



**THE HONORABLE SHENG THAO • MAYOR OF OAKLAND**

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Letter of Appointment

October 17, 2023

Dear President Bas and members of the City Council:

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

**Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board**

**John DeBoer**, Tenant Representative, Term: February 12, 2023 - February 11, 2026.  
Filling the seat that was formerly held by Rodney Nickens Jr..

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheng Thao". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Sheng Thao

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## Profile

John R deBoer  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suite or Apt

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

Mobile: [REDACTED]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone

Mobile: [REDACTED]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone

Blackbird Tailoring  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

Alterations Tailor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board: Submitted

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## Interests & Experiences

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

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Since 2019 I have been a member of the Oakland Tenants Union, helping fellow tenants with their problems and issues and advocating for housing policies in Oakland. From this experience I think I have a pretty decent layman's grasp on Oakland housing law and a sense of the kind of housing issues that people are dealing with here. I want to continue the work of helping people find solutions to their housing problems and make sure everyone is treated fairly under the law. As I have been advising tenants weekly already, I am prepared to show up and diligently carry out the duties of the rent board. I'm looking forward to seeing what it's like!

*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.*

[rent board resume.rtf](#)

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Upload a Resume

John R deBoer

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

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John deBoer [REDACTED] VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:  
Oakland Tenants Union Member, 2019 – present. Policy Committee, Outreach Committee, member 2021 – present. Education and Counseling Committee Chairperson, 2021 – present. Held biweekly tenant advice sessions by Zoom and in-person at Oakland Library. Chaired monthly Committee Meetings. Counseled individual tenants by phone and e-mail on issues including evictions, repairs, harassment, lease issues, legal rights, rent control, Section 8, etc. contact: Eddie Ytuarte, cochairs@oaklandtenantsunion.org  
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: References available on request  
Alterations Tailor, Blackbird Tailoring. 2019 – present. Alterations Tailor, Bloomingdales San Francisco. 2014 - 2019. Production Seamstress, Dollhouse Bettie. 2014. Workshop Manager, Dress Doctor. 20132014. Assistant Costume Shop Manager, Wesleyan University Theater. 2007-2012. EDUCATION: BA in Fine Arts, Bard College.

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Please click the acknowledgement below.

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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.

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I Agree \*

## John deBoer

### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

#### **Oakland Tenants Union**

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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**INTRODUCED BY  
MAYOR SHENG THAO**

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**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT  
OF JOHN DEBOER AS A TENANT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE  
HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL RENT AND RELOCATION BOARD**

**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**, Ordinance No. 11954 C.M.S., adopted December 17, 1996, and amended by Ordinance No. 12030 C.M.S., adopted December 16, 1997, and further amended by Ordinance 12273 C.M.S., adopted July 25, 2000, Ordinance No. 12399 C.M.S., adopted January 23, 2003, and Ordinance No. 13373 C.M.S., adopted June 7, 2016, creates the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board ("Board") to assume all duties and functions heretofore exercised by the Housing Advisory and Appeals Board, Relocation Appeals Board, and the Housing Advisory and Appeals Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board consists of seven (7) members, two tenants, two landlords, and three undesignated members, serving not more than two consecutive three-year staggered terms and two alternates for each of the three classes of members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Sheng Thao has appointed John DeBoer to serve a three-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 to the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board:

**John DeBoer**, Tenant Representative, Term: February 12, 2023 - February 11, 2026, filling the seat that was formerly held by Rodney Nickens Jr.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California