

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Sheng Thao

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Letter of Reappointment

December 3, 2024

Dear President Bas and members of the City Council:

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

Business Tax Review Board

Cameron Potratz, to serve a four-year term on the Business Tax Review Board beginning October 2, 2024 and ending October 1, 2028, filling the seat previously held by himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheng Thao", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Sheng Thao

Profile

Cameron

First Name

POTRATZ

Last Name

Pronouns

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

What City Council district do you live in?

District 7

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Business Tax Board of Review: Appointed
City Planning Commission: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

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

I have worked in the construction since 2015, starting as an apprentice in the pipe trades. My title now is Foreman and trade school instructor, but I also have experience using Revit to design fire sprinkler systems. In college I majored in Philosophy which has been absolutely instrumental to my success in the building trades and I believe will serve me well on the Planning Commission. I have successfully planned and established a 5 acre market orchard employing regenerative agriculture techniques (self taught). Recently became an Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer, which involves working with local youth in foster care

Please submit your resume or curriculum vitae. You may upload a document. (A Word format is preferred.) Alternatively, you may paste the text of your resume in the field provided below.

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Upload a Resume

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

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Summary UA Local 483 instructor and foreman with Revit al History Sprinkler Fitters Local 483, Instructor August 2020- Present Teach apprentice classes of all levels, from new member orientation to state license exam preparation. Teach journey level courses on topics such as "Foremanship", "Aerial Work Platform", "Forklift", "OSHA 30", etc.. Developed journey person course "Tube Bending for Fire Protection". Member of Apprenticeship Competition Committee. Work closely with the Training Director to develop a Revit class. Continuing education on how to be an effective educator to adults. Teach CPR and First Aid as well as certify new instructors. Westates Mechanical, Foreman Sprinkler Fitter July 2020- Present Mentored junior team members, providing guidance on proper techniques and safety. Completed indoor and outdoor residential and commercial construction projects. Performed pipe fabrication, installation and fitting according to proper specifications. Followed relevant codes, regulations and safety techniques. Anderson, Rowe, and Buckley, Inc., Apprentice Sprinkler Fitter June 2017- July 2020 Performed pipe fabrication, installation and fitting according to proper specifications. Hoisted loads using slings, chains, shackles, hooks, cables and other rigging equipment. Created and submitted daily reports on the progress of sprinkler system construction. Followed relevant codes, regulations and safety techniques. Western States Mechanical Corp., Apprentice Sprinkler Fitter April 2016- June 2017 Learned how to install, inspect, test and maintain all aspects of sprinkler systems from underground to overhead. Westates Mechanical, Apprentice Sprinkler Fitter August 2015- April 2016 Learned how to work on a construction site safely, as well as how to use basic tools and piping components. United States Postal Service, City Carrier Assistant August 2014- August 2015 Responsible for delivering and receiving mail from residents and businesses. Educational History Washtenaw Community College 2021- Present United Association Instructor Training Program Chabot College August 2015- June 2020 Commercial Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Program UC Santa Cruz September 2008- September 2013 B.A. Philosophy Teaching assistant for Ethics course Skills/Certifications Winner of UA Local 483 Apprenticeship Contest (2019 and 2020) OSHA 30 Gradall Scissor lift NFPA 25 NFPA 13 Confined Space Soldering & Brazing CPVC ASSE 15010 Certified First Aid/CPR Certified Instructor Revit for Fire Protection Levels 1, 2, & 3 State Licensed Sprinkler Fitter Court Appointed Special Advocate for Alameda County, a volunteer position that involves working with youth in the foster care system Designed and planted a 5 acre dry farmed chestnut orchard using USDA Agroforestry and Alley Cropping techniques without chemical inputs. Black Belt in Shotokan Karate

Please click the acknowledgement below.

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.

I Agree *

Cameron Potratz



Summary

UA Local 483 instructor and foreman with Revit design experience.

Professional History

Sprinkler Fitters Local 483, Instructor

August 2020- Present

- Teach apprentice classes of all levels, from new member orientation to state license exam preparation.
- Teach journey level courses on topics such as “Foremanship”, “Aerial Work Platform”, “Forklift”, “OSHA 30”, etc..
- Developed journey person course “Tube Bending for Fire Protection”.
- Member of Apprenticeship Competition Committee.
- Work closely with the Training Director to develop a Revit class.
- Continuing education on how to be an effective educator to adults.
- Teach CPR and First Aid as well as certify new instructors.

Westates Mechanical, Foreman Sprinkler Fitter

July 2020- Present

- Mentored junior team members, providing guidance on proper techniques and safety.
- Completed indoor and outdoor residential and commercial construction projects.
- Performed pipe fabrication, installation and fitting according to proper specifications.
- Followed relevant codes, regulations and safety techniques.

Anderson, Rowe, and Buckley, Inc., Apprentice Sprinkler Fitter

June 2017- July 2020

- Performed pipe fabrication, installation and fitting according to proper specifications.
- Hoisted loads using slings, chains, shackles, hooks, cables and other rigging equipment.
- Created and submitted daily reports on the progress of sprinkler system construction.
- Followed relevant codes, regulations and safety techniques.

Western States Mechanical Corp., Apprentice Sprinkler Fitter

April 2016- June 2017

- Learned how to install, inspect, test and maintain all aspects of sprinkler systems from underground to overhead.

Westates Mechanical, Apprentice Sprinkler Fitter

August 2015- April 2016

- Learned how to work on a construction site safely, as well as how to use basic tools and piping components.

United States Postal Service, City Carrier Assistant

August 2014- August 2015

- Responsible for delivering and receiving mail from residents and businesses.

Educational History

Washtenaw Community College

2021- Present

United Association Instructor Training Program

Chabot College

August 2015- June 2020

Commercial Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Program

UC Santa Cruz

September 2008- September 2013

B.A. Philosophy

Teaching assistant for Ethics course

Skills/Certifications

- Winner of UA Local 483 Apprenticeship Contest (2019 and 2020)
- OSHA 30
- Gradall
- Scissor lift
- NFPA 25
- NFPA 13
- Confined Space
- Soldering & Brazing
- CPVC
- ASSE 15010 Certified
- First Aid/CPR Certified Instructor
- Revit for Fire Protection Levels 1, 2, & 3
- State Licensed Sprinkler Fitter
- Court Appointed Special Advocate for Alameda County, a volunteer position that involves working with youth in the foster care system
- Designed and planted a 5 acre dry farmed chestnut orchard using USDA Agroforestry and Alley Cropping techniques without chemical inputs.
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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY
MAYOR SHENG THAO**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF
CAMERON POTRATZ TO THE BUSINESS TAX BOARD OF REVIEW**

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, pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code Section 5.04.520, the Business Tax Board of Review is comprised of the City Administrator, the City Auditor, an employee of the City selected by the City Administrator, and two community members nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council each for a term of four years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s reappointment of the following individual to Oakland’s Business Tax Board of Review as set forth below:

Cameron Potratz, to serve a four-year term on the Business Tax Review Board beginning October 2, 2024 and ending October 1, 2028 filling the seat previously held by himself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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ATTEST: _____

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