

Letter of Nomination

September 25, 2014

The Honorable City Council
One City Hall Plaza, Second Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Patricia Kernighan and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter section 601, the Mayor, hereby appoints the following person as a member of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sean Patrick Donahoe, Mayoral appointment, on the recommendation of Council President Patricia Kernighan to serve the term beginning August 1, 2014 and ending July 31, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Tyson Nagler.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan
Mayor

Sean Patrick Donahoe

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Political Work Experience

California Cannabis Industry Association, Deputy Director (February 2013 – present)

- Created an educational resource for cannabis professionals by developing a statewide trade association for this rapidly maturing industry. Principles and priorities include addressing issues related to impaired driving, unlawful diversion to minors, substance abuse issues, and reducing the negative social and environmental impacts of prohibition, primarily by pushing for state regulations.

Caldwell Flores Winters, Campaigns Director (January 2012 – November 2012)

- Directed multiple simultaneous ballot measure campaigns from start to finish: presentation of planning material to Boards, staff, and stakeholders; design, implementation, analysis and presentation of results of voter opinion surveys; conducting public information campaigns with Districts; preparation and submission of legal and financial documents, setting up of volunteer-run campaign committees, and conducted robust campaign efforts on tight schedule, passing 9 out of 11.

The Next Generation, Independent Contractor (Summer 2011 – Winter 2012)

- Worked on special project: grassroots public awareness campaign regarding an industrial source of toxic emissions with an extremely poor safety record, resulting in state-level agency changes.

Californians for Flood Safety, Independent Contractor (Summer 2011 – Fall 2011)

- Briefly served as field representative for a business coalition dedicated to increasing public awareness on the need for concerted federal efforts to fund necessary infrastructure improvements.

Grassroots Working Group Chair / Independent Contractor for Save the American River Association (April - August 2011)

- Part of a broad coalition of environmentalists, passive/active recreational advocates for parks; With assistance of polling and interviews developed proposal for Independent District Regional Park District / new Countywide sales tax; Presented proposal to elected bodies, community groups, stakeholders, and made media appearances. (Listen to: <http://www.cpradio.org/163026>)

Twin Rivers Unified Educators Independent Contractor (January 2011 – June 2012)

- Worked with community stakeholders to gather signatures and qualify ballot measure to convert the method of school board trustee elections from at-large to by-district, planned field campaign, recruited and advised a slate of 6 candidates out of 7 eligible seats. The ballot measure and 5 seats were won.

Ellyne Bell for School Board 2010 Campaign Manager (August 2010 – November 2010)

- Recruited by grassroots supporters from previous campaign to provide day-to-day management and robust field program; Worked with supporters, consultant, treasurer, fundraiser, labor, and party to further campaign; Staffed candidate at political and fundraising events, other managerial tasks; Designed and placed advertisements; liaised with media, community stakeholders, and elected officials. Won over 50% of vote in three candidate race.

Warren Harding for Arden Arcade Campaign Manager (July 2010 – November 2010) Came in 3rd of 22 candidates.

CA Vote Project 2010 Regional Co-Director Voter Registration IE Project (February 2010 – September 2010)

- Eventually responsible for new and continual training, schedule, payroll, precinct tasking, providing daily/weekly reports; Countless voter encounters leading to a fairly intuitive cycle of "rap" tweaking, selective issue referencing, etc. Over 22,000 Democrats newly registered, incumbent Democrat won.

Bera for Congress Data Assistant (November 2009 – February 2010) Pre-DCCC phase.

Garamendi for Congress, Assistant Field Director (June 2009 - November 2009)

- Served directly under campaign manager/field director for heavily contested Congressional race spread across four counties; direct contact with political consultant and outside campaign advisors; planned and implemented database transfer of legacy constituent / contacts database to focused field database; Supervision duties of regional field organizers, and sole trainer of organizers on campaign IT tools; Planned and implemented daily rebuilds of multiple phonebank universes, distributed these to remote locations, walked staff and volunteers through scripts and trained hundreds of volunteers.

Crosby for California Democratic Party Controller, "Field Director" (January 2009 - April 2009.)

Durston For Congress, Organizer (March 2008 - November 2008.)

Edwards For America, Organizer in California, Iowa and Nevada (October 2007- January 2008.)

International Work Experience

Prime Advertising OAO (St Petersburg, Russia), Investment Guide Author (Fall 1999.)

Business Information Service for Newly Independent States, (Department of Commerce, Washington DC), International Trade Representative (Fall 1996.)

Education

University of California, Santa Cruz began a PhD Politics (Sociology,) completing all coursework, teaching, research, and began dissertation 2000-2004 but withdrew ABD.

London School of Economics Msc Government 1998.

University of California, Santa Cruz, BA Politics 1997.

Organizations

- *Democratic Party of Sacramento County*. Campaign Services Chair, (2009-2012) Ran endorsement procedures, strategic programs, and Countywide coordinated campaign.
- *Wellstone Progressive Democrats of Sacramento*. VP (Political Affairs) (2009-2012) Ran endorsement procedures, liaised with local elected officials, and supervised paid canvasser.
- *East Bay for Democracy*. Organizing Team (2008-2009) Planned, conducted meetings.
- Member: American Association of Political Consultants, California Democratic Party Executive Board member (Voter Services Committee,) Sierra Club, previously belonged to international relations and social sciences academic associations, presented at international conferences.

Language, Technical Skills

- Conversational German and beginners Russian.
- Breadth of office and networking applications, substantial Linux, Mac and Windows familiarity. Advanced skills with NGP/VAN, PDI, Nationbuilder, various CMSs, Excel, Access, QGIS, etc.

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR JEAN QUAN

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEAN PATRICK DONAHOE 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 Jean Quan has appointed Sean Patrick Donahoe as District 2 Representative, as recommended by Council President Patricia Kernighan, to sit on the Committee, 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 Sean Patrick Donahoe to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission for a two-year term beginning August 1, 2014 and ending July 31, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Tyson Nagler.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sean Patrick Donahoe's term of office on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission shall begin on the first day after the City Council approves this resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - KALB, PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN, GIBSON MCELHANEY, SCHAAF, GALLO,
BROOKS, REID AND KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS

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