

## 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
7:20 PM	Margaret Grimsley
7:30 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

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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>	

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### References

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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]

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## Required Questionnaire

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☒ Born and raised; 1982 - present

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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)	<b>Selection Panel for Police Commission c/o City Administrator's Office 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612</b>
Email	Address: <b>CityAdministratorsOffice@oaklandca.gov</b> Subject: <b>Police Commission Application</b>
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*

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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.

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

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Applicant: Angela Jackson-Castain

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## 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.

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## 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



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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

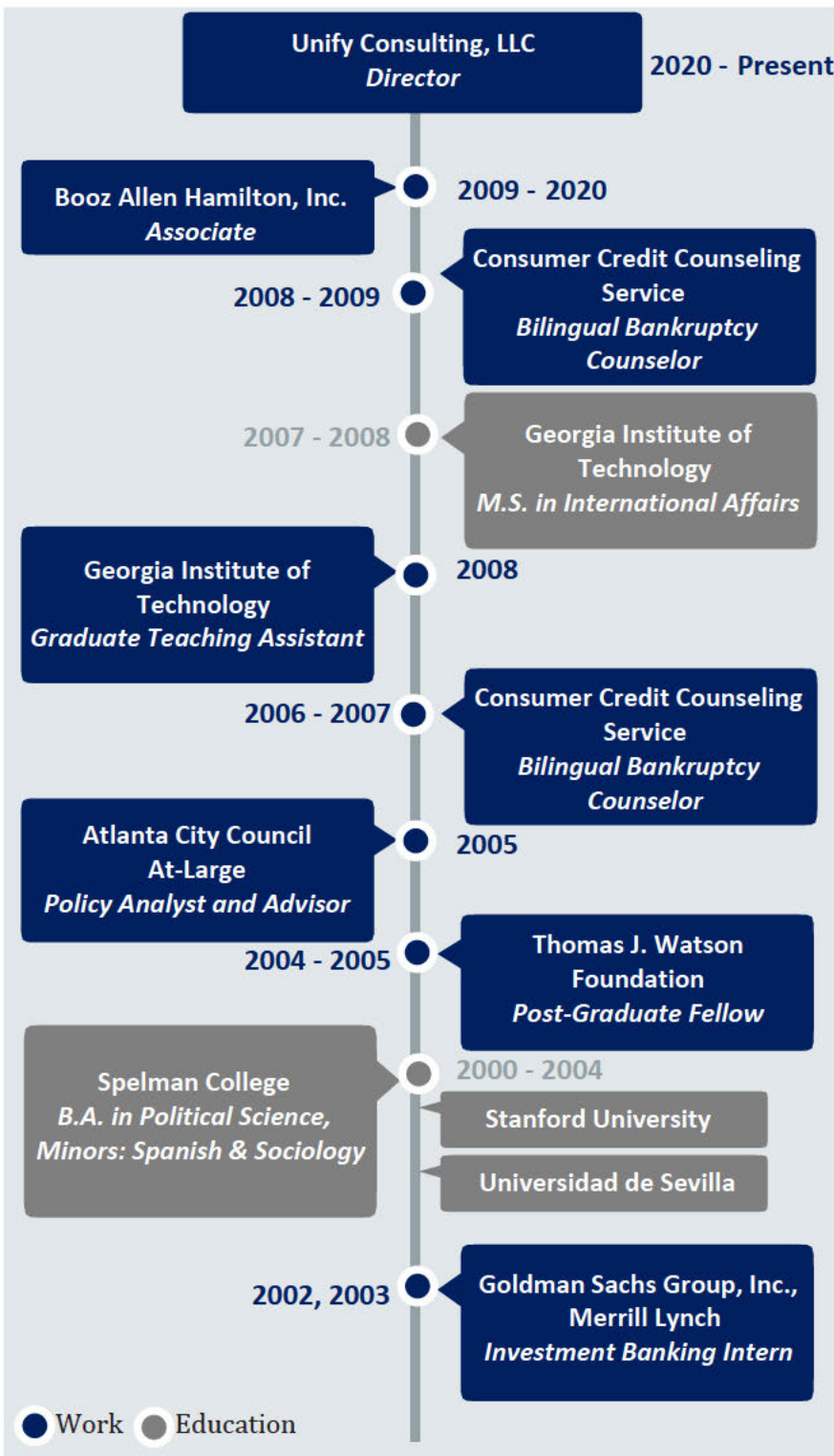
Business and Intelligence Analysis

Training and Technical Assistance

Empirical Research Methods

Socio-cultural Analysis

Modeling, Forecasting & Decision-making



## Work Experience

2009-2020	<b>Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.</b>	Washington, DC Metro Area
Management Consulting	<i>Associate</i> U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency <i>Facilitator 1, 2018 - 2020</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• Serves as primary facilitator for CISA's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>	
	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Diagnostic Center, <i>Diagnostic Specialist, 2012-2017</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Coordinated resources across DOJ's many components to deliver information, training, and resources to address challenges identified by requesting government entities.</li><li>• Managed, organized, and planned 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Oversaw and facilitated the provision of direct technical assistance services to top-level executives in the criminal justice and law enforcement fields.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>	

- 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.

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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.

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<b>2008–2009 &amp; 2006–2007</b>	<b>Consumer Credit Counseling Service</b>	Atlanta, GA
	<i>Bilingual Budget/Credit Counselor, Bilingual Bankruptcy Counselor</i>	
<b>Non-Profit Financial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided financial counseling and high-quality customer care to English and Spanish-speaking clients faced with bankruptcy, budget, and credit issues.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Served as media spokesperson to relay current market trends and program offerings to news media personnel and other key stakeholders.</li> <li>• Supported educational outreach projects to provide basic financial education and budget management strategies to local residents.</li> </ul>	

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<b>2008</b>	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	Atlanta, GA
	<i>Graduate Teacher Assistant</i>	
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Served as sole teaching assistant for an Ethics in International Affairs course, serving approximately 200 undergraduate students.</li> <li>• Managed and developed supplemental course material; developed and executed grading scheme for students' assignments.</li> <li>• Assisted students by reinforcing course content presented by the professor, answering questions, and leading pre-exam tutorial sessions.</li> </ul>	

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<b>2005</b>	<b>Atlanta City Council – Post 3: At Large</b>	Atlanta, GA
	<i>Policy Analyst and Advisor</i>	
<b>Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed constituent concerns, researched legislation, and attended Neighborhood Planning Unit and council meetings.</li> <li>• Served as Supervisory Office Manager and managed a staff of five; provided workforce training skills to staff members and facilitated community engagement activities.</li> </ul>	

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2004–2005	<b>Thomas J. Watson Fellowship</b> <i>Watson Fellow</i>	Global
<b>Independent Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Examined aggregate statistical data on education and international funding; conducted in-depth research on national educational systems.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	

## Other Relevant Skills

<b>Computer Applications &amp; Programming Languages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
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<b>Additional Professional Training Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Management Academy Bootcamp</li> <li>• Salesforce, Software as a Service (Saas), Customer Relationship Management (CRM)</li> <li>• Organizational Leadership and Team Development</li> <li>• Tableau Fundamentals</li> <li>• Agile Fundamentals</li> <li>• Intelligence Analysis Bootcamp</li> <li>• Financial Intelligence</li> <li>• Advanced Geospatial Information Systems</li> </ul>
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<b>Languages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish (Fluent), Portuguese (Novice - Conversational), Arabic (Novice)</li> </ul>
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## Other Professional Experience

<b>Conferences &amp; Training Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nevada District Court Judges: 2018 Annual Seminar, April 2018</b> <i>Faculty</i> Topic: “Pretrial Risk Assessment: History and Developing Trends”</li> <li>• <b>Nevada Limited Jurisdiction Judges: 2018 Winter Seminar, February 2018</b> <i>Faculty</i> Topic: “The Design and Validation of the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment”</li> <li>• <b>Vera Institute and Police Foundation, October 2017</b> <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.</li> <li>• <b>International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA): 27<sup>th</sup> Annual IACA Training Conference, September 2017</b> <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”</li> </ul>
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**Conferences &  
Training Events  
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- **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE): 41<sup>st</sup> 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): 80<sup>th</sup> 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): 39<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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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	<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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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.)

- ☐ 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?

☐ 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](http://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?

☐ Originally, through word of mouth.

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**Jesse J. Hsieh**

**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
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- 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

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**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

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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:

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: 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

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Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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2. What is your gender?

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Male

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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.

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☒ 1 year

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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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Thelonious Polk Supplemental 7-7-22

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Applicant Information			
Full Name:	Thompson, Stacy L	Date:	06/30/2022
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Home Address:	[Redacted]		
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	CA	[Redacted]
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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:

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Relationship:

colleague/ ounder o sister hub

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Asian

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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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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:

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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?

☐ 61 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](http://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?

☐ Internet

## Disclaimer and Signature

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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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# Police Commission

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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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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: 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]

## Voluntary Self-Identification Questionnaire

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

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White

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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

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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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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:

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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](http://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

## Disclaimer and Signature

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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]

### 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: 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

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

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White

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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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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

☐

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](http://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?

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

### Disclaimer and Signature

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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:	[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]

### Supplemental Questionnaire

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## Application Considerations

Check all that apply:

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☐ YES

☐ NO

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☐ YES

☐ NO

## References

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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](http://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?

☐ instagram

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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		

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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*

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☐ 1-2  
☐ 3 or more

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

Oakland Post Newspaper

### 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.***

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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

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Police Department  
[www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission](http://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.



# Police Commission

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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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## 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

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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

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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?

☐ 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](http://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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Signature: Margaret Grimsley Date: 6/30/22

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Police Commission Application Questions – Margaret Grimsley

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]

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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]

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☐ Female ☐ I do not wish to self-identify

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- ☒ No, I do not have a disability
- ☐ I do not wish to answer

## Required Questionnaire

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10 years

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☐ 3 or more

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community member

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Signature: Heather Washington Date: June 27, 2022

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