



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:	Hauck	Brian	Date: 6/17/2020
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>
Home Address:	[REDACTED]		
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>	
	Oakland	CA	94618
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone:	[REDACTED]	Email	[REDACTED]

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.

- 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.

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: Karol Mason, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Relationship: Former Colleague, US DOJ

E-Mail

Phone:

Full Name: Mike Troncoso, Director, Justice & Opportunity, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Relationship: Professional

E-Mail

Phone:

Full Name: Rev. Molly Baskette, First Congregational Church, Berkeley

Relationship: Pastor

E-Mail

Phone:

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: _____
 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

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: Brian Hauck

Digitally signed by: Brian Hauck
DN: CN = Brian Hauck email = [REDACTED]
Date: 2020.06.17 21:28:21 -07'00'

Date: 6/17/2020

Completed applications are accepted continuously by mail, hand-delivery, or e-mail 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
E-mail	Address: CityAdministratorsOffice@oaklandca.gov Subject: Police Commission Application

Police Commission – Supplemental Questionnaire – 2020
Brian Hauck

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

Through positions in the federal government and private practice, I have extensive experience making institutions better—often in the law enforcement context—and working in complicated public settings to turn positive energy into real change. I have experience making sensitive judgments about the propriety of law enforcement conduct; reviewing and making recommendations to make law enforcement more effective without compromising public safety; leading initiatives to make law enforcement organizations more successful by becoming more open and transparent; and overseeing the implementation of Consent Judgments in organizations that have been required by courts to overhaul their operations. In none of these positions have I actually worked in law enforcement. Rather, I have served with the perspective of a civilian who believes in law enforcement’s mission and believes it ought to be held to very high standards. I would highlight three aspects of this work as particularly relevant for the Commission.

Personnel. During my time as an Obama Administration appointee at the U.S. Department of Justice, as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General, one of my responsibilities was to determine when the Justice Department could not represent a law enforcement official who was accused of wrongdoing. That work required an understanding of the line between appropriate and inappropriate law enforcement conduct.

Organizational change. In both law enforcement and non-law enforcement settings, I have experience reviewing, advising, and working with agencies implementing significant organizational changes.

- *Reviews and Recommendations.* For the U.S. Secret Service, I served as the lead staffperson for an independent panel charged with reviewing the U.S. Secret Service’s protection of the White House complex. Following some of the Secret Service’s high-profile failures, our panel was charged with reviewing what had gone wrong and making recommendations to improve the Service’s performance. The review encompassed issues ranging from human resources, training, and staffing, to use-of-force policies and weaponry. We reviewed the Service’s budget and made recommendations for its next Director.
- *Reform.* In much of my work now, in private practice, I serve on teams that are appointed to “monitor” entities—like OPD—that have histories of wrongdoing and have been ordered onto paths for reform. That work has informed how I approach oversight of an institution like OPD; it has taught me how to gather facts from organizations that can be resistant, the appropriate contours of reform, and how to tell the difference between change that an organization *can’t* implement and change that the organization *doesn’t want* to implement.

- *Openness and Transparency.* The Department of Justice has never been known as the most transparent institutions, but like all Obama Administration agencies, it was charged with finding ways to better fulfill its mission by becoming more open and transparent. I was asked to coordinate the Department's planning and implementation. We were ultimately ranked by open government groups as belonging in the top tier of federal agencies.

Commission Dynamics. Institutional reform does not happen overnight; it does not happen from energy alone; and it can be derailed by distractions and divisions. My work, inside government and out, routinely requires sensitive multi-party negotiations over difficult issues in complicated political contexts. I have worked to build consensus, accept and resolve differences, and move forward. I have had to recognize that the substantive work, the inter-personal dynamics, and the public pressures and attention all must be managed in order to succeed. I listen, I build trust, and we make progress.

We are in a moment of extraordinary opportunity for the Oakland Police Department and the Oakland Police Commission. There is extraordinary energy for change. But that change will depend on our ability to translate energy into policies, policies into training, and training into culture. It will take discipline, consensus, and sustained effort—for months after the moment of extraordinary opportunity passes. My work, inside government and out, will be helpful in moving the Commission and the Department forward.

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

My experience with the Oakland Police Department is from afar. I have two children, and I do not know today whether they will grow up to be victims of crime, suspected of crime, or police officers. I do know that they have many advantages. My hope is that this Commission and the City's and Department's other efforts will help build a police force that will be better prepared to keep them safe, will earn the community's trust, and will treat them with respect.

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, or (c) with a public agency or nonprofit community group serving or advocating for crime victims or persons charged or convicted of crimes.

Neither I nor any immediate family member has been employed in any of those positions. As a lawyer in private practice, I have represented criminal defendants *pro bono*, including death row inmates and incarcerated individuals bringing claims for their mistreatment by law enforcement personnel. I have worked with non-profit groups working to improve conditions in the juvenile justice system. And during my time at the Justice Department, I worked alongside criminal prosecutors and law enforcement agents.

I have taken away from all of this work nothing more than a belief that every component of the criminal justice system can work better. My hope is that the Police Commission can make the Police Department better at its job, and more deserving of the public's trust.