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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

September 23, 2016

The Honorable City Council
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Second Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Gibson McElhaney and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter Section 601, the Mayor has appointed the following person as member of the following board or commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Zachary Knox, Mayoral appointment to serve as the District 3 Representative to a two-year term beginning August 1, 2015 and ending July 31, 2017, filling the seat previously held by Sierra Martinez.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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Submit Date: Sep 21,
2016

Status:
submitted

Profile

Zachary

First Name

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Middle Initial

Knox

Last Name

zaknox@knoxrosslaw.com

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Oakland

City

CA

State

94612

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Knox & Ross Law

Group

Employer

Attorney

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us how your qualifications and participation will relate to the requested board and/or commission's mission.

I've been an advocate and consultant in the medical cannabis industry for over a decade, and have represented businesses and entrepreneurs in the industry as an attorney since 2010. As such, I've closely followed developments throughout the industry, both legislatively as well as growing industry practices. In my own practice, I hear plenty of feedback from industry participants, prospective investors, and other advocates. I believe that I could be a valuable addition to the commission, which could leverage my knowledge and experience as an attorney working directly in this industry.

Please submit your resume or curriculum vitae. You may upload a document. (A Word format is preferred.) Alternatively, you may paste the text of your resume in the field provided below.

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Upload a Resume

Please paste the text of your resume or curriculum vitae below.

Please click the acknowledgement below.

Service on City of Oakland boards, commissions, and committees may require filings of the FPPC's Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700). Upon appointment and determination of filing status, I will comply with all filing obligations.

I Agree *

Professional Experience

Knox & Ross Law Group, Oakland, CA **2012 - Present**
Attorney at Law, Partner
Managing partner of a general practice law firm, and practice specifically in the areas of general business and commercial law, corporate governance and finance, regulatory compliance, tax controversies and planning, and a limited amount of business and civil litigation.

Zachary A. Knox, Attorney at Law, Oakland, CA **2011 - 2012**
Attorney at Law, Solo Practitioner
Advised and represented clients in the in the areas of general business law, corporate governance and finance, regulatory compliance, and tax controversies and planning.

Harper Legal Group P.C., Point Richmond, CA **2010 - 2011**
Associate Attorney
Advised and represented the firm's clients in the areas of general business law, tax controversies and planning, civil litigation, and criminal defense.

Harper Legal Group P.C., Point Richmond, CA **2009 - 2010**
Law Clerk
Made supervised appearances in court in Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Alameda counties. Performed legal research, drafted complaints, conducted client and witness interviews, negotiated pleadings in criminal matters and settlements in personal injury cases.

Bay Area Legal Aid, San Francisco, CA **Summer 2007**
Law Clerk
Clerked in the Legal Barriers to Employment Department; worked with indigent clients, and primarily focused on matters inhibiting their ability to find gainful employment, including criminal expungements, restoration driving privileges, housing disputes, as well as CalWorks and PAIS benefits.

Other Professional Experience

BodySculptMD LLC, Oakland, CA **2007 - 2012**
Managing-Member, General Counsel
Oversaw the organization's formation, and managed day-to-day operations from the company's launch in California, through the hiring of more permanent management in 2011. Then continued on as the firm's general counsel from 2011 through 2012.

Jimex Corporation, Hayward, CA **2003 - 2006**
Regional Sales Manager
Managed sales for six territories and supervised three manufacturer's rep groups, comprising approximately 40% of the firm's annual revenues.

Education

University of San Francisco: School of Law
Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2010

University of San Francisco: Masagung Graduate School of Management
Masters in Business Administration, December 2009

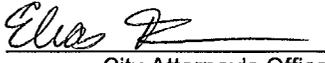
University of California, Berkeley
Bachelor of Arts, American Studies, December 2002
Area of Emphasis: Business & Economics

Professional Associations

- California State Bar, Admitted to practice since 2010
- Charles Houston Bar Association, Member since 2010
- National Bar Association, Member since 2010
- Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce PAC, Member since 2012
- Cal Norml, Member since 2012

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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZACHARY KNOX AS A MEMBER OF THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the City Charter provides that members, of City boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the affirmative vote of five members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act (Ordinance 12694 C.M.S.), also known as Measure Z, adopted by the voters of Oakland, November 2, 2004 in the General Municipal Election, creates the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to oversee the ordinance's implementation and the disbursement of revenue from licensing and taxation of businesses that sell cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act specifies that members of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission are to be appointed one by the Mayor, one by the City Auditor, one by the City Administrator, and one from each Member of the City Council, to serve unlimited two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed **Zachary Knox** to serve a two-year term subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of **Zachary Knox**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as the District 3 Representative that began August 1, 2015 and ending July 31, 2017, filling the seat previously held by Sierra Martinez.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City
of Oakland, California