police accountability issues and justice, we want to hear from you.”

The Selection Panel will seek to make appointments that reflect Oaklanders’ diversity of experiences, especially individuals from communities experiencing the most frequent contact with the police. Strong commitment to police accountability and public service will be prioritized. Duties include overseeing the Community Police Review Agency, which conducts investigations into allegations of officer misconduct; overseeing the Office of the Inspector General, which will conduct independent audits of OPD; proposing changes to, approving, or rejecting current or proposed OPD policies; and removing the Chief of Police for cause, as well as other duties.

Commissioners must meet two criteria:

- a. be a resident of the City of Oakland; and
- b. be over 18 years of age by the date of the first Commission meeting.

The Selection Panel strongly encourages formerly incarcerated individuals to apply.

Individuals meeting the following criteria are not eligible to serve on the Police Commission: current sworn police officers; current City employees; former OPD sworn employees; current or former employees, officials, or representatives of an employee association representing sworn police officers; attorneys with pending claim or lawsuit against OPD; and attorneys who have filed a claim or lawsuit against OPD that was resolved during the past year.

Applications are available at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission and will be accepted until June 30, 2022, when the Selection Panel will begin to interview candidates. Appointments will be made no later than October 16, 2022. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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APPENDIX B
SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Help oversee the Oakland Police Department!

Apply by [date] to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing discipline. It takes significant time but can bring fair policing to Oakland.

www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

APPENDIX C

SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTERS OR WEBSITES

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to help oversee the Oakland Police Department?

Apply to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing police discipline. It takes significant time in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work, but you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities. Applications are due by [date].

www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

LONG ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to help oversee the Oakland Police Department?

Apply to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing police discipline. It takes significant time in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work, but you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities.

The panel that selects most of the commissioners is looking for diversity and encouraging people from heavily policed communities to apply. Commissioners must be over 18 and live in Oakland. They cannot be police officers or City employees. A high school diploma is not required, and formerly incarcerated people are encouraged to apply.

This year applications are due by [date].

To apply, go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission, where you can also find more information about the Police Commission. You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, and learn about City Code section 604, which describes the powers and responsibilities of the Police Commission.

If you have any questions please call [phone number] between [10:00 am and 8:00 pm, any day of the week].

APPENDIX D**SAMPLE EMAIL FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Note: If using this sample email, be sure to attach a document with the sample wording for announcements (see Appendix C). Or delete the sentence that says, "There are longer posts in the attached document, for newsletters or web pages." Also be sure to add the actual information (mayor's name or council member's name at the top, contact's phone number at the bottom, etc.).

Subject: Time to apply for the Police Commission

Dear council members and staff / Dear Mayor[name]:

It's time for interested community members to apply to be on the Police Commission! The deadline for applications is [date]. Will you help us spread the word?

If you have a newsletter, web page, or social media account, please consider posting something. Here is some sample language:

Help oversee the Oakland Police Department!

Apply by [date] to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing discipline. It takes significant time but can bring fair policing to Oakland.

www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

There are longer posts in the attached document, for newsletters or web pages.

If you have any questions, please call Selection Panel Member [name] at [phone number] (between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm) or email her at [email address].

Thank you!

APPENDIX E**SAMPLE OUTREACH EMAIL TO ORGANIZATIONS**

Note: This sample email contains references to documents that can be attached to the email. Either attach the documents or delete the sentence that refers to them. An example of the first referenced document can be found in Appendix C, and an example of the second referenced document can be found in Appendix M.

Dear [name of organization or contact],

It's time for people to apply to be on the Oakland Police Commission! Are you interested in being on the commission? Can you think of someone you know who would be a good commissioner? Will you help us spread the word?

If you have a newsletter, website, or social media account, please consider posting something. Here is some sample wording:

Help oversee the Oakland Police Department!

Apply by [date] to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing discipline. It takes significant time but can bring fair policing to Oakland.

www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

Sample wording for longer announcements is attached, and so is a sample letter that you could send to your members if you wish.

The Police Commission rewrote OPD's policy on use of force. It has the authority to discipline officers and fire the chief of police for cause. When the mayor hires a new chief of police, the mayor must choose from a list provided by the commission.

Commissioners must be over 18 and must live in Oakland. They cannot be police officers or City employees. Being a commissioner takes significant time, but it is a chance to really change policing in Oakland. A high school diploma is not required, and formerly incarcerated people are encouraged to apply.

If you would like someone to give a 5-minute presentation at a meeting, or if you have any questions, please call [number] between [10:00 am and 8:00 pm, any day of the week].

Thanks in advance for anything you can do to get the word out!

APPENDIX F**SAMPLE WORDING FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AT OTHER MEETINGS**

Note: This wording can be used when making announcements at Police Commission meetings or meetings of other organizations.

Hello, my name is ----- and I want to remind everyone that you can apply to be on the Police Commission. Get a pen, because I'm about to give you a website address. Applications are accepted all year, and every summer the Selection Panel chooses a replacement for a commissioner whose term is expiring. The deadline to be considered this year is [date].

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be interested, go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. Or Google "Oakland Police Commission".

You must be an Oakland resident and at least 18 years old to apply, and you cannot be a police officer or a City employee. You do not need a high school diploma, and formerly incarcerated residents are encouraged to apply. That website again is www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission, and this year's deadline is [date].

APPENDIX G

SAMPLE LETTER TO APPLICANTS

Dear applicant,

Thank you for applying to be on the Oakland Police Commission. This important work depends on people who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise.

Please take some time to learn about the Police Commission so you will be prepared if you are selected for an interview.

Recommended activities:

- Attend at least 3 meetings of the Oakland Police Commission.
 - Meetings are usually held at [5:30 or 6:30 pm] on [the second and fourth Thursdays of the month]. To find out when the next meeting is, go to the Police Commission website (www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission).
 - During the COVID pandemic, meetings are being held virtually by Zoom. To find the link for the next meeting, go to the Police Commission website (www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission) and find the agenda for the next meeting. A link for the meeting should be in the first two pages of the agenda.
 - If you cannot attend 3 meetings before your interview date, watch the video recordings of at least 3 past meetings. The videos are available on the Police Commission website (www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission).
- Read the agenda packets for at least 3 meetings.
 - They can be found on the Police Commission website (www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission).
- Read City Code section 604.
 - Section 604 describes the Police Commission's powers and responsibilities.
 - A link to the text of section 604 can be found near the bottom of the Police Commission website (www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission).
- Look around on the Police Commission website (www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission).

Thank you again for applying. If you have any questions, please contact [the designated SP member] at [contact information].

APPENDIX H

SAMPLE STATEMENT TO INTERVIEWEES

This sample statement can be used or modified to satisfy the instructions in Steps 5.12.3 and 5.12.4.

Dear applicant,

The Selection Panel for the Police Commission would like to interview you, and [name] will be contacting you to schedule a time.

You will be interviewed by a panel of 9 people. The interview will be part of a public Zoom meeting, and it will be recorded and posted on the Police Commission website. The Selection Panel may discuss your strengths and weaknesses at the meeting. Members of the public may express their opinions about the candidates.

We deeply appreciate your participation in this demanding process.

During the interview you may be asked some of the questions in the Applicant Evaluation Tool, [which is attached]. The Selection Panel considers several things when evaluating applicants, including the following:

- level of dedication to police accountability work
- knowledge of the Police Commission
- lived experiences interacting with the police or witnessing police interactions with other members of the community
- skills and expertise doing the types of work that Police Commissioners do
- ability to present clear and objective views, based on facts
- ability to work constructively with others
- established connections with the community
- who can add to the diversity of the Police Commission
- who represents a community that is heavily impacted by police violence and other police misconduct (such as Black people, Native American people, LGBTQ people, poor people, formerly incarcerated people, residents of East Oakland, residents of West Oakland, people **who are living** without housing, young people, and immigrants)

Sincere thanks for your commitment to making the Police Commission the best it can be. If you have any questions, please contact [SP member] at [contact information].

APPENDIX J

QUESTIONS TO ASK REFERENCES

If desired, these questions can be asked when interviewing a candidate's references. It might be best to start with general questions, to see what they say before we say something that indicates what we are looking for.

1. How do you know this person?
2. How long have you known this person?
3. What can you tell me about them?
4. What is their greatest strength?
5. In what areas could they improve?
6. Have they ever worked on a board, commission, or other body of people? (That you know of.) How did they handle that experience? (Do you know?)
7. Do you know if they have been involved in the Oakland community and public service? Do you know how long? Can you describe their activities?
8. Do you think they have the capacity to be fair and unbiased? In your experience, how has that been demonstrated? OR: Can you give me an example?
9. How would you describe their listening skills and ability to engage with others? In your experience, how has that been demonstrated? OR: Can you give me an example?
10. Would you say they are receptive to other points of view? In your experience, how has that been demonstrated? OR: Can you give me an example?
11. Have you ever seen them change their mind? Please describe.
12. How do they resolve interpersonal conflicts? In your experience, how has that been demonstrated? OR: Can you give me an example?
13. How do they respond to criticism? In your experience, how has that been demonstrated? OR: Can you give me an example?
14. Can they cooperate with people they disagree with? In your experience, how has that been demonstrated? OR: Can you give me an example?

15. How would you describe their communication skills—both verbal and written?
16. Do you know if they have been involved in public safety issues in the past? Do you know how long? Can you describe their activities?
17. Do you think they would be a good police commissioner—are you familiar with the roles and responsibilities of an Oakland Police Commissioner? [Describe, if necessary.] Do you think they would do a good job in that role? Why do you think so?
18. Being a police commissioner takes a lot of time. Between commission meetings, studying meeting materials, and committee work, it is estimated that a police commissioner needs to spend 20 hours a week on Police Commission business. Do you think this person has the time and energy to do the work required of an Oakland Police Commissioner?
19. What is this person's interaction style?
20. Have you seen this person work with people they disagree with? How do they handle the situation?
21. Have you seen this person help someone else achieve their goals?
22. What would make this person a good Police Commissioner? (First tell them a little about what is involved in being on the Police Commission.)
23. Is there anything you would like to add?

APPENDIX K**SAMPLE LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE POOL**

Dear finalist,

The Selection Panel would like to invite you to be in the Reserve Pool for the Police Commission. If a Police Commissioner resigns or is removed in the next year, the Selection Panel may choose to select the commissioner's replacement from the Reserve Pool.

Please note:

- Being in the Reserve Pool does not guarantee that you will be appointed to fill the next vacancy on the Police Commission.
- If you want to be considered again next year, you must submit a new application.
- Membership in the Reserve Pool expires on August 1 of [2023].

If you are interested in being in the Reserve Pool, and are willing to inform the Selection Panel if you become unavailable to serve on the Police Commission, please inform [staff member] by [date].

Thank you.

APPENDIX L

SAMPLE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to help oversee the Oakland Police Department?

Apply to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing police discipline. It takes significant time in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work, but you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities. Applications are due by [date].

Google “Oakland police commission” or go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

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The panel that selects most of the commissioners is looking for diversity and is encouraging people from impacted communities to apply. You must be over 18 and live in Oakland, and you cannot be a police officer or a City employee. Formerly incarcerated individuals are encouraged to apply. A high school diploma is not required.

Applications are due by [date]. To apply, Google “Oakland police commission” or go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. At the Police Commission website you can also find more information about the Police Commission and Oakland City Code section 604, which describes the powers and responsibilities of the Police Commission. You can watch videos of past meetings and find out about upcoming meetings. If you have any questions, please call [phone number], [any day of the week].

APPENDIX M

SAMPLE LETTER FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SEND TO THEIR MEMBERS

Note: This document is intended to be an attachment to an email we would send to an organization. It is a sample of what the organization could send to their members.

Dear members,

You can change Oakland policing.

The Oakland Police Commission is looking for new members. Are you interested? Do you know someone who would be interested? Please help us spread the word. Applications are due [date and year].

The Police Commission was created by Oakland voters in 2016, and it is taking major steps to reform the Oakland Police Department.

The work is hard, and it is unpaid at this time. It takes significant time in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work. It requires working with people you disagree with. You could face opposition and criticism from many quarters. But you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities.

The panel that selects the majority of the commissioners is looking for diversity and encouraging people from impacted communities to apply. You must be over 18 and live in Oakland. You cannot be a police officer or a City employee. You do not need a high school diploma, and formerly incarcerated people are encouraged to apply.

To apply, go to www.oaklandnet.gov/policecommission, where you can also find more information about the Police Commission. You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, and learn about City Code section 604, which describes the powers and responsibilities of the Police Commission. If you have any questions, please call [phone number] between [10:00 am and 8:00 pm, any day of the week].

Please spread the word on social media. You can use the wording below if you like:

Help oversee the Oakland Police Department!

Apply by [date] to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing discipline. It takes significant time but can bring fair policing to Oakland.

www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission

Thank you for supporting police accountability in Oakland!

APPENDIX N

SAMPLE RECRUITMENT FLYER

Who can hold Oakland police accountable?

Who can change OPD policies? Who can discipline police officers who don't follow the rules?

The Oakland Police Commission can. The Police Commission has been rewriting OPD policies, such as the policy on use of force. What happens if officers don't follow the policy? The commission can discipline them.

The Police Commission was created by Oakland voters in 2016. Commissioners are community members, not police officers or politicians.

We need you.

We need committed people to apply to be on the Police Commission. You must be over 18 and live in Oakland, and you can't be a police officer or City employee. You do not need to have a high school diploma or work history. Formerly incarcerated individuals are encouraged to apply.

It is not an easy job. Are you ready to spend time on meetings, meeting preparation, and committee work? Are you ready to face resistance from City Hall and criticism from the community?

Can you work with people you disagree with? Can you disagree without being disrespectful? Are you ready to be part of public meetings that are recorded and shown on KTOP (the City's cable station)? Are you willing to learn more?

You can do this.

To apply, go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. If you don't have access to the Internet, or if you have any questions, call [phone number] [between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm, any day]. Applications are due [date].

When you submit an application, it becomes a public record and can be viewed by anyone, although personal contact information is removed.

Learn more.

For more information, visit www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission. You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, read Oakland City Code, section 604 (the law that defines the Police Commission's powers and duties), and more.

Questions? Please call [number] [between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm any day of the week].

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