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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

August 30, 2019

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

Dear President Kaplan 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

**Yarency Lizbeth Avelar**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 7 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Gloria Guzman; and

**Julia Basch**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 2 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Rachel Dharmapalan; and

**Francesca Berlow**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Kamar Nelson, and

**Brandon Frith**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Jackeline Rivas; and

**Aa’Jahlee-Soleil Long**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Abel Regalado, and

**Nia McMillan**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Roxana Perez; and

**Alessandra Mohar**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 3 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Enasia McElvain; and

**Ahmed Muhammad**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 6 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Bethania Tadesse; and

**Kimora Oliver**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Natalie Dharmapalan; and

**Jessica Ramos**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Rahma R Mahdi; and

**Benjamin Salop**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 1 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Ryan Hunt; and

**JiaHui Su**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Kian Nouri; and

**Barrett Valentine**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 5 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Shai Aikens; and

**Harper Valentine**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Dajah White; and it

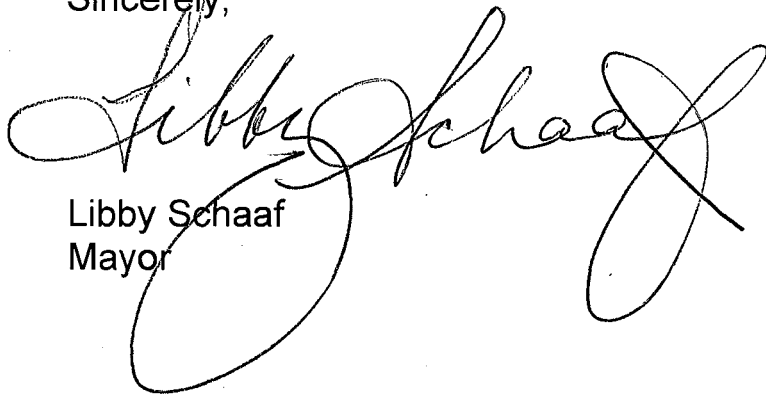
**Ivan Garcia**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 4 Commissioner that began September 11, 2019 and will end September 10, 2021, filling

the seat previously held by himself and prior to that by his predecessor, Addison Duchin; and

**Maxwell Stern**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began September 11, 2019 and will end September 10, 2021, filling the seat previously held by himself and prior to that by his predecessor, Aaliyah Carney.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, that reads "Libby Schaaf". The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

# Yarency Avelar

High school student from East Oakland California

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## EXPERIENCE

### Aim High 2014 - 2016

A four year long summer program that students participate in.

- Participated in community cleaning and beautifying
- Took intro to Computer Science Class for 3 summers
- Participated in the Dance club for two summers
- Performed in the end of the summer family celebration

### Ubuntu Hackathon Academy - 2016

A two-day intensive hackathon where minorities from Oakland come and develop an app that can help their community.

- Developed a demo app with a team that focuses on creating opportunities for high school students in the bay area to participate in community service activities
- Presented to a panel of judges and families at the ceremony event. Our team won 3rd place for the hackathon event.

### IGNITE 2017 - Present

IGNITE is a safe space for young women to discuss political issues and learn more about empowerment to develop leadership, help acknowledge the injustices in our community, and to better represent women.

- Held poll sessions after school where we helped teens preregister to vote
- Shadowed representatives during their job at meetings at the California State Capitol museum
- Recruited young girls to join IGNITE to build a strong community of women empowering each other

### Google CODENEXT 2016 - Present

Taking classes to improve core math and science skills, used cutting-edge technologies such as laser cutter, 3D printers and learning more about careers in the STEM field.

- Coded a few apps to sharpen my skills in computer engineering
- Participated in workshops to teach parents and young students the basics of coding and computer science.

### BUILD 2017 - Present

Learning and developing leadership skills and strategies for entrepreneurship and presenting to business owners while competing against a variety of schools.

- Have been the CEO of Trash to Treasure for three years and currently still am.
- Reducing trash in the community and school by creating beautiful art made out of recycled trash
- Reuse thrown out paper from our school, collect glass jars from the streets and students/teachers in our school, and collect soda cans from the streets and peers
- Competed against other schools in the Bay Area for best pitch, best product and best presentation
- Our team won best pitch presentation in 2017.
- Pitched our idea and sold at Facebook, the Board of BUILD, BUILD's 20th Anniversary Gala in front of over 500 people, City Hall to the Mayor's team,

## SKILLS

- Bilingual
- Code
- Public Speaking
- CPR trained

## AWARDS

### Student of the Semester Award

June 14, 2019

- Excellence award in History Class

### National Honorable Mention National Center for Women and Information Technology

May 2019

- Award for women with aspirations in computing and technology.

### BUILD Best Product

March 2019

- Won best product in the country at BUILD's annual national Gala.

### Citizen Certificate

Oct. 2018 - Vice Principal

- For being part of the top 5% of 10th grade at Lionel Wilson College Preparatory

### Girls In Artificial Intelligence

Oct. 2018 - Acorn Aspirations

- Hackathon for girls to learn to build technology with AI
- Won 2nd place for the hackathon

- and at school selling events
- Selected to compete with a BUILD team from New York to pitch at the BUILD Gala. Trash to Treasure team won Best Product in the country and a grand cash prize of \$500 dollars

### **Varsity Women's High School Soccer team 2018**

- Involved myself with the high school soccer team where I played top position
- Helped the coach train middle schoolers for the middle school soccer team

### **Women's High School Volleyball team 2018**

- Participated in the women's volleyball team
- Helped the coach train players by assisting him with drills
- Organized volleyball drills for my teammates to practice whenever our coaches were absent

### **Cross Country Women's High School 2018**

- Competed against many runners from around the Bay Area
- Made it to the Sectional Finals

### **Higher Ground Mentor, 2018**

Volunteered to mentor students at my former elementary after school program.

- Supervised students outside during break time.
- Organized classrooms for staff and teachers.
- Participated in the planning of events and talked to parents about school events like a bicycle meetup for students, cheerleading classes, basketball clubs
- Helped make sure students did their school assignments by providing assistance to them when students needed help
- Participated in leadership training workshops once a month to meet up with fellow student mentors from other elementary schools in the area
- Translated for parents when talking to teachers who did not speak Spanish

### **Student Government Secretary 9th Grade 2017 - 2018**

Part of and in charge of managing a wide range of events, activities, programs, policies, and initiatives around the school and for the 10th-grade class.

- Helped organize a mini prom for the middle school students
- Mentored peers after school for homework help
- Supervised social events at school for students
- Assisted in running whole school town hall meetings
- Supervised middle school students during after school program

### **Student Government 10th Grade Class President 2018 - 2019**

- Worked with students from another highschool to host a highschool dance
- Hosted carwash events, food sales, social events to raise money for our grade
- Helped run whole school town hall meetings
- Mentored peers after school for homework help

### **SLAM Poetry Club 2017- Present**

After School club at Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy, where students come together with a mentor from the Youth Speaks Organization and write poetry.

- Recruited more students to join the club by going to classrooms to invite students
- Supported our student presenters at Youth Speaks competitions by inviting people go to the event

### **Best Pitch Award- BUILD**

March 2018

- Awarded by the program manager of BUILD, where we as students start up our own business and sell to people.
- Won the Best Pitch idea out of 44 teams from all over the region

### **Bay Area Affiliate Award**

March 2018

- Award for women in computing and aspirations in technology.

### **English 1 High Achievement Award**

Oct. 2017

- An excellence award for being one of four students to get nominated by classmates for having the best discussion and evidence to back up my claim.

### **Excellence Award- Track and Field**

March 2017

- Award for always supporting and encouraging teammates

### **Oakland Athletics League (OAL)**

Jan 2017

Participated in cross country league and competed against many schools in the Bay Area.

- Won 3rd place for girls in all of Oakland, California

## **Summer Math and Science Honors (SMASH) 2018-Present**

A 5-week residential summer program at Stanford University with rigorous math, science, and computer science summer course sequence under 5 weeks. This program is intended for minorities to build a pathway into STEM.

- Founded the first year book club for SMASH Stanford University
- Was the Cohort Representative of my group during my first year at SMASH Stanford University
- Organized bonding activities for my grade to help scholars build close relationships

## **LANGUAGES**

1. English
2. Spanish

## **Acorn Aspirations #GirlsInAI from London, UK April 2018**

A two-day intense hackathon where girls were paired in groups to build an app with Artificial Intelligence in it, sponsored by MasterCard.

- Coded a demo app with my team that helps teach low income highschool students more about financial literacy and how to manage their money better
- Collaborated with others to build a demo app and presented in front of a panel of judges
- Won 3rd place for the hackathon competition
- Worked 6 hours with my team and mentors outside of the hackathon in San Francisco to learn more about coding and artificial intelligence

## **Student Community Service Ambassador 2018 - Present**

This club hosts service opportunities for students at school. The goal of this club is to encourage students to take part in more community activities that can benefit them and their community.

- Founded the Student Community Service Ambassador club at Lionel Wilson
- President of the Student Community Service Ambassador club
- Hosted food drive donation event for students to donate and help collect food
- Achieved over 100 food donations to Alameda County Food Bank.

## **St. Louis Church Altar Server 2011 - Present**

Volunteering in serving my local church every week and helping out in community events.

- Serving as an altar-server at my local church for 9 years
- Participated in the Thanksgiving food drive to provide families with food
- Participated in community clean ups by going around the neighborhood to beautify the place
- Assisted the church with selling food

## **EDUCATION**

### **Lionel Wilson Prep**

Currently attending a small high school in Oakland, CA. Earned several honor certificates. One of the top 5 students to make it on the highest honors list.

### **Laney Community College**

My school doesn't offer AP and Honors courses, so I took Spanish 1b, First Aid CPR, Algebra 2 and Latin American Film Study.

### **Science and Math Honors Academy (SMASH) Stanford**

Taking STEM classes every summer and participating in mentoring sessions once a month throughout the school year.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

The Youth Commission is a serious time commitment.

If appointed, in addition to the required 12 hours per month described on the "Basic Information" page above, Youth Commissioners are required:

- (1) To attend a 2.5 day orientation training retreat Friday evening, and all day Saturday and Sunday on a to be announced date in September 2019.
- (2) To attend all of a full, two-day "mid year" training retreat Saturday and Sunday, February 2020

Personal Information

Name \*

First and last name

Yarency Lizbeth Avelar

Address \*

Oakland, California

Zip Code \*

94603

Council District (if unsure of your district, go to <http://gisapps.mapoakland.com/councildistricts/>) \*

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Email \*

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Parent/Guardian phone number \*

51

Parent/Guardian email \*

@yahoo.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

Mexican - American

Languages spoken

I speak English and Spanish.

Sexual orientation

I am a heterosexual.

Gender identity

I am a female.

If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

I will attend Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy in the fall.

Please list all other schools you have gone to.

I have attended Brookfield Elementary school.

What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

Some of the communities I feel connected to are coming from a low income household, being a Latina, having an immigrant family, being a first generation student and being a part of the STEM community. My family comes from a hard working background, they immigrated from Mexico to give my siblings and I a better future. As a first generation student, education is important to me because I want to give back to my parents and give back to my community. Although I am aware that there are not many people of color, and especially women of color in the stem field, I hope to pursue a career in the STEM field. I want to help change that by bringing in computer science opportunities to young girls in the future and encourage other students to continue with their education.

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

I learned about Youth Commission when I was invited by David Silver to present to the Mayor's team about my business, Trash to Treasure, which helps fight off litter in my community. There, the Mayor's team and David mentioned Youth Commission and I became interested and looked more into Youth Commissions at home.

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### Applicant Commitment Agreement

For the following statements, click ACKNOWLEDGED to certify that you agree.

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and I have made every attempt to answer all questions truthfully and to the fullest extent possible. \*

Acknowledged

I have reviewed the application and the required dates for the 2019-2020 Youth Commission term and understand that the 12 hour a month requirement is mandatory. \*

Acknowledged

I understand that this year's Orientation Retreat will be held on a weekend, Friday to Sunday in September 2019. The date is to be announced after applications have been reviewed. I also understand that there will be additional days of training on a Saturday and Sunday, in mid-February 2020. My attendance is required on all days. \*

Acknowledged

I certify that I understand that the Youth Commission office gathers applicant information, interviews applicants, and makes recommendations to the Mayor's Office for appointment consideration, but does not make appointment decisions. Ultimately, the Mayor will choose who they will appoint to the Youth Commission. (If you have any questions about the application and appointment process, please contact Youth Commission staff at (510) 238-3245) \*

Acknowledged

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### Essay Questions

There are no length requirements; however, your response should FULLY address EACH QUESTION.

Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

I am a rising junior, currently attending Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy in East Oakland. I was born to immigrant parents from Mexico and have been living in Oakland, California ever since. Being a first generation student, education is really important for me because I want to give back to my family for sacrificing everything they had in Mexico to give me a better life in the United States.

A few of my past accomplishments that I am proud of involve leadership. Currently, I am in BUILD, a 3 year long entrepreneurship program that guides and teaches students how to be entrepreneurs. I learned to run a business by developing a product, participating in selling events off campus, and presenting business pitches to people in the corporate world. Being the CEO of a business requires a lot of leadership and team managing. This meant it was in my hands to manage a team of 7. In this program, I had the opportunity to present my product in front of 500 people at BUILD's 20th Anniversary Gala. I was also very proud when our business product won "best product" in the country at the national competition. This was an accomplishment because it was my first time pitching in front of that many people as well as learn the skills of public speaking. As a kid, I always had stage fright but I overcame this with BUILD and the Gala. I now feel that it is much easier to present and speak in front of many people to communicate a message. Another accomplishment that I am proud of is starting a community service club at my school. I am proud of this because this club is encouraging other students from my school to get involved with community service. A few months ago, the club and I collected over 100 cans of food for the Alameda County Food Bank. It is not always easy to get students to participate in community activities. Recently, I accomplished a two year coding term at Google's CodeNext coding program where I successfully completed two years of code training. I am also proud of this accomplishment because not everyone my age and in Oakland has the opportunity to gain programming skills that can help them in the future. This accomplishment and puts me closer to my goal, which is to become a software engineer and help students like me in the future. In the future, I want to attend college and major in computer science. With a degree in computer science, I hope to become a software developer. I know there are not a lot many women in the STEM fields, and I hope to change that in the future. I would like to develop apps and start a company that can help people with issues they are facing. My career goal in the technology industry is to come up with solutions that can be both fun and beneficial to our society and communities like mine in Oakland. An example of a solution would be to develop an app that can make it more accessible for people to learn about our BUILD product and donate recyclable materials to help reduce the amount of thrown out trash while donating it to our company where we reuse it to create inspiring art. I want to expose and promote technology to minorities and women by sharing my experiences and creating tools for them using technology. I know that as time goes on, the world becomes

more technology dependent and it is important that everyone gets an opportunity to learn about computing and technology.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

Living in Oakland, I have become more aware of the issues that take place in my community. Unfortunately, littering and trash dumping is a big problem in my community in East Oakland. There are trash bags floating around streets, broken glass bottles scattered on the ground, and random mattresses invading sidewalks and roads. There is always trash being randomly dumped in the streets, including where I walk to school. This is a big problem for our city because it makes it unsafe for people and the environment. If I had a meeting with the Mayor, I would like to talk to her about promoting community service to both help clean the streets and to instill proper trash disposal values in people to reduce eventually reduce the amount of trash being littered. If community service is promoted in schools, students can participate in events that have to do with beautifying the community and cleaning up public spaces. The program could also partner up with organizations dedicated to cleaning up and community service to prioritize the safety of people using our roads and streets.

Another issue I am really passionate about is the lack of financial literacy resources for people of color in low income school communities. Although it is not a state requirement, I believe the importance of learning about financial literacy should be promoted. My school does not provide a financial literacy class even as an elective and I believe this is the case with many schools across our community. The lack of personal finance knowledge and resources is making it harder for people in Oakland to succeed financially. I noticed that many students at my school are not aware of the importance of being financial literate and tend to have unhealthy spending habits. By bringing in workshops to local libraries, we can teach young students more about managing their money better. I think bringing awareness to this issue is important because many students go off into college and graduate with student loans, but if they learned about resources, they could have healthier spending habits and be more successful financially in the future.

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Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I would love to join the Youth Commission because I am passionate when it comes to helping others in my community. My community means a lot to me because it is where I grew up and seeing the issues in our community that we are facing is encourages me to want to advocate for changes in my community. A few skills I would bring to the commission are public speaking, communication and collaboration. I have had classes and experience with public speaking and I believe I can help others grow with public speaking. When it comes to working with other people, I am big on collaboration and communication. When I work with people, I make sure to communicate my ideas and thoughts in a respectful manner because this helps me make sure I am on the same page as everyone else. By joining the Youth Commission, I hope to learn more about leadership skills, special event planning, about local politics, delivering seminars, workshops and presentations. I believe having leadership is essential to make an impact because it is what makes someone a role model for others to follow. By making an impact, we are guiding others in the direction that is needed and with that comes communication. As the class president of my grade and BUILD company, I've become aware that communicating and performing discussions helps me get my ideas across to a team of people. Similar to this, improving my communication skills can help me be a better leader for those around me in my community and in the corporate world.

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The Youth Commission requires a commitment of at least 12 hours a month. In order to truly make an impact, it is often necessary to go beyond that minimum commitment. What other commitments do you have during the school year? In what ways are you prepared to dedicate time to meet the Commission's goals? Are you willing to make this a top priority? \*


Although I am involved with a few extracurricular activities, many of these clubs take place after school. I am able to dedicate more of my time to Youth Commission. My current commitments after school are IGNITE (a women empowerment club) and my college classes, (which happen twice a week or once a week depending on the class I take). I generally spend around 4-5 hours weekly on these extracurricular activities at school. I do not have anything else going on during the weekends, therefore I am able to attend and willing to make Youth Commissions a top priority by dedicating time to the program whenever needed by sacrificing other commitments. I will commit time by going to the Youth Commission workshops and meetings instead of going out with friends if needed. When I commit to something, it becomes my responsibility to make sure I am meeting the requirements by investing the time necessary.

Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload


Please upload a current resume \*

 Resume - yarency....

Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

 Ms. Fyson's Letter ...

 Ms. Martinez's Lett...

 Ms. Strong's Letter...

Name of reference 1

Alyssa Fyson

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Relationship to reference 1

Advisor/BUILD teacher

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Phone number of reference 1

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Name of reference 2

Claudia Martinez

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Relationship to reference 2

School Advisor

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Phone number of reference 2

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Name of reference 3

Natalie Strong

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Relationship to reference 3

United States History Teacher

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Phone number of reference 3

808

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Thank you for your submission

We look forward to reviewing your application. We will be in touch with you within a 2-3 weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Oakland Youth Advisory Commission  
Youth and Leadership Development  
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## Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Application for 2019-2020 Term Letter of Recommendation

“Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.”

Dear Oakland Youth Advisory Commission,

I am honored to recommend Yarency Avelar for the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission. I have known Yarency for the past year, when I became her United States History teacher in the Fall of 2018. Yarency immediately stood out to me as not only a diligent scholar, but more importantly a devoted friend and community member. Yarency exemplifies what it means to give back to her community by continuously going after every opportunity that is presented to her and always giving her best effort. I have seen Yarency reach a high level of success in the BUILD program where she has created presented a product in front of hundreds of people (an accomplishment I would never been brave enough to achieve at her age.) Within the History classroom, Yarency stands out as a passionate advocate for equality, never wavering in her effort to share her knowledge with the class in a way that is both easy to understand but conveys a deep passion. Most recently, Yarency participated in a Socratic Seminar which centered around the 2016 Presidential Election and the upcoming 2020 Election. Yarency blew me away with her knowledge of current events and the sheer amount of research she put in to preparing for the Seminar. At the end of the semester, Yarency earned the “Excellence in History” award, which is given to a student who not only earns outstanding grades in History, but who also displays a deep passion for social justice. Lastly, Yarency stands out to me as a student who

is kind to everyone. The ideas she presents in History class about equality for all people are not just limited to the "big picture." Yarency is a fiercely loyal friend not only to those in her close friend group, but each and every one of her classmates. She is always the first to volunteer to help a classmate in need, and to me, this is exactly the type of scholar the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission not only needs, but deserves.

## Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Application for 2019-2020 Term Letter of Recommendation

“Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.”

June 22, 2019

Dear Oakland Youth Advisory Commission:

It is my great pleasure to recommend Yarency Avelar to the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission for the 2019-2020 term. I have been Yarency's homeroom advisor for two years and was her 9th grade English teacher during the 2017-2018 school year. Yarency immediately stood out to me as an exceptional scholar and citizen, and during these two short years, I have seen Yarency continue to blossom in both academic and personal pursuits.

As Yarency's English teacher, I witnessed her strong academic skills in reading, writing, and public speaking. Yarency's peers always selected her as a top student during Socratic Seminars, and she never earned less than an A on written essays. Yarency goes above and beyond other students in order to prepare for the ACT and SAT because she is very aware of how graduating from college will positively impact not only herself but also her family and community. I see how Yarency believes that success and knowledge should be shared when she frequently tutored and partnered with academically struggling students and provided her work as models for the rest of the class. Yarency is naturally collaborative and helpful, she has a strong civic mindset that would be a major asset to the commission.

In addition to her strong academic skills, Yarency is eager to participate in extracurricular activities related to her passion for STEM. I recommended Yarency to programs with the National Center for Women & Information Technology, and she won an Honorable Mention for her work. Yarency has taken advantage of so many STEM programs, including SMASH at Stanford, GoogleCODE, and Ubuntu Hackathon Academy. I know that Yarency is eager to learn about and create programs to increase STEM education in low-income communities. She is forward-thinking and knows that technology can alleviate many economic and social issues facing our communities.



## Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Application for 2019-2020 Term Letter of Recommendation.

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Yarency Avelar is an outstanding scholar and exceptional leader. I have been Yarency’s advisory teacher for the past two years as well as her biology teacher last year and her Build teacher this year. In my four years of teaching, it is rare to come across someone with her innate ability to lead her peers humbly and with such care as she does both in the classroom and in her school.

In the classroom, Yarency is engaged, respectful and hardworking. In a school with a lot of transitions in school staff and limited access to resources, she has experienced her fair share of disruptions to her learning. However, Yarency still persists and encourages her classmates and teachers through celebrating successes and problem solving when there is an opportunity for improvement. Yarency is high skilled, learns quickly, and is not afraid to ask for help when she needs clarification. Through this, she leads others by her example and more students feel comfortable asking for help and contributing to the larger class learning.

In Build, Yarency was a calm and collected leader. She rallied her group and led conversations that allowed everyone in the group to shine. She is extremely inclusive, hard-working and social. If her group seemed to be off task she would persuade them to get back on task. Some people don’t come across well when they are trying to get their point across. Yet, because it came from a place of calm and understanding she was able to command their respect and attention while still maintaining friendships and having a good time in the process. Her team had a lot of work to do this year, and if you look at your resume you can see that it wasn’t the only thing on her plate. But, she handled it all gracefully, never complaining and communicating effectively if something was beyond her capacity.

Yarency cares about her community, the environment and education. She would be an excellent candidate for Oakland’s Youth Advisory Commission and I couldn’t recommend her more highly.



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# JULIA L. BASCH

CA 94610 · 510.

## EXPERIENCE

**MAY 2017 – PRESENT**

**SALES ASSOCIATE, POINT REYES FARMSTEAD CHEESE CO.**

Sell & promote cheese at local farmers' markets. Work one on one with customers, utilizing strong customer service skills to increase sales and awareness of the brand.

**AUGUST 2016 – PRESENT**

**CHILD CARE, VARIOUS FAMILIES**

Supervise and care for children under the age of eight. Duties include preparing meals, homework assistance, maintaining order, and providing security.

## EDUCATION

**EXPECTED MAY 2022**

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, OAKLAND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

GPA: 4.0

Academic Programs: Computer Academy; Paideia

Extracurricular Activities: Shooting Guard, Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Awards: CIF Division 4 State Champion

**MAY 2018**

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIPLOMA, ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

Extracurricular Activities: Student Council; Girls Basketball; Girls Volleyball; Girls Soccer

Awards: Excellence in Academic Achievement Award

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**AUGUST 2016 – PRESENT**

**CLASS VICE PRESIDENT & PARLIAMENTARIAN, NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE**

Participate in and lead community service projects in Alameda County. Examples include Elizabeth House, Alameda County Food Bank, St. Mark's Kitchen, and the Northern California Alzheimer's Association. Lead and organize monthly class meetings and enforce all rules to ensure order.

**JANUARY 2017 – MAY 2019**

**OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FAMILY HOUSE**

Plan, shop, prepare & deliver meals to families in crisis.

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Personal Information

Name \*

First and last name

Julia Basch

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Zip Code \*

94610

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Age \*

15

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If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Jill Basch

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

(415)

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Parent/Guardian email \*

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Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

White

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Languages spoken

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Sexual orientation

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Gender identity

Female

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If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

Oakland Tech

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Please list all other schools you have gone to.

St Theresa School

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

My name is Julia Basch and in the fall of 2019, I will be entering 10th grade at Oakland Technical High School. I have grown up in a very loving household with two hard working, supportive parents and two older siblings that are now both in college. I have had many amazing opportunities for which I am very grateful. I attended a very small, private, catholic school for the majority of my life; however, now at Oakland Tech, I have never been happier. I have a diverse group of great friends and I am in the Computer Academy and the Paideia program.

One of the best experiences I've had at Tech occurred this past Spring, during my freshman year. After my first season on the Junior Varsity girls basketball team, I was fortunate enough to be asked to join the Varsity team in advance of the league playoffs. While we ended the season in second place, we also qualified for state. I then traveled to Sacramento to play at the Golden One Arena. I got to play a few minutes and we WON the Division Four State Championship. The experience was awesome.

When I am older, I hope to inspire people with what I am truly passionate about: activism through film. I am a strong advocate for equal rights on the basis of gender, and hope to one day create a docuseries that is a platform for all expressions of equality. I want to tell stories of people that have made a difference in this fight.

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This next school year, I will be still playing basketball for Oakland Tech. Even though it will definitely be tricky balancing basketball and the Commission, I believe I can do it. I will be able to make the Commission a top priority when necessary while also staying on top of my other commitments like school work and my team.

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### Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload

Please upload a current resume \*

Julia Resume - Jun...

Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

Recommendation f...

Name of reference 1

Jacqueline Arnoldy

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Relationship to reference 1

Spanish Teacher

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Phone number of reference 1

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Relationship to reference 2

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Julia Basch will be an outstanding member of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission. In my Spanish class at Oakland Technical High School this past year, she proved herself to be hardworking, reliable, positive, trustworthy, intelligent, organized and collaborative. Having lived in Oakland her entire life, she cares deeply about the future of her city and the experiences of her peers within it.

As a 9th grader, Julia adapted immediately to the class of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. She comfortably interacted and worked with everyone from the beginning. She excelled academically by earning an A+ both semesters. She diligently completed all classwork and homework assignments. Although she learned the material very quickly and with ease, she always remained humble about her successes and really enjoyed helping others improve. Her attendance record was excellent throughout the school year. She regularly volunteered to participate in class, even when she was not completely certain she had the right answer. She respected classroom norms at all times. I would be thrilled to teach Julia again some day.

Julia will jump into her role on the OYAC with passion and determination as she loves to learn, analyze, reflect and take action. She will thrive working alongside a diverse group of peers from across Oakland. I always encourage my students to get involved in opportunities like this one and I am very proud of Julia taking the initiative to apply.

Jacqueline Arnoldy  
Spanish Teacher  
Oakland Technical High School

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# Francesca Berlow

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## EXPERIENCE

### Studio One Arts Center, 365 45th street — CIT

June 2018 - PRESENT

At Studio One I take care of the kids that go there and help in the ceramics lab.

## EDUCATION

### Oakland School for the Arts, 530 18th Street, Oakland CA 94612

August 2018 - Present

I am in the school of Production Design.

### St. Theresa Catholic School, 4850 Clarewood Drive, Oakland CA 94618

August 2010 - June 2018

Attended from kindergarten through sixth grade

## PROJECTS

### The Hearts Show — Oakland School for the Arts

I made a mural with some other classmates and it was hung in the black box theater for the event.

### Weed Warriors Earth day Work day —

In april of 2018 I worked for seven hours weeding at Lake Merritt Wildlife Sanctuary.

## Sports

Volleyball-CYO, St. Theresa

Basketball-CYO, St. Theresa

Cross Country-CYO,  
St. Theresa

Swim Team - Tamiscal Tidal  
waves

## LANGUAGES

English

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Age \*

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Erica Vallette

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

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Parent/Guardian email \*

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Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

white

Languages spoken

english

Sexual orientation

bisexual

Gender identity

female

If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

Oakland School for the Arts

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St. Theresa Catholic School, Growing Light Montessori Preschool

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I feel connected to the LGBTGA+ community and the feminist community.

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I learned about the Youth Commission from Alethia Walker from Studio One Arts Center, where I work as a counselor in training over the summer.

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I started kindergarten at St. Theresa Catholic School where I continued to attend for six more years. While at St. T's I played almost every sport that they offered and for the most part enjoyed the sense of sportsmanship and community that CYO offered, I still play most of those sports even though I don't go there anymore. During elementary school I didn't have many friends and was easily distracted for the most part but, the school tried to help me as much as they could with my school work which was very generous.

I started to make some good friends around fourth grade, which is around the same time I began to really get bullied. I was made fun of before that but, it began to get a lot worse. The person went out of their way to make me feel bad and began to deliberately be hateful. I began to believe the things they were saying and telling myself that repeatedly which made me feel so much worse than they were making me feel in the first place. I eventually cut off that person completely, even though sometimes I still feel bad about myself, I know have friends and family who help me through my times of darkness and I am so grateful for them.

Before middle school people didn't really discuss politics or make jokes that were based on racist or sexist concept, but in sixth grade, some people just started to do these things and I felt obligated to shut it down anytime it started. I would tell them it wasn't funny and explain to them why. Everyone would tell me to calm down or it was just a joke but frankly I didn't find it funny, this continued throughout the year. I could not stand the levels of hate and that circled the classroom in forms of jokes and snarky comments. I was over putting up with how they spoke.

I think overall St. Theresa was a good school academically and had some great teachers and good programs but, some of the people their ruined the experience for me. I just think I needed a different community.

I started attending OSA at the beginning of last year for production design and I absolutely love it there, i have made many new friends and my emphasis is amazing and has taught me so much from the short of me being there. I hope to continue to have good years there through out the rest of my middle school and high school career.

On Valentines day my department hosted a "hearts show" in which some of my class mates and I painted a mural an I am very proud of it. Most of the work I do in my department I am proud of. When I am older I hope to go to college and study history or philosophy, or continue work in Production Design, hopefully in lighting.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

One major issue in not only my school community but other communities as well, is mental health issues. My generation has an alarming rate anxiety and depression. Kids have been suffering and the adults wonder why, but when we try to tell them they dismiss us and blame technology and hormones. When yes some times technology could be a cause of some people's issues but, to use it as a scapegoat is completely immature and irresponsible. School has been more stressful and difficult than ever and kids are loosing sleep and sanity because of it. Not only that but the stress and fear of current events definitely doesn't help, not mention the personal stress they could be under. We need to stop seeing this as a personal issue and take action against depression and anxiety even though we might not be able to stop it we could at least try to make it better. For example: we could bring the work load down or at least start school at a later time so we can sleep. We could stop putting so much stress on our children to be perfect because we are not.

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I want to join the youth commission because I want to make a change in my community and have a impact on the city. I think i would be a good addition tot the commission because I am very passionate about my beliefs and tend to work hard at things I enjoy doing. I hope to learn how to better my community and the ways I could do that and to better my team work skills because you can always get better.

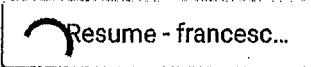
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During the school year I have shows I need to work during some weekends, I also have sports that I play. I will work on what ever projects we are doing after school and I will to make time free to do my best work on what we do. I am willing to make this a top priority.

### Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload

Please upload a current resume \*

 Resume - francesc...

Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

Name of reference 1

Althea Walker

Relationship to reference 1

She is the manager to studio one arts center where I work as a counselor in training over the summer.

Phone number of reference 1

510

Name of reference 2

Rene Castro

Relationship to reference 2

CIT supervisor

Phone number of reference 2

510

Name of reference 3



Relationship to reference 3

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# Brandon Frith

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## EDUCATION

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, CA – *Class of 2020*  
3.87 GPA

## EXPERIENCE

**Canticle Farms, Oakland, CA**

*Volunteer, Summer 2019*

- Harvest plants for medicinal purposes for marginalized communities in Oakland
- Provide support and guidance to formerly incarcerated residents

**Scouts-BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America), Piedmont, CA**

*Senior Assistant Program Coordinator-Cub Scout Camp, Summers 2016-2018*

- Lead and organized a safe, fun, and comfortable week of games, activities, and projects for campers ages 7-11
- Promoted from Assistant to Senior Assistant Program Coordinator

**Alameda County Community Food Bank, Oakland, CA**

*Volunteer, Summer 2018*

- Packed food in the warehouse to provide meals for our community

**Physicians Medical Forum, Oakland, CA**

*Program Assistant, 2015-2019*

- Member of the planning committee for a two-day educational medical workshop connecting young students of color to doctors for opportunities via the Doctors on Board Pipeline Program
- Assisted in planning responsibilities, setting up materials
- Served as on-site ambassador, coordinated and exemplified mock knot tying and suture clinic for students, acted as a patient in the mock primary care clinic for students interested in specialties, guided large groups of students from station to station throughout the hotel

**Sunrise of Oakland Hills, Oakland, CA**

*Volunteer, Summer 2016*

- Facilitated group readings and indoor activities for the elderly
- Served as a waiter executing the jobs of vacuuming, bussing, set-up, and guided elderly to a table
- Engaged with the elderly during team activities

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Life Scout, Scouts-BSA, 2014-PRESENT

Track, Bishop O'Dowd High School, Varsity 2018-PRESENT

Cotillion Escort, Oakland Bay Area Chapter The Links Incorporated, 2018

Basketball, Bishop O'Dowd High School, Junior Varsity, 2016-2018

The Crozier (Newspaper), Bishop O'Dowd High School, 2017

The Mitre (Yearbook), Bishop O'Dowd High School, 2017

Entrepreneurship Club, 2016-2017

## SKILLS

Time Management

Self-motivated

Adaptability

Teamwork

## HONORS AND AWARDS

North Coast Section, CIF  
Distinguished Scholastic Team  
2016-2018

North Coast Section, CIF  
President's List & Scholar Athlete  
2016-2019

Bishop O'Dowd High School, First Honor  
Roll, Oakland, CA 2017-PRESENT

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Award for  
Outstanding Achievement in  
Mathematics, Oakland, CA 2017-2019

California Scholarship Federation,  
Oakland, CA 2017-PRESENT

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Track Varsity  
Captain, Best New-Comer Award (2018);  
Iron Man Award (2019) 2018-PRESENT

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Basketball  
Junior Varsity Captain, 2017-2018

Scouts-BSA (Piedmont Council), Order of  
the Arrow 2018-PRESENT

## INTERESTS

Travel

Cooking

Nutrition

Fitness

Fashion



## BOY SCOUT TROOP #100

Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America

10 Highland Way, Piedmont, CA 94661

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The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC) Review Committee:

I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to recommend Brandon Frith for "The OYAC". I have known Brandon for 7 years and during that time I've been his BSA Scoutmaster. As you can imagine I've seen the transition of a grade school boy to a leader and exceptional young man.

In the past 7 years Brandon has scaled the BSA process from a new Scout to one of the senior leaders of the Troop (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader). In this position he is responsible for mentoring and training "all Scouts in the Troop" when the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) isn't available. Which is approximately 80% of the time, since the SPL currently has a very busy schedule. At this time Brandon's earned the rank of Life Scout (one step below Eagle Scout) which I'm extremely confident he'll earn his Eagle Scout rank in the next 6 months.

In my opinion Brandon overwhelmingly displayed all characteristics of the Scout Law, "A Scout is **Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.**" Through Brandon's Scouting tenure he has participated in many community service volunteer events, where he's embraced the concept of servant leadership. One particular volunteer event, that's personally touched my heart, where Brandon was instrumental in handing out personal hygiene kits to the homeless (Oakland, CA). Not only did Brandon physically put together 100 kits but he also delivered them to a homeless encampment.

In conclusion, I'm sure you can tell I'm a huge fan of Brandon and can proudly say I recommend him for Oakland Youth Advisory Commission. If you have any additional questions in regards to my recommendation please do not hesitate to give me a call (510 520.7648)

Sincerely,

Madison Gunter, III  
Scoutmaster, Troop 100  
Oakland, CA.

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Personal Information

Name \*

First and last name

Brandon Frith

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Home phone number \*

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Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

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Age \*

17

Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Tracey Broadhead-Frith

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

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Parent/Guardian email \*

gmail.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

Black/Jamaican/White

Languages spoken

English

Sexual orientation

Heterosexual

Gender identity

Male

If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

Bishop O'Dowd High School

Please list all other schools you have gone to.

Montera Middle School, Montclair Elementary, B. Bernice Young Elementary (NJ)

What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

The African-American community and undocumented immigrants

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

My aunt Ethel Howze recommended that I apply for this position.

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

I was born on January 1, 2002, in Mount Holly, New Jersey and moved to Oakland when I was six years old. I attended Montclair Elementary School and Montera Middle School. I enjoyed many years of fun, creativity and learning at the Redwood Heights Summer Escape Day Camp and the Montclair Rec Afterschool program as an Oakland youth. I am now a senior at Bishop O'Dowd High School. I have participated in many sports and activities at including track, basketball, yearbook staff, newspaper staff, OBAL Links Cotillion Escort, Boy Scouts of America (Life Scout, currently pursuing Eagle Rank).

I have a very close family, which includes my parents, brothers, grandmothers and a host of aunties, uncles and cousins. I live with my mother and twin brothers (Harrison and Dylan), who are juniors at O'Dowd. My father (Kenneth Frith) also lives in Oakland. My mother (Tracey Broadhead Frith) and grandmother (Stalfana Bello Broadhead) were both born and raised in Oakland. In fact, my grandmother worked for the City of Oakland for nearly 30 years in the offices of Parks & Recreation, Maintenance Service and Information Technology.

One of the most challenging goals I have set for myself this summer is to complete my Eagle Scout project and attain the Eagle rank. Scouting has been a very important part of my life for the past seven years and has taught me many skills that will stick with me for life. Getting to the Eagle rank takes a lot of time and planning. It's really easy to look at all the requirements and think "How am I going to find time to do all of this?" But what Scouting has taught me is that you have to make the time, not find the time. Scheduling, prioritizing and organizing in a disciplined manner allows me to make time for people and activities that are important to me.

I am very proud of the honors and accomplishments that I have made over the past several years, which include:

North Coast Section, CIF, Distinguished Scholastic Team 2016-2019

North Coast Section, CIF, President's List & Scholar Athlete 2016-2019

Bishop O'Dowd High School, First Honor Roll, Oakland, CA 2017-2019

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics, Oakland, CA 2017-2019

California Scholarship Federation, Oakland, CA 2017-2019

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Track Varsity Captain (2019), Best New-Comer Award (2018); Iron Man Award (2019)

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Basketball Junior Varsity Captain, 2017-2018

Scouts-BSA (Piedmont Council), Order of the Arrow 2018-2019

I will graduate from high school on May 31, 2020. I plan to attend a four-year university and then attend medical school. I am very interested in neurological science and intend to pursue a career as a surgeon.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

I am very concerned about the increased use of e-cigarettes and vaping by young people. It seems that corporations are targeting kids for profit and they disregard the health consequences that these products have on our youth. On June 25, 2019, San Francisco became the first city in the country to ban the sale of e-cigarettes. Supporters of the ban said that San Francisco must act where federal regulators have not, protecting teens and prohibiting the sale of untested products until they undergo FDA review. Opponents said the new law leaves cigarettes as the only practical option for those addicted to nicotine. I would ask Mayor Schaaf and the City Council to consider a similar ban in Oakland.

I am also very concerned about the homeless problem in Oakland. For the past four years, my brothers and I prepared hundreds of "blessing bags" filled with soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, face and body wipes, tampons, razors, other toiletries, socks, and a handmade card containing \$5 cash. Early on Thanksgiving morning each year, we visit several "tent cities" on the streets of Oakland to bless the homeless with our gifts. The conversations and engagement make me realize how fortunate I am. One of the first women I met told me, "Many of us are here today because we did not listen to our parents. So I'm telling you to listen to your parents. They love you and want the best for you." I thought we were delivering blessings to the homeless. What actually happened was that I received many blessings in the form of life lesson stories, heightened awareness of how much I have to share, and the realization that homelessness can be the result of just one or two bad decisions. I would ask Mayor Schaaf and the City Council about the long term plan to address the severe homeless problem in Oakland.

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Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I care very much about the future of Oakland. Joining the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission would allow me to represent the voice of the Oakland youth and advocate for the needs of my peers. While I am not very familiar with how city government works, I am an intelligent, hard working, organized young man who cares about the future of our city. I recognize that the decisions that are made today have a huge impact on the future of our citizens, city, state, nation and the world. I looked at OYAC webpage and was impressed that one of the Commission Members initiated a Homelessness Service Project. I also saw the OYAC's report on Effective Policing, which includes many recommendations for improving the relationship between the law enforcement and the community (and specifically youth). These two projects show that the work the OYAC is not lightweight, instead the Youth Commission is doing important work and can significantly improve the lives of our citizens. I hope to join the Youth Commission so that I, too, can contribute to making a positive impact.

The Youth Commission requires a commitment of at least 12 hours a month. In order to truly make an impact, it is often necessary to go beyond that minimum commitment. What other commitments do you have during the school year? In what ways are you prepared to dedicate time to meet the Commission's goals? Are you willing to make this a top priority? \*

I am willing to make the Youth Commission a top priority. I will be taking three AP courses and will have significant academic responsibilities in my senior year of high school. I also will serve as a Kairos Leader at a three-day retreat in November and leading up to this event there are many meetings. Additionally, I intend to continue to run track; the season runs from January to May. It is very important to me to give my best effort at everything that I do. I have developed my skills at prioritizing many responsibilities in my life. When you have many interests and responsibilities, I've learned that you have to prioritize to make the time, not find the time. When I make a commitment to do something, I always follow through.

### Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload

Please upload a current resume \*

 Brandon Frith Resu...

Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

 Brandon Frith Reco...

Name of reference 1

Madison Gunter

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Relationship to reference 1

Boy Scout Troop Master

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Phone number of reference 1

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Name of reference 2

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Relationship to reference 2

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Phone number of reference 2

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Name of reference 3

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Relationship to reference 3

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Phone number of reference 3

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Thank you for your submission

We look forward to reviewing your application. We will be in touch with you within a 2-3 weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact:

7/3/2019

Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Application for 2019-2020 Term

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## Hello I'm Aa'Jahlee Soleil Long-Chastang

Emeryville, CA  
(510)

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### Skills

Singing-Songwriting, Dancing, Acting, Modeling, Hosting Management, Presenting, Conflict management, Mentoring, Leadership, Team/Community development Skills, Advertising, Interior Decorating, Speech Management, Keynote Speaking, Skilled in Training to do the Job, Easy Taking on any Task, Easy learner.

### Experience

December 2014-January 2016

#### **Lady's Catering, Oakland- *Server***

- Cooked/Prepped Food and Beverages.
- Set up, Decorating (Weddings, Holiday Parties, Banquets, School Dances etc..)
- Packing, Cleaning up, Loading/Unloading
- Waiting tables, Serving
- Interior Designing, Scheduling

August 2018-Present

#### **Sauced Outfitters, New York, NY - *Model***

- Advertising, Marketing and Modeling

September 2018-Present

#### **Trimtuf Tea San Jose, CA - *Team Ambassador***

- Advertising, Marketing and Modeling

November 2018-Present

#### **Cuore D'ore Fashion - *Team Ambassador and Model***

- Advertising, Marketing and Modeling

### Education

August 2017-Present

#### **Realm Charter High School, Berkeley, CA**

I'm a 11th grader at Realm Charter High. Currant GPA is 3.3. I mentor younger kids at the Realm Charter Middle School and the 9th and 10th graders at Realm Charter High School. I do keynote Speaking at school events. Student Council Helper. Black student union member.

## **Awards**

- Cheerleading
- Dancing
- Gymnastics
- California Legislature Certificate of Recognition academic achievement award from African American Regional Educational Alliances For Student Achievement and Excellence awards
- African American Regional Educational Alliances award for Academic and Potential Success
- Junior Youth Empowerment Program as Community President of Berkeley JYEP Group
- Love Award at school for showing love to teachers and peers
- Honor Roll Recognition



## Application Instructions

The application process and timeline for the 2019-2020 term are as follows:

- Fill out the application with your personal information, applicant agreement, resume and essay questions. For hard copies, turn it in to the Youth Commission for by Friday, June 28 by 5 PM or by June 30 by 11:59 PM (for electronically submitted copies). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all vacancies are filled.
- Come in for an interview with Youth Commission staff and Youth Commissioners in late July. Exact dates and times will be announced after you turn in your application.
- The City Council and Mayor's Office might ask you to come in and do their own interviews. You are welcome to contact the Mayor and the City Council yourself! Just ask us how.
- The Youth Commission makes recommendations to the Mayor's Office of who to appoint to the Commission. Ultimately, the Mayor will choose who to appoint to the Youth Commission.
- In some cases, appointing officials may appoint a currently-sitting youth commissioner for a second term. We understand the process can be a bit confusing, and so we encourage you to contact our office if you have questions. We hope the Mayor makes their appointments by early August (or soon thereafter).
- The 2019-2020 Youth Commission term begins at the Beginning-of-the-Year-Retreat in September 2019.

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Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

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Age \*

17 ▼

Parent/Guardian:

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

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Parent/Guardian phone number \*

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Parent/Guardian email \*

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Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

Black

Languages spoken

English

Sexual orientation

Straight

Gender identity

Female

If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

El Cerrito High Inca

Please list all other schools you have gone to.

Realm Charter School

What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

Incarcerated Parents. Sexual Assault. Low income. Juvenile Justice. Undocumented. Disabled.

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

Instagram

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I've been abused in multiple ways and have not really had a childhood. I've still have tried and have done my best in school and on the daily basis on trying to be different and grow and heal.

What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

Racism, Colorism and Discrimination is what I've experienced the most and it hurts deeply because it's not fair especially in a school that is supposed to be the opposite and help kids express who they are.

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Leadership and Conflict management. Mentoring and open to learning new skills and developments.

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I am able to work and fulfill the commissioner commitment because I was able to balance working and mentoring in my recent past years being that I'm ahead in school with a lot

Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload

Please upload a current resume \*

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Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

Name of reference 1

Briahn Badelle

Relationship to reference 1

Auntie

Phone number of reference 1

(510)

Name of reference 2

Tony Rodgers

Relationship to reference 2

Former mentor and principal at school was mentoring other kids at



Phone number of reference 2

(510)

Name of reference 3

Johanna

Relationship to reference 3

Former Councilor and Mentor

Phone number of reference 3

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Thank you for your submission

We look forward to reviewing your application. We will be in touch with you within a 2-3 weeks.

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# NIA MCMILLAN

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## PROFILE

As a young woman with a passion for social justice, I hope to build a professional career rooted in service. Born and raised in Oakland, California, I have had the pleasure of growing up in an area full of environmental and cultural diversity that has allowed me to develop relationships with people from all walks of life and gain experience in a variety of skills. I bring enthusiasm, creativity, and leadership to group work and have an exceptional work ethic. Recognition of my perpetual ability to improve drives me to constantly work on growing in my professional endeavors.

## EDUCATION

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL - 2018-2020

BISHOP O'DOWD HIGH SCHOOL, OAKLAND, CA - 2016-2018

JULIA MORGAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, OAKLAND, CA - 2013-2016

## SKILLS/HIGHLIGHTS

- interpersonal communications
- community-oriented
- familiar w/ Spanish
- reliable
- conflict resolution
- experience with film
- writing/research skills
- natural leader
- child/elderly care experience
- graphic/page design
- service-minded
- passionate

## EXPERIENCE

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT – 2012-PRESENT

I have participated in student government since elementary school, beginning with serving as student body president in the fifth grade. Although, my middle school did not offer student council opportunities, I reentered leadership as freshman class president in high school and continued to serve as a student representative as a sophomore. From this, I have gained much experience in leadership, representation of Oakland youth. Student government has given me an outlet to practice my interpersonal skills as a bridge of communication between my peers and school administration, in order to help maintain a community in which all voices are heard. I am also apart of the Black Student Union Leadership and will serve as co-president for the 2019-2020 school year.

### BISHOP O'DOWD DRAGON AMBASSADOR – 2016-2018

Freshman and Sophomore year, I was a member of a student leadership program at Bishop O'Dowd in which I was responsible for attending various admissions events as a representative of students. I answered parents' questions about the application process, academics, extracurriculars, etc. In this program, I hosted prospective students and gave tours to interested parents. I also hosted ice breakers

for incoming students. My work as a Dragon Ambassador went towards my high school community service hours.

#### JOURNALISM – 2017-2018

I took Journalism as my sophomore year elective, in order to expand my research and writing skills as well as to give a voice to my fellow students in the newspaper and provide a hard copy of the memories from the year in the form of a yearbook. I gained experience with graphic and page design, interviewing, conducting surveys, photography, and writing articles of interest to the students at my high school. This class required me to go out of my comfort zone at times and develop my social skills and public speaking.

#### CAMP COUNSELOR – 2016-2017

I worked as a summer camp counselor during the summer of 2016 at Julia Morgan Girls Summer Camp for two weeks. In addition, I served as a volunteer counselor-in-training at Berkeley Day Camp during winter break of my sophomore year. During both of these experiences, I interacted with both children and their parents. I assisted instructors and participated in art projects, sports, and free time with attendees of the camp. I was able to experience working almost always on my feet and constantly aware of my surroundings.

#### ST. ANTHONY'S KITCHEN/FREE CLOTHING PROGRAM VOLUNTEER – 2015-2017

Since 8th grader, I have volunteered numerous times at St. Anthony's in San Francisco. From serving meals in the soup kitchen to working in the free clothing store, I have made many valuable memories serving the homeless of my community.

#### YR MEDIA INTERN - 2019- PRESENT

I am currently a student and intern at YR Media. As a student, I work with instructors and peers to develop skills related to journalism, film/video, photography, music production, and graphic design. As an intern, I work in the restorative justice sector of the media company particularly with marginalized youth, organizing community service projects, hosting restorative justice circles, and tutoring.

#### REFERENCES

SHELBY STEWART – mother, 510-

REUBEN ROBERTS – mentor, 510

SPENCER PRITCHARD – teacher/club moderator, 507.

[@berkeley.net](mailto:@berkeley.net)

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Home phone number \*

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Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

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Age \*

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Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Shelby Stewart

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Parent/Guardian phone number \*

510

Parent/Guardian email \*

aol.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

Black/African American

Languages spoken

English, proficient in Spanish

Sexual orientation

bisexual

Gender identity

female

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Berkeley High School

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Bishop O'Dowd High School

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juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, LGBTQ+, homelessness, low income, learning disability, racial and gender inequality

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How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

I learned about the Youth Commission through my mother.

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

My name is Nia Kai McMillan. I was born and raised in East Oakland, CA primarily by my single mother. I have an older sister and two older half brothers. Growing up in Oakland as an Black girl, I was exposed to injustices at a young age and developed a passion and desire for social justice and helping others. I started expressing my feelings and thoughts on the world around me through writing poetry, spoken word, and speeches. In 8th grade I wrote a speech about cultural appropriation which my English teacher helped me get published. When I began high school at Bishop O'Dowd, I decided to take a risk by running for Freshman Class President and I won. I organized events for my peers and made it a duty of mine to make sure all the students I served felt comfortable coming to me with their needs and concerns. I remained in leadership during my sophomore year and my most recent accomplishment was being elected co-president of the Black Student Union at my school for this upcoming year. Both in school and my future profession, my main goal is to have a positive impact on the lives in my community and the world at large. I would like to attend college and get my degree in journalism and media studies. I am still deciding the exact direction that I would like to go in for my profession but I know I would like for it to be centered around giving a voice to those marginalized or silenced by contemporary society.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

I believe there is an education crisis currently in Oakland that primarily affects low income Black and Brown communities. The OUSD strike from early this year did little to better the schools for the actual students. This is unacceptable and I see in my friends how much the lack of funds directly impacts their education. Collaboration with other members of the commission and city council as well as attendees and teachers of Oakland public schools could help bring attention to some of the issues faced. Your zip code should not determine the quality of education you have access to. A restorative justice coordinator should be a requirement at all schools. Re-entry circles for students who have been out of school for a long time due to personal issues should also be recommended. If I was meeting with the mayor or a member of city council tomorrow, I would discuss the importance of recognizing how race and class has a direct impact on schooling in this city and beyond. I would highlight the importance of access to healthy meals, safe spaces to deal with addiction which is plaguing my peers, teachers that actually care about teaching, etc. I would advise them on visiting some of these schools in disenfranchised areas, listening to students complaints, and taking direct action to address them. Schooling has a huge impact on who a child or teen is and who they become. When trying to make Oakland the best city it can be, addressing the needs of the youth should be first on the list of to-dos.

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Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I would like to join the Youth Commission because I think there are issues in Oakland that youth offer a valuable view on. I am an intern with a restorative justice program called BUILD at YR Media where I work with youth who, like me, have experienced trauma and hardship growing up. Many of which are poc from lower middle class families living pay check to pay check, these teenagers tell me everyday about their hopes and dreams for themselves and the city they call home. I want to be able to play a part in making them come true. I work very well in groups and by myself. I have extensive experience in leadership and conflict resolution. I love helping others and am skilled in research, writing, film/video, and graphic design. These help with publicity and outreach. While being on the youth commission, I hope to learn how to step back/step forward effectively in conversation and strengthen my public speaking, while overall growing as a leader in my community.

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During the school year, the only commitment of mine, besides academics, is my co-presidency of the Black Student Union. I will also potentially be an intern at YR Media twice a week. I will dedicate free time to the commission and if required hours for the Youth Commission overlap with those of my other extracurriculars, I will be sure to prioritize the Youth Commission. If, for whatever reason, this is ever impossible, I will be sure to go above and beyond to meet my commitment at a later date. This, however, should not ever be a concern.

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# **Hello I'm Alessandra Mohar**

Oakland, CA 94608  
(510)

@gmail.com

## **Skills**

Fast-learner, Dedicated worker, Public Speaking, and Thoughtful Teammate.

## **Experience**

February 2019 - June 2019

### **Oakland Zoo- *Teen Wild Guide***

- Taught the public about the different animals at the zoo
- Spoke to people of all ages and had to learn how to navigate communicating through those age differences

July 2019 - Present

### **APAPA, *Intern***

- Interning for Mayor Schaaf
- Learning proper office etiquette

Since 2018

### **First Presbyterian Church of Oakland, *Helper***

- Making meals for those who need them

## **Education**

August 2015 - Present

### **Oakland School for the Arts - *Vocal Student***

I am in the Vocal Department at Oakland School for the Arts. I practice music theory and singing.

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## Personal Information

Name \*

First and last name

Alessandra Mohar

Address \*

.. Oakland, CA



Zip Code \*

94608

Council District (if unsure of your district, go to <http://gisapps.mapoakland.com/councildistricts/>) \*

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Email \*

aleisachan@gmail.com

Cell phone number \*

210

Home phone number \*

510

Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

04/18/2004

Age \*

15

Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Charmaine Irmiter

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

5105

Parent/Guardian email \*

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Additional optional information

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Gender identity

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If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

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I am connected to the low income community.

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

I learned about the Youth Commission from a friend.

## Applicant Commitment Agreement

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

I was raised by a single filipino mom in Oakland and I've lived here my whole life. I am a low-income resident of Oakland and that has impacted my life and my values a lot. The low-income community in Oakland is very diverse and it is a big part of Oakland culture to me. I have passion for learning how I can improve the housing crisis in my community. I help out my church's food ministry that provides meals to people in Oakland. My plans for the future include interning for Mayor Schaaf and I want go to UC Berkeley in the future. I want to be a part of OYAC and other youth councils to build connections with people in my community and other youth who want to be more involved.

What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

An issue that is affecting youth at my school is the low wages that teachers are receiving in Oakland. I go to Oakland school for the Arts which is a public charter and it is experiencing a lack of funding which as affected the teachers and school environment greatly. A lot of teachers have left because they can't afford to live here with their amount of income. The teachers at my school can't go on strike like OUSD teachers because they aren't a part of a union. This has affected teachers of color the most. If I had a meeting with the Mayor or council member I would advise them on getting more funding for OUSD which would benefit my school as well because then they would get a raise too. I would talk to them and see if the community can raise more money for the schools.

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I want to join the Youth Commission because I want to be more involved in my community. I am a very passionate and hardworking team member. I am a great listener and I always try my best to fully analyze the situation before acting or giving my opinion on something. I am very empathetic and that trait keeps me motivated to help better the community.

I also have a personal connection with living as low-income in West Oakland and being raised by a single filipino mom who immigrated here in the 90s. This part of my life makes me part of who I am and contributes to my hard work. I hope to learn how I can work in a group effectively to make change and be a voice for the young people in Oakland. I hope to learn as much as possible through this experience.

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During the school year, I don't have other commitments at the moment. I went to multiple OYAC meetings last term, towards the end, and I was really interested in them and I committed to going to the meetings, even though I wasn't officially a part of it. I want to be on the Youth Commission and if I had other commitments, I would balance them out and focus on them equally.

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Submitted 6/29/19, 4:03 PM



# Ahmed Muhammad

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(510)

.com

@gmail

## EXPERIENCE

### **Oaktown Scholars, Oakland** — *Player, Tutor*

November 2012 - 2018

Family non-profit mentoring/basketball program

### **Kumon, Oakland** — *Grader/Tutor*

June 2018 - December 2018

Math and Reading Program (which I attended for 11 years). Helped teaching the students of the program.

## EDUCATION

### **Oakland Technical High School, Oakland** — *Class of 2021*

August 2017 - Present

Total Weighted GPA: 4.43

Courses Completed:

9th grade - Biology, California History, English 1, AP Calculus AB, Spanish 3, Exploring Computer Science

Currently (10th grade) - AP Calculus BC, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP Physics C: Mechanics, Engineering Principles, Paideia Program (English and World History)

### **Laney College**

Summer 2018

Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology - 4 Units

\*Summer 2019

Admission to Stanford High School Summer College (will be taking general chemistry)

\*coming up

## SKILLS

Mathematics (currently taking BC Calculus)

Basketball (varsity starting point guard)

Creativity

Strong Leadership Skills

Enthusiastic and Dependable

## AWARDS

Currently ranked #1 in  
Oakland Tech class of 2021  
(and freshman year)

African-American Honor Roll  
2018-2019

Oakland Technical High  
School Honor Roll,  
2017-present

School-wide Math Award 8th  
grade (Montera Middle  
School)

Kumon Honor Roll, 2007 -  
2017 (ranked top 1%  
nationwide)

Completion of Kumon Math  
and Reading Program

## LANGUAGES

English

Spanish (6 years studying)

**Profile**

Ahmed A Muhammad  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

@gmail.com  
Email Address

Oakland CA 94605  
Street Address City State Postal Code

Mobile: (510) Home: (510)  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Employer Job Title

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

City Planning Commission: Submitted  
Youth Advisory Commission: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

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

My name is Ahmed Muhammad. I am a 16-year-old, black male and have lived in Oakland and attended Oakland schools for all of my life. I love and care about Oakland, especially its people. My family started a non-profit mentoring/basketball program called the Oaktown Scholars, in which we started different AAU basketball teams for different age groups, consisting of underprivileged, at-risk youth to whom we provided tutoring and support. We were a travel team, and my team even climbed the ranks all the way to the 9th best team in all of the West Coast. We turned a lot of lives around, but the expenses came all out my father's pocket. If we had had more funding, we could have made an even larger impact. I have a first hand experience of the positive effects that nonprofits can have on the children and citizens of Oakland. I wish to continue this positive advancement through working with the Planning and Oversight Committee.

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LANGUAGES English Spanish (6 years studying)

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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 \*

## **Kimora Oliver**

(510)

KIMORAJOLIVER@GMAIL.COM

### **Skills**

- Excellent communication skills
- Active listener
- Proven team leader
- Supervision and Training
- Positive and Cheerful
- Computer-savvy
- Reliable

### **Experience**

March 2017 - March 2017

#### **Saint Vincent's Day Home, Oakland, CA- VOLUNTEER**

- Carefully monitored children's play activities.
- Helped supervise circle time, free play, outside play and learning and developmental activities.
- Incorporated music and art activities to encourage creativity and expression.
- Encouraged early literacy through read-aloud time and alphabet games.
- Sparked creativity and imagination by helping children discover new things each day.
- Read stories to the children and taught painting, drawing and crafts.

January 2018 - August 2018

#### **Berkeley Animal Care Center, Berkeley, CA- DOG WALKER**

- Removed animal waste from kennels, runs and exercise areas, placing in trash receptacles or in-ground septic systems.
- Restrained and managed scared and active animals.

July 2018 - August 2018

#### **Black Girls Code, Oakland, CA- JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELOR**

- Helped design curriculum for entire camp
- Helped children with coding projects
- Supervised children
- Helped maintain indoor and outdoor dining areas by removing trash, and cleaning up after children
- Helped prepare meals, snacks and refreshments for children, accounting for individual dietary needs and restrictions to prevent cross-contamination.

**Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, CA - STUDENT IN HEALTH CAREERS ACADEMY**

- Learned about careers in healthcare
- Participated in simulated lab exercises
- Certified in FEMA/POLHN
- Learned how to make a sling/cast

## Education

August 2016 - June 2020

**Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley - STUDENT**

## Activities

- Member - Positive Steps
- Ambassador - Black Girls Code
- Member - Greene Scholars Program
- Member/College Chair - National Society of Black Engineers
- Vice President - National Society of Black Engineers (2016-2017)
- Member - Jack and Jill (Contra Costa County)
- Member - Built by Girls
- PALS (School Club) (Biology Tutor)
- Circle SM (Leadership Club) (Member)
- SALT (Social Action Lasallian Team) (Member)

## Accomplishments

- Attendee at Teen Vogue Summit (2017)
- Speaker at Women's MAKERS Conference (2016)
- Attendee at SXSW (South by Southwest) (2018)
- Exhibitor at SXSL (White House) (South by South Lawn) - (2016)
- Attendee at Doctors on Board Program (2019)

## Awards

### GREENE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- 3rd Place Science Fair - 2016
- 1st Place Science Fair - 2017
- 1st Place Science Fair - 2018

### MATHCOUNTS

- 2nd Place Regional Competition
- 3rd Place National Competition

### SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

- Honor Roll (2016-2019)

## Hobbies

- Yoga
- Dance
- Volunteering
- Coding
- Working with Children

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First and last name

Kimora Oliver

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Email \*

gmail.com

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510

Home phone number \*

925.

Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

01/31/03

Age \*

16 ▼



Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Mari Williams

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

925

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Additional optional information

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If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

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N/A

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Low income, disabled, homeless

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

Me and my mother were looking for more ways I can get involved in my community, we saw this opportunity and I couldn't be more excited for the opportunity to apply.

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My name is Kimora Oliver, I am a 16 year old senior at Saint Mary's College High School. Some accomplishments I am proud of would have to be most of my speaking engagements. I am involved with an organization called Black Girls Code, and as I have gotten older, I have switched to an ambassador role. With this role, I have been able to speak at numerous places including the Commonwealth Club, MAKERS Conference, and even an exhibitor at the White House during Obama's presidency.

In the future, I plan to attend a four year college, and depending on my path—attend medical school, or graduate school. I hope of becoming either a Pediatrician, or a Biomedical Engineer.

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In my community, I have noticed the increased population of homelessness. Personally, I want to talk to those higher up such as those in the City Council to talk about possible options for the homeless community. I would want to talk about creating more outreach programs, and shelters for them to go to. I would also want to work with the council to see if we can provide aide in terms of cheaper housing, and making sure that these people are able to find jobs in order to start pouring in income.

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
I want to join the Youth Commission because I believe that working with them, I can help make an impact in communities. By joining the youth commission I will bring charisma, communication, and positivity to the table. I love working with other people, hearing other sides, and making an impact. While a part of the Youth Commission I hope to learn more about what impact I can bring to communities, and the impacts the committee has made in the past.

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Submitted 7/1/19, 5:56 PM

# JESSICA RAMOS

Oakland, CA, 94602 (818)

j@gmail.com

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## EDUCATION

Skyline High School  
94602, CA

*High School Diploma (Expected graduation Jun 2021)*

- **GPA:** 4.1
- **Relevant Course:** Advanced World History, DE Psychology , DE Child Development
- **Award And Honor:** Latino Honor Roll, MLK Speech
- **Extracurricular Activity:** Volleyball Team, La Raza Club

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Walgreens, Oakland, CA

*Customer Service Associate, Jun 2019 – Present*

- Confer with customers by telephone or in person to provide information about products or services, take or enter orders, cancel accounts, or obtain details of complaints.
- Keep records of customer interactions or transactions, recording details of inquiries, complaints, or comments, as well as actions taken.
- Check to ensure that appropriate changes were made to resolve customers' problems.
- Determine charges for services requested, collect deposits or payments, or arrange for billing.

Mayor's Office, Oakland, CA

*Intern , Jun 2019 – Present*

- Confer with board members, organization officials, or staff members to discuss issues, coordinate activities, or resolve problems.
- Direct, plan, or implement policies, objectives, or activities of organizations or businesses to ensure continuing operations, to maximize returns on investments, or to increase productivity.

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Spanish
- Microsoft ,Google, Salesforce

## REFERENCES

ANGELA SILVER , Principal, Angela Silver

(510)

*Former Boss*

NANCI ROMAN GONZALEZ, Academic Counselor, Skyline High School

*nanci.romangonzalez@ousd.org - Academic Counselor*

DAVID SILVER, Director Of Education, Mayors Office

*davidsilvertcn@gmail.com - Former Principal/ Supervisor*



QUESTIONS



RESPONSES 14

14 responses



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Accepting responses

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Responses cannot be edited.

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 Youth Leadership and Development Staff

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- Fill out the application with your personal information, applicant agreement, resume and essay questions. For hard copies, turn it in to the Youth Commission for by Friday, June 28 by 5 PM or by June 30 by 11:59 PM (for electronically submitted copies). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all vacancies are filled.
- Come in for an interview with Youth Commission staff and Youth Commissioners in late July. Exact dates and times will be announced after you turn in your application.
- The City Council and Mayor's Office might ask you to come in and do their own interviews. You are welcome to contact the Mayor and the City Council yourself! Just ask us how.
- The Youth Commission makes recommendations to the Mayor's Office of who to appoint to the Commission. Ultimately, the Mayor will choose who to appoint to the Youth Commission.
- In some cases, appointing officials may appoint a currently-sitting youth commissioner for a second term. We understand the process can be a bit confusing, and so we encourage you to contact our office if you have questions. We hope the Mayor makes their appointments by early August (or soon thereafter).
- The 2019-2020 Youth Commission term begins at the Beginning-of-the-Year-Retreat in September 2019.

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## Personal Information

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Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

03-23-2003

Age \*

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Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Alma Ramos

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

510

Parent/Guardian email \*

@gmail.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

Latina/Mexican

Languages spoken

Spanish/English/ Portuguese

Sexual orientation

straight / heterosexual

Gender identity

Girl

If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

Skyline High School

Please list all other schools you have gone to.

Think College Now, Montera Middle School, Skyline High School

What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

Latino, Undocumented, Mental health, first generation to college/ high school etc.

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

I am interring at City hall and saw the poster, since I am looking into something to help out the community

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Acknowledged

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Acknowledged

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Acknowledged

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Acknowledged

## Essay Questions

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

I am Mexican with roots from Jalisco, Veracruz, and Oaxaca, I will be the first in my dad's family and last in my Mom's family to go to a 4 year College (I Hope) One of my past accomplishments was to speak for Oakland Promise from my heart and how I want it to grow large in Oakland. To make the long story short, Oakland Promise passed on the budget which means that money that Oakland Promise gets goes to kindergartner's around Oakland with a hundred dollar scholarship to each kindergartener. Just being part of that would be one of my biggest accomplishments. My dreams in the future would be going off to Stanford to study Political Science/ Education with a minor in Psychology. My professional Future would be to work for California in the state department of education.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

Some issues that affect youth in my school is the lack of support from teachers and parents which many would say that's not a big deal but it is. If a child does not have support from parents or motivation they go to school to try to find what they are missing at home. This is why I am with Oakland Promise encouraging more people to go to College and gives you mentors throughout your whole education life to help you out and helps you get all types of Financial help for college. The Mayor is actually part of this and I had the chance to speak to all city council 4 times now and I am close with members from the City Council. I have shared my story with city council and how it benefits students throughout oakland and how this should be put into every school.

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Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I am a very talkative person when it comes to communications so I am the person to take to events and talk to people, I like hearing peoples stories and I am on top of events or doing events. What I hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission is seeing a different perspective or hoping to hear youth and having a change in Oakland especially with how our youth is known by being in Gangs but it does not have to be that way, as said "education is the seed to every youth". I hope to later on come back from College and help more students out, making changes to education or even to the country.

The Youth Commission requires a commitment of at least 12 hours a month. In order to truly make an impact, it is often necessary to go beyond that minimum commitment. What other commitments do you have during the school year? In what ways are you prepared to dedicate time to meet the Commission's goals? Are you willing to make this a top priority? \*

During the School year, I have Volleyball and La Raza Club, I stay organized on what I need to do- which means I have a calendar on what I do everyday, as being a commissioner for the youth in Oakland, this would be one of my top priorities since you are basically representing the youth in Oakland and the youth is the future, what we do now affects our future

Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload

Please upload a current resume \*

 My\_New\_Resume...



Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

Name of reference 1

David Silver

Relationship to reference 1

Former principal and Boss

Phone number of reference 1

510

Name of reference 2

Kyra Mungia

Relationship to reference 2

Boss

Phone number of reference 2

510

Name of reference 3

Angela Silver

Relationship to reference 3

Friend

Phone number of reference 3

510

Thank you for your submission

We look forward to reviewing your application. We will be in touch with you within a 2-3 weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Oakland Youth Advisory Commission  
Youth and Leadership Development  
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4211  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Phone: (510) 238-3245 | Email: [youthcommission@oaklandca.gov](mailto:youthcommission@oaklandca.gov)

Submitted 6/25/19, 12:18 PM

# BENJAMIN SALOP

Freshman at Oakland Technical High School

## Education

Melrose Leadership Academy (elementary)

Escuela Bilingue Internacional (elementary)

Park Day School (middle school)

Oakland Technical High School (9th-)

## Interests

- Civics
  - Legal Studies
    - Administration of Justice (Dual enrollment)
  - Politics
  - Advocacy/Activism
- Architecture/Engineering
  - Engineering Academy

## Skills

### Social Interaction and Teamwork

- Public Speaking
- Compromise
- Diplomacy
- Politeness

### Independent Actions

- Creativity
- Persuasive Writing and Thinking
- Logical and Critical thought
- Inquiry
- Research

## Languages:

- English (fluency)
- Spanish (11 years, fluency)
- Mandarin (4 years)

## Leadership

### Coro Exploring Leadership (2019)

- One year Leadership and advocacy training
- Seminars, classes and political internship

### All City Council Governing Board (2018-)

- LCAP Director and District One Delegate

### Generation Citizen (2018-2019)

- Student participant (affordable housing and gun violence)
  - Successfully lobbied mayor Schaaf to add more tuff sheds
  - Grassroots award winner (gun violence)
- Student Leadership Board (2018-19 and reelection)

### Student Government (2018-)

- Oakland Tech Freshman Class Officer
- School Site Council Member

### Park Day School Student Government

- Treasurer (2016-2017)
- Vice President (2017-2018)

## Contact

[gmail.com](mailto:@gmail.com),



110 Wall St. 5th Floor New York, NY 10005

September 9, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I am thrilled to recommend Benjamin Salop for 9th Student Council Class President. Benjamin is currently serving on Generation Citizen's Student Leadership Board which is made up of 14 students from across the United States. The Student Leadership Board meets regularly to provide feedback, suggestions, and guidance on Generation Citizen's Action Civics programming for 6-12th grade students. Additionally, the members represent Generation Citizen at numerous events throughout the school year. Members of the Board apply for the position and complete an interview process in order to be accepted. Since being accepted Benjamin has consistently demonstrated professionalism, maturity, and thoughtfulness. I feel confident that Benjamin would bring these same traits to his position on the student council.

All my best,

Bonnie

**Bonnie Mills, Manager of National Program & Partnership Development**

**Generation Citizen**

cell: (615) 516-9374

[www.generationcitizen.org](http://www.generationcitizen.org)

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Cristopher Bautista  
Oakland Technical High School  
4351 Broadway  
Oakland, CA 94611  
(510) 861-6187  
cristopher.bautista@ousd.org

May 1, 2019

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend Benjamin Salop for student council. I have known Benjamin since August 2019, as I served as his English teacher for his freshman year.

I know that Benjamin can succeed in student council, as he demonstrated to me intellectual and academic resilience. Benjamin does not decide to take the easy way out when it comes to academics. Ever since the first day of school, Benjamin has proven to me his intellectual growth and ability to challenge himself. He is willing to take risks as well as ask for support when needed, and when he encounters an obstacle towards his goal, he finds a way to solve the problem. His maturity when it comes to learning from mistakes suggests to me that in whatever he pursues, he will have the mental resilience needed to succeed, no matter the challenge.

The fact that he intentionally stretches himself intellectually demonstrates to me reveals a level of ambition that will make him a model student and member of the student council.

My contact information is included at the top of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions about Benjamin.

Sincerely,

Cristopher Bautista

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Personal Information

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First and last name

Benjamin Salop

Address \*

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Zip Code \*

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CD 1

Email \*

gmail.com

Cell phone number \*

510

Home phone number \*

510

Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

11/19/03

Age \*

15

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Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Margaret Salop



Parent/Guardian phone number \*

510

Parent/Guardian email \*

hotmail.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

White

Languages spoken

English, Spanish, Mandarin

Sexual orientation

Asexual/Panromantice

Gender identity

He/Him but i'm not completely sure

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If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

Oakland Technical High School

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Please list all other schools you have gone to.

Escuela Bilingue International, Park Day School, Melrose Leadership Academy

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What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

LGBTQ, Native American, Introverts, Injured, Activists, Readers, High Schoolers, Rowers, Coro Fellows, Leaders,

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How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

I learned about the youth commission via my co-CORO Fellow Raksha Sen, who is a youth commissioner from Santa Clara

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Acknowledged

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

My name is Benjamin Salop and I am a fifteen year old freshman at Oakland Tech. My family comes from the south, Appalachia, and the Oklahoma territories (Cherokee and Choctaw specifically). My grandparents were teachers and professors, and my parents are architects and engineers. I have a twin sister.

Past accomplishments I am proud of are my Advocacy Projects as part of GC and my TAP project, my election to student government and the GC SLB, and my reaching of the CORO fellowship. My GC projects addressed gun violence and Homelessness, and my TAP project investigated low voter turnout. I am proud of the effects of my projects (I met with the mayor for GC and registered some voters indirectly after my TAP project) as I got real work done.

In the future I would like to serve on the youth commission and then see where that takes me. I hope to continue with my academy and Paideia classes, finish my Mandarin studies, and serve on student council and ACC. Professionally, I would like to work in the office of my congressional or state representatives, and hopefully be a senate page.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

Some important issues that are plaguing Oakland Tech and the Community are (listed in no order of importance) Voter Turnout, Homelessness, Teen Drug Use, Cyberbullying, School Dropouts and "Ditching", LGBTQ Discrimination, Implicit Bias, Political Representation of Youth, Restorative Justice Cuts, Mental Health Care, and Gentrification. The most important issues to me are Homelessness, Voter Turnout, Discrimination of Minorities (racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, etc.), and Student Services. If I had a meeting tomorrow with legislators and government representatives, I would talk to them about said goals and ways to address them, mainly outreach to students, getting county funds, and revitalizing decrepit warehouses.

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Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I would like to join the youth commission to further my policy goals and help advocate for the youth in my community/school. While the youth commission will be very helpful for me to speak up and make change, I also hope to use this opportunity as a stepping stone to help me learn and improve. On the commission, I would bring my diplomatic and compromisational skills to the table. I can help the group find a consensus and move forward effectively without conflict. I think I could also bring my advocacy skills from Generation Citizen and CORO to this commission, and my knowledge and contacts from my previous opportunities. While being on the youth commission, I hope to find my weaknesses and learn from them, and then learn about the government process. A place that close to the mayor would offer invaluable experience regarding local governmental functions.

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This year I will also be serving on my local student government as well as the OUSD All City Council Governing Board. Besides for that, I will have regular classes as part of the Engineering Academy and Paideia. I am dedicated to spending all days except wednesdays (school board meetings) on the Youth Commission and am willing to make this a top priority.

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Benjamin Salop Re...

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Benjamin Salop Re...

Recommendation f...

Name of reference 1

Cristopher Bautista

Relationship to reference 1

English Teacher

Phone number of reference 1

N/A (email is cristopher.bautista@ousd.org)

Name of reference 2

Bonnie Mills

Relationship to reference 2

Generation Citizen Mentor

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Phone number of reference 2

N/A (email is bmills@generationcitizen.org)

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Name of reference 3

I don't know where to add this, but the recommendation letters were from earlier applications as I had two days to apply before the deadline)

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Relationship to reference 3

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Phone number of reference 3

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Thank you for your submission

We look forward to reviewing your application. We will be in touch with you within a 2-3 weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact:





# JiaHui (Emmy) Su

October 15, 2002

Oakland, CA 94609

(510)

@gmail.com

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## SKILLS

### Mandarin & Cantonese

- Able to understand and speak decently

### Responsible

Finish tasks on time and complete

### Hard worker

Put in all effort into work

## EXPERIENCE

### Babysitter

September 2016 –

Present

- Clean and feed the baby

## EDUCATION

American Indian Public High School, Oakland, CA 4.0 GPA

June 2019

High School Diploma in progress

10th grader

- Anticipated graduation in Spring of 2021

## ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

### Cross Country

Participated in Freshmen and Sophomore year  
December 2018

September – December 2017 and September –

-Participants have to endure training 3 times a week

-Must run 3 miles during every competition and it occurs every 2 weeks

### Swimming

Winter of 2019

-Team members have to participate in training 3 times a day at 6 A.M

-Members have to participate in events/ races

## INTERESTS

Drawing -- Meeting New People -- Experiencing new things -- Sports

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First and last name

JiaHui Su

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Cell phone number \*

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Home phone number \*

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Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

10/15/2002

Age \*

16

Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Mei Xia Wu

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

510'

Parent/Guardian email \*

\_gmail.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

Chinese

Languages spoken

English, Mandarin and Cantonese

Sexual orientation

Female

Gender identity

female

If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

American Indian Public High School

Please list all other schools you have gone to.

Garfield Elementary, Franklin Elementary, and American Indian Model School

What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

I feel connected to low income.

How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

I learned about the Youth Commission from my sister's friend who was part of the community.

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## Essay Questions

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Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

I was born in China and immigrated to the United States when I was just four years of age. I had to learn English before I mastered my own language. Before I knew it, I have forgotten how to speak Chinese after I spoke English fluently. Luckily, I was given a chance to take Mandarin classes in school. Since fourth grade I have been taking Mandarin classes which enhanced my communication skills in Mandarin. Currently I sixteen years old and is a Sophomore at American Indian Public High School. I am proud that I've joined Cross-Country in 8th, 9th, and 10th grade. I was being persistent in a sport and had not given up. In Freshmen year, I also joined the swimming team even though I did not know how to swim. I faced my fears because I was scared of the water and scared of height. I ended up learning how to swim and even participated in races a week after learning how to swim. I have not really decided on my profession but I really would like to be an event planner. This is because planning events may be a big and stressful job but if it goes how it was planned it's worth the trouble while planning it.

What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

Some issues that affect our community would be the increase of fast food restaurants and high calorie food that has been increasing during the years. Many fast food restaurants are thriving in poorer side of the city because it's cheap which means more people can afford. Aside from charging low price for the food but there's ingredients in the food that won't do good for our bodies. As I would tell them that as years past by, there has been an increase of obesity in the younger generations due to increase of fast food and junk food. To prevent obesity maybe there should be a limit to the amount of fast food restaurants in a city and the price of organic food can be lowered. It should be mandatory for every school to provide health classes to every student in the school.

Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I want to join the Youth Commission because I want to learn more about leadership and learn how to become a leader. Since I don't getting leadership in my own school, I want to experience it in this Youth Commission. I will use my ability to comprehend and work around people's schedule and obstacles to complete my task. I hope to learn more about becoming a leader and how to even become one.

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During the school year I hope to take my SATs and get a decent score on that and to volunteer. I will make time for the Commission's goals even if it cost few hours of my sleep and yes I am willing to make this my top priority.

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Please upload a current resume \*

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Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

Name of reference 1

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Relationship to reference 1

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Phone number of reference 1

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Name of reference 2

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Relationship to reference 2

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Phone number of reference 2

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Name of reference 3

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Relationship to reference 3

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Phone number of reference 3

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Thank you for your submission

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If you have any questions, please contact:

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## JULIANNE BARRETT VALENTINE

Oakland, CA 94602

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**Goal:** To contribute to the Oakland community as a member of the Oakland Youth Commission.

### ***Education***

- St. Paul's Episcopal School  
Elementary and Middle School
- Berkeley High School  
4.0 Weighted GPA  
Debate club

### ***Community Service/Volunteer Experience***

- Volunteered at Lakeside Park Dementia and Memory care once a week summer 2018, roughly 5 hours a week
- Volunteer at SPCA once a week, 2 hours per week
- Campaigned and canvassed for Josh Harder, Democrat running for congress in the 10th district (closest swing district to Oakland)

### ***Extra Curricular/Awards***

- Berkeley High Speech and Debate
- Individual morality and Social Justice Cal course
- Internship at Alliance San Diego- a civil rights nonprofit

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Personal Information

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Email \*

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Cell phone number \*

510

Home phone number \*

510

Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \*

08/13/03

Age \*

15

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Parent/Guardian

If under 18, please provide Parent/Guardian contact.

Parent/Guardian name (first and last) \*

Dawn Valentine

Parent/Guardian phone number \*

510

Parent/Guardian email \*

dnvalentine@gmail.com

Additional optional information

Ethnicity and/or Race

White and Asian

Languages spoken

English

Sexual orientation

Bisexual

Gender identity

Female

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If you are or will be in school, what school will you attend in the fall of 2019?

Berkeley High

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Please list all other schools you have gone to.

St. Pauls episcopal school

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What communities do you feel connected to? (Examples: foster care, juvenile justice, incarcerated parents, undocumented, low income, refugee, gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled, homeless, teen parent) Remember: these examples are just that. Please list all the communities YOU feel connected to.

Lesbian, gay, teen parent

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How did you learn about the Youth Commission?

Through my sister

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### Applicant Commitment Agreement

For the following statements, click ACKNOWLEDGED to certify that you agree.



I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and I have made every attempt to answer all questions truthfully and to the fullest extent possible. \*

Acknowledged

I have reviewed the application and the required dates for the 2019-2020 Youth Commission term and understand that the 12 hour a month requirement is mandatory. \*

Acknowledged

I understand that this year's Orientation Retreat will be held on a weekend, Friday to Sunday in September 2019. The date is to be announced after applications have been reviewed. I also understand that there will be additional days of training on a Saturday and Sunday, in mid-February 2020. My attendance is required on all days. \*

Acknowledged

I certify that I understand that the Youth Commission office gathers applicant information, interviews applicants, and makes recommendations to the Mayor's Office for appointment consideration, but does not make appointment decisions. Ultimately, the Mayor will choose who they will appoint to the Youth Commission. (If you have any questions about the application and appointment process, please contact Youth Commission staff at (510) 238-3245) \*

Acknowledged

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### Essay Questions

There are no length requirements; however, your response should FULLY address EACH QUESTION.

Tell us about yourself. What is your personal history and background? What are some past accomplishments that you are proud of? What are your dreams and plans for your educational and professional future? \*

I have lived in Oakland my entire life where I attended St. Paul's until high school. While at St. Paul's, I worked to change the sexist and discriminatory dress code policies, and I succeeded. In the future I want to attend law school, and then work in civil rights law, hopefully followed by a political career.

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What are some issues that affect youth in your school or community? How would you address some of these issues? If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the City Council tomorrow, what would you talk about with them and advise them on? \*

My community is affected by our underfunded public schools. If I could speak to the Mayor, I would ask what she is doing to put pressure on our state to help our public schools and what local legislation can help our schools to function better with what they have.

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Why do you want to join the Youth Commission? What skills/talents would you bring to the Commission? What do you hope to learn while being on the Youth Commission? \*

I want to be able to have a voice to change the city that I've spent my entire life in and that I love. I am a hard worker and a good public speaker who is passionate about civil issues.

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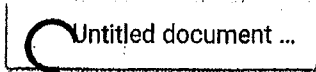
The Youth Commission requires a commitment of at least 12 hours a month. In order to truly make an impact, it is often necessary to go beyond that minimum commitment. What other commitments do you have during the school year? In what ways are you prepared to dedicate time to meet the Commission's goals? Are you willing to make this a top priority? \*

My only main commitment during the school year is debate twice a week. I am prepared to spend as much time as necessary working if I find a cause I really care about.

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### Resume (required) and Letters of Recommendation (optional) Upload

Please upload a current resume \*



Please up to three OPTIONAL letters of recommendation—a few paragraphs are sufficient—from someone not in your family (for example, a teacher, counselor, probation officer, etc. is okay) regarding your work.

Name of reference 1

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Relationship to reference 1

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Phone number of reference 1

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Name of reference 2

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7/8/2019

Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Application for 2019-2020 Term

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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

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**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S (1) APPOINTMENT OF YARENCY LIZBETH AVELAR, JULIA BASCH, FRANCESCA BERLOW, BRANDON FRITH, AA'JAHLEE-SOLEIL LONG, NIA MCMILLAN, ALESSANDRA MOHAR, AHMED MUHAMMAD, KIMORA OLIVER, JESSICA RAMOS, BENJAMIN SALOP, JIAHUI SU, BARRETT VALENTINE, AND HARPER VALENTINE; AND (2) REAPPOINTMENT OF IVAN GARCIA AND MAXWELL STERN, AS MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY 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 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 Yarency Lizbeth Avelar, Julia Basch, Francesca Berlow, Brandon Frith, Aa'Jahlee-Soleil Long, Nia McMillan, Alessandra Mohar, Ahmed Muhammad, Kimora Oliver, Jessica Ramos, Benjamin Salop, JiaHui Su, Barrett Valentine, and Harper Valentine 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:

**Yarency Lizbeth Avelar**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 7 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Gloria Guzman; and

**Julia Basch**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 2 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Rachel Dharmapalan; and

**Francesca Berlow**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Kamar Nelson, and

**Brandon Frith**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Jackeline Rivas; and

**Aa'Jahlee-Soleil Long**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Abel Regalado, and

**Nia McMillan**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Roxana Perez; and

**Alessandra Mohar**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 3 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Enasia McElvain; and

**Ahmed Muhammad**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 6 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Bethania Tadesse; and

**Kimora Oliver**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Natalie Dharmapalan; and

**Jessica Ramos**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Rahma R Mahdi; and

**Benjamin Salop**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 1 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Ryan Hunt; and





**JiaHui Su**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Kian Nouri; and

**Barrett Valentine**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 5 Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Shai Aikens; and

**Harper Valentine**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Dajah White; and it

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

**Ivan Garcia**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as a District 4 Commissioner that began September 11, 2019 and will end September 10, 2021, filling the seat previously held by himself and prior to that by his predecessor, Addison Duchin; and

**Maxwell Stern**, Mayoral appointment to serve a two-year term as an At-Large Commissioner that began September 11, 2019 and will end September 10, 2021, filling the seat previously held by himself and prior to that by his predecessor, Aaliyah Carney.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,  
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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

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

