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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

September 1, 2017

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

Dear President Reid 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:

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD

Jennifer Tran to the Community Policing Advisory Board to serve a three-year term as the District 5 Representative beginning March 2, 2017 and ending March 1, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Sal Gomez.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf".

Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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OAKLAND

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Profile

Jennifer

First Name

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Middle Initial

Tran

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

State

[Redacted]

Postal Code

Home: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Mobile: [Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Self-employed

Employer

Political consultant

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Policing Advisory Board: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

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

In the face of escalating racism, sexism, homophobia, Oakland residents need to be assured that our elected officials and officers are utilizing all tools and strategies to serve and protect us. OPD is in dire need of reform, and this begins with educating and engaging with all residents about community policing and expectations from our officers. As a PhD candidate in Ethnic Studies at the University of Southern California, with an emphasis in ethnographic interviews, comparative race relations, and immigration history, I possess the creative and critical thinking skills to facilitate difficult conversations in a nuanced fashion towards a shared vision for justice and mutual respect. My extensive experience with conducting over 150 interviews with diverse communities in multiple languages qualifies me for authentic community engagement work with Oakland residents across all seven districts. Most importantly, I am passionate about building relationships and deepening understanding between neighbors so that we can collectively create solutions to improve the conditions. As an Oakland native and daughter of Vietnamese refugees, I am committed to fostering meaningful connections between our diverse community stakeholders to ensure that all residents feel safe and informed about their rights. Oakland-- its schools, parks, people, and activism -- has deeply influenced my politics and personhood, and I want to do my part to advocate for best practices, policies and initiatives that prioritize equity and the well-being of our most vulnerable communities.

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.

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 *

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Curriculum Vitae

Jennifer Kim Anh Tran



EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Candidate- Fall 2011- Present. University of Southern California, American Studies & Ethnicity Department, Annenberg Fellow

(Dual Concentrations: Comparative Race and Gender/Sexuality)

Dissertation title: *World of Refugees: Meanings of Migration, Race, and Living in the SF East Bay Area*

M.A. 2015 in American Studies and Ethnicity, University of Southern California

B.A. 2010. University of California, San Diego

Bachelor of Arts, Ethnic Studies, Honors

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies and Planning

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE:

Member of Steering Committee, *Grassroots Racial Equity Task Force*, January 2017-present

- Documented meeting notes
- Arranged community-advocate stakeholder meetings
- Developed Communications material: principles and values statement
- Researched and analyzed best practices for community engagement and governance models

Volunteer, *Block By Block Organizing Network*, August 2016- present

- Recruited and organized canvassers for Oakland local measures
- Door-to-door canvassed and distributed campaign literature to Oakland voters
- Prepared proposals for political workforce development and Peralta Colleges student outreach

Member of Steering Committee, *Building Home Together*, May 2014- present

- Developed Communications material: core statements, presentation content, community engagement tools, racial equity strategic framework, and governance models
- Coordinated Community Engagement and Partner meetings
- Organized and co-facilitated general assembly and committee meetings
- Designed online community input surveys for members
- Arrange racial equity-newcomer brainstorming sessions with community stakeholders

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Ethnographic Research, Oakland, Ca, June 2015- June 2016

- Arranged and interviewed seventy refugee community residents and service providers in the East Bay region
- Transcribed 90-120 minute interviews
- Conducted participant observation at town hall meetings and community events
- Engaged with secondary sources to communicate evidence for a broader audience

Ethnographic Research, Da Nang, Viet Nam, July 2012- August 2012

- Arranged weekly meetings with directors of Women's Museum in Ho Chi Minh City to arrange contacts with informants
- Interviewed eleven former Vietnamese women soldiers in South and Central Vietnam
- Designed and transcribed interviews around the topic of war and memory
- Presented findings at "Thinking Gender Conference" at UCLA in February 2013

Ethnographic Research, Los Angeles, CA August 2011-February 2012

- Conducted extensive field visits at nail salon located in South Central Los Angeles
- Conducted eleven semi-structured interviews with nail salon employees
- Transcribed eleven interviews
- Coded and analyzed interviews
- Presented Findings at "Association of Asian American Studies Conference" in April 2012

Assistant Researcher, American Civil Liberty Union, August 2010- January 2011

- Reviewed existing curricula and reports related cultural diversity and tolerance training
- Analyzed qualitative interviews conducted by supervisor
- Prepared supervisor for meetings with local, state, and national case studies on tolerance/anti-racism programs

Undergraduate Researcher, University of California, San Diego, September 2009-August 2010

- Designed three original undergraduate research theses using interdisciplinary methodologies of comparative study of race, ethnicity, and geography
- Became well-familiarized in research process of literature review, methodology, analysis, and composition of findings
- Completed three distinct and extensive research papers under the advisory and supervision of faculty mentor with honorary recognition
- Presented research papers at multiple research conferences

HONORS & AWARDS:

EDGE Academic Professional Development: University of Southern California. *Awarded*

September 2013

Graduate Student Travel Award: University of Southern California. *Awarded April 2013*

EDGE Summer Institute: University of Southern California. *Awarded June 2011*

Annenberg Fellowship: University of Southern California. *Awarded March 2011*

Award for Excellence: University of California, San Diego; Ethnic Studies. *Awarded June 2010*

TEACHING:

HIST 101: Refugees and American National Identity (Fall 2015) Guest lecturer

AMST 101: *Race and Class in Los Angeles* (Spring 2014) Guest lecturer

AMST 274: *Exploring Race and Ethnicity through Film* (Fall 2014) Guest lecturer

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

“How do Refugees Not See Race?”- SF East Bay Refugee perspectives on Race, War, and Migration.” Militarism and Migration Conference. *April 2017*

“Oakland as Imperial Outpost: Post-Cold War development and Multiracial Formation.” Association of Asian American Studies, Chicago, IL. *April 2015*

“When the Victims become the Victors: Constructing Transnational Vietnamese feminism.” Association of Asian American Studies, Seattle, WA. *April 2013*

“Forging Sisterhood in Spaces of Exception: Conversations with Vietnam War Women Veterans.” UCLA Annual Thinking Gender Conference. *February 2013*

“Feeling for Freedom: Tracing a Forgotten Genealogy of Black-Vietnamese Female Solidarity,” Oral panel presentation, Association of Asian American Studies, Washington, D.C. *Spring 2012*

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER TRAN AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the City Charter provides that members of City boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the affirmative vote of five members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 72727 C.M.S., adopted June 11, 1996 and amended by Resolution No. 73916 C.M.S., adopted November 4, 1997, which changed the body's status from a Task Force to a Board, establishes that the Community Policing Advisory Board shall oversee, monitor and report at least twice yearly and provide recommendations on community policing to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and director of Police Services; and

WHEREAS, the Community Policing Advisory Board consists of fifteen (15) members, all Oakland residents, serving three-year terms, three appointed by the Mayor, one by each Councilmember, one by the Oakland Housing Authority, one by the Oakland Unified School District Board, and two by the Home Alert Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed **Jennifer Tran** to serve a three-year term, subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's reappointment of:

Jennifer Tran to the Community Policing Advisory Board to serve a three-year term as the District 5 Representative beginning March 2, 2017 and ending March 1, 2020, filling the seat previously held by Sal Gomez.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY,
GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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