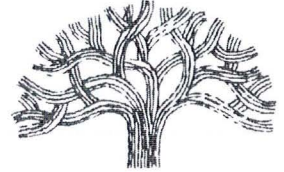


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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Libby Schaaf
Mayor

(510) 238-3141
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Letter of Appointment

May 9, 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 re-appointed and appointed the following persons as members of the following board or commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

Youth Advisory Commission

Rachel Dharmapalan, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term beginning July 01, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016 filling the term previously held by Rebecca Dharmapalan.

Addison Duchin, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term beginning July 01, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016, filling the term previously held by Raja'a Williams.

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Bethania Tadesse, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term beginning July 01, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Olivia Lucas.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Rachel Dharmapalan

Dear Mayor Libby Schaaf and Oakland City Council,

My name is Rachel Dharmapalan, I am 13 years old, and I'm hoping you will consider me as a candidate to be an Oakland Youth Council member. I was born and live in Oakland. I currently attend St. Paul's Episcopal School as an eighth grader. I am feel I am qualified to work with the Oakland City Council because I have experience as a youth leader in my community.

Last year, I was voted 7th Grade Representative in my school. As Representative, I created a fundraiser where we sold Vietnamese sandwiches at school. We profited in more than \$1,000 in less than three months. The funds raised were used for student enrichment programs for my peers. This year, I was voted Student Council President. I will be creating a St. Paul's Community Cookbook as a fundraiser for my school- this will profit in thousands of dollars as well. We will take 10% of the profits from this project and donate it to a worthy Oakland youth program that we will select as a student council. It will likely target an organization that target youth in East Oakland.

I am also performing artist, I am hoping to use my experience and talent to educate the youth in Oakland. I am a classically trained pianist and have played piano for over 8 years. I have won many piano competitions and have been honored to play at **Carnegie Hall** and **the Lincoln Center** in New York City. With this background in music. I have learned and experienced the importance of music for youth. It has taught me discipline and the ability to perform in front of large audiences and my peers. One of the most important benefits is the therapeutic aspect of music. The benefits of music education are amazing and studies have consistently exposed the positive effects of music education has on a child's academic performance, sense of community, self-expression and self-esteem. With this knowledge, I would like to share these benefits with my fellow youth in my city. I plan to

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create a movement to save music programs in Oakland schools. Also, I am going to be working with a local artist, Asheba, to sing and play the guitar for patients at Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Another project that I'm working on is a short film I'm creating about Oakland. The film focuses on the artists in Oakland. Since Oakland is known for its musicians, poets, dancers, painters, etc. I wanted to create a film to highlight and honor these amazing artist.

I believe that I will be a good candidate for Oakland Youth Council because of my experience as a leader, a trained performer and a creative artist. I would be honored to share these skills with the City Council to support the music and art programs in schools. Music is a very important aspect in a young child's education and development and I hope no child should be deprived of this. I would like to see every child in the City of Oakland to have access to a musical instrument. It would be my privilege to serve on the City Council and share my ideas in bettering the experiences of the youth in Oakland youth.

Sincerely,

Rachel Dharmapalan



Addison Duchin

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Objective: Help improve Oakland as a part of the Oakland Youth Advisory Board.

Education:

Oakland Technical High School	Entering Fall 2015
Oakland School for the Arts	June 2015
● School year of 2014-2015 GPA: 3.83	
● Honor roll past 3 consecutive years	

Work Experience:

● Babysitter/Mother's helper	2013-15
● Dog walker/sitter	2014-15
● RJD Construction co. construction site helper	2014-15
● FORD Models and talent: Actor, Citroen Car commercial	2012
Actor, Identity Thief web series	2015

Volunteer Experience

Thornhill Elementary School	Class President
Worked with the rest of the elected student body council to organize school activities. Created a student run talent show that continues to be an annual event at the school.	

Ardenwood Historic Farm	Farm Volunteer
Help with the animals and assist the park naturalists with craft activities and activities on Special Events.	

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Elena Larsen

Education

- Montera Middle School
- Oakland Technical High School- 9th Grade

Job Experience

- Babysitter- provide child care for 2 young children on the weekends
- House sitter- provide care of neighbor's garden, home, mail, and safety
- Pet sitter- fed, exercised, and provided care for neighbor's pets
- Elder care- provide meal and health assistance to elderly disabled neighbor

Volunteer Experience

- Sales assistant at Montera Rummage sale
- Teacher assistant for Montera art teacher

Interests/Talents/Hobbies

- LGBTQI issues
- Teen issues
- Art
- Social networking
- Fashion
- Community service
- Foreign travel
- Heritage
- Physical Fitness/Solo cross country runs

Honors/ Awards

- Honor Roll for fall first semester, freshman year at Oakland Technical High school
- Recreate Art Contest- Two time Award Winner
- Science Fair Award Winner

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RYAN HUNT

OBJECTIVE

- Intended College Major: Mathematics, Pre-Med
- Intended Career: Medicine

EDUCATION

- Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, California (9/2014 - Present)
- 3.15 *unweighted* cumulative GPA
- Rank: N/A
- Graduation: June 2018

ACADEMIC HONORS

- AP, Honors or Accelerated Courses Taken:
 - 10th: Pre-Calculus,
 - 9th: Honors English 1, Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry, Honors Geo-History

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

- Ambitious
- Creative
- Observant
- Resilient

CURRENT YEAR COURSES

- Pre-Calculus
- Earth Science
- English 2
- Spanish 2
- Advanced Jazz Band
- Religion

Resume

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Name: Gloria Guzman

Address:

Middle school: Alliance Academy (class of 2013)

High school: Envision Academy (class of 2017)

Home number:

Cell number:

Email: g

I've been in HOBY NORCAL, and NTE Biz camp.

I use to work with the city of Oakland. I helped clean up parks, and remove graffiti from the walls.

Honors & awards: I got distinction on my 10th grade benchmark portfolio, and Panther of the week at my school.

Interests: Psychology, History, writing, soccer, and traveling

Malachi H. Taylor

EDUCATION

Envision Academy Arts Of Technology
Oakland, CA

June 2016

Cumulative GPA: 3.19/4.00 |

Awards and Honors: African American Male Achievement Award (Oakland Unified School District). 2011
Most Outstanding Male, 2013, Genesys Works "Most Ambitious", 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hanson's Bridgett Law Firm (Internship)
Francisco, CA

San

Records Clerk

Currently

- Organized court files and matters
- Transferred court documents into data base system.

Youth Radio (Internship)

Oakland, CA

Media Education Peer Teacher

September– November 2014

- Instructed Photoshop workshops,
 - Enhanced students knowledge on photography

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Genesys Works

Oakland, CA

August 2015

- Strengthen my technical skills and my professional development
- Focused learning how to operate computer software.

Kings Of Empowerment

President and Founder of Kings of Empowerment

- All male organization focused on academic excellence, brotherhood, and community service
- Community advocacy and community organizing

Enrichment

TASS Summer Seminar (University of Michigan)

- Studied in Africana and Black Theater

by the 12th grade and 44% percent of the adults over 25 don't have a high school diploma. By youth dropping out of high school the streets is only thing they have to turn too because that's the only place they can relate too. In 2015 alone 83 homicides were committed here in Oakland.

The way I see myself improving and empowering my community is by serving as an advocate and an activist for all young Black males not just in Oakland but in cities similar to Oakland like Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis .There are many of things that needs to be improved in my community but the main two issues that concerns me the most in the Black community is America's poor education system that has continuously failed many of African American males like myself. The other issue that concerns me the most is Gang violence that has continuously caused destruction to the Black community for many of decades. The way I plan to help improve this issue is by pursuing a career in politics and government. By me going into this career field I can become a voice for all African American males and help fight laws and policies that are working against us. The reason why I am so interested political issues is because as young child I was a victim of America's poor education.

Bethania Tadesse

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EDUCATION

High School - French American International High School: San Francisco, California
International Baccalaureate - Expected Graduation Date: June of 2018

Georgetown University - "Fundamentals of Medicine" Successfully completed a 5 weeks college credit program - Summer 2015

Middle & Lower School- French American International School: San Francisco, California

SKILLS

- Proficient with Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, iMovie, Photoshop & PowerPoint
- Excellent communication, customer service, organization and planning skills.
- Languages: English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Spanish (Advanced), Amharic (Advanced)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Oakland Zoo, Oakland, CA 2014 - 2015
Teen Wild Guide

- Providing animal interpretive information for the public using a variety of biofacts and interactive stations.
- Working in the contact yard, monitoring the animals and teaching children about animal care.
- To gain knowledge and zoo work experience, for those interested in a future career with animals.
- Gained experience working with children.
- Gained valuable public speaking skills.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA)..... November 2015
Volunteer

- Volunteered on the organization's 1st inaugural walk.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Princess Toy Drive September 2014 - Present
Founder

- Founded annual "Princess Toy Drive" in 2014 to provide gifts for under privileged kids around the holiday
- Planning and Implementation of Annual fundraising to buy 100 toys

- Recruit volunteers to wrap and distribute gifts.
- Annual Partnership with Oakland Council Member Desley Brooks to distribute gifts
- Successfully distributed 100 gifts per year at the Council Member annual Holiday Party (2014 and 2015)


SCHOOL

ORGANIZATIONS

Community-Service Action Team (CAT)..... September 2014- Present

Advisory Representative

- Inform students about the community service opportunities
- Attend monthly meetings with Community Service Steering Committee
- Help with grassroots organizing and school-wide service projects


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RACHEL DHARMAPALAN, ADDISON DUCHIN, ELENA LARSEN, RYAN HUNT, GLORIA GUZMAN, MALACHI TAYLOR, AND BETHANIA TADESSE AS MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance No. 10545 C.M.S., adopted February 5, 1985, amended by Ordinance No. 11461, passed June 23, 1992, and amended by Ordinance No. 11869, passed March 12, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Commission is comprised of Twenty-Five youth from ages 13 to 21, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, one to represent each Council District and the remaining eighteen to serve as at-large members, with all appointments being for a period of two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Youth Advisory Commission is to identify the needs of youth of the community from the ages of 13 to 21, thereby creating citizen awareness of such needs and serving as the policy recommending body for civic/education-related matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Oakland in which youth have an interest, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed Rachel Dharmapalan, Addison Duchin, Elena Larsen, Ryan Hunt, Gloria Guzman, Malachi Taylor, and Bethania Tadesse to the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission for the terms set forth below; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the following appointments to the Youth Advisory Commission:

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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