

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Sheng Thao

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Letter of Appointment

September 17, 2024

Dear President Bas and members of the City Council:

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

**Cannabis Regulatory Commission**

**Linda Grant**, to serve a two-year term on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission representing District 5 beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2025, filling the vacant seat previously held by Erika Cisneros.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Sheng Thao

**Profile**

Linda  
First Name

Grant  
Last Name

**Pronouns**

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

**What City Council district do you live in?**

None Selected

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

none  
Employer

Job Title

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

Cannabis Regulatory Commission: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

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

I am a cannabis conissuer, buisness owner, and advocate for cannabis since 1985. I am also from oakland, with children and family here. I have been a part of several cannabis orgs in oakland, and currently working on my own cannabis buisness startup here in oakland as a verified equity applicant through the city of oaklands equity program.I am also one of the founders of the oakland incubator equity hub, a group of 4 oakland equity applicants who all are working to build a equitable, sustainable. economy and space to help other equity applicants get started in the legal cannabis market as well.I am a community member of oakland as well, and i would like to be a voice for the unheard who would like to speak but cant. I have also been incarcerated for cannabis, so i have some insight on what is working in cannabis and whats not working. I would like to help. i also just graduated from oaksterdam buisness of cannabis class and recently completed the c4c program.

**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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**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 \*

## **Experience**

**Verified Equity Applicant of the city of Oakland. Since 2017**

**Oaksterdam University Graduate in Business of Cannabis  
2023-2024**

**Present 2024- Safety Ambassador for the Black Cultural Zone**

**Present 2024- Neighborhood Messenger for the Black Cultural  
Zone**

**Present-2023—Oakland Equity Incubator Hub,  
founder/owner of Justblaze delivery oakland**

**Duties—incubate verified equity applicants to use or space of  
business**

**Present- 2021-2022 culinary art student at LANEY  
COLLEGE**

**Student Worker at Laney College Student Center**

**Duties- help cook and prepare meals for laney college meal  
program for students.**

**East Oakland Black cultural zone 2019-2021**

**LIBERATION PARK**

- **Crew member**

**Hood Incubator- community organizer**

**.june 2016- january 2018**

- **Worked with city council to establish the oakland equity  
program**
- **Responsible for organizing events to help people sign up  
for the osep.**

- **Responsible for organizing data to reflect equity applicants status**
- **Responsible for organizing equity/investor meet and greets**

## **WOMENS SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR CENTER**

**December 2018- may 2019**

- **Worked with staff of wsec to organize outreach events**
- **Work with staff to promote buisness ideas to community**

### **Uber - *On-demand Independent Transport Contractor.***

February 2016 - Present

- Relating to the demanding needs of customers while remaining focused, calm, and professional
- Responsible for maintenance of vehicle and service records.
- Performing accounting functions and corresponding with the company.
- Working extended and flexible hours at a high level of efficiency.

### **Walmart - *Cashier & Sales Representative***

January 2015 - January 2016

- Accurately and efficiently operated the cash register, handled customer payments, and trained new cashiers.
- Maintained outstanding customer service by providing a friendly environment, having solid knowledge of products and promotions, and attending to customers queries and concerns.
- Communicated customer requests to managers.

### **Castlemont Community Transformation Schools - *Head Volunteer***

July 2014 - Present

- Promoting a positive and inviting atmosphere for the volunteer program
- Serving as a link between the schools' volunteer needs and parent/community resources.
- Maintaining good relationships with students, teachers, and parents.
- Coordinating recruitment of volunteers, as well as events and meetings

### **Qilombo Community Center - *Volunteer Coordinator***

July 2014 - September 2015

- Developed and facilitated the creation of the Mo' Mammias Daycare Center, and successfully applied for grant funding.
- Engaged in the day-to-day organizing and running of a community center, including duties ranging from accounting, outreach, and community service, to volunteer coordination, cleaning, and childcare.

- Attended and participated in weekly organizing meetings.

### **Kmart- Cashier & Sales Representative**

May 2013 - June 2014

- Provided outstanding customer service, ensured customers had an excellent experience at the store, and handled all complaints.
- Completed sales transactions at the cash register, and routinely balanced and reconciled all purchases.
- Mentored and trained new cashiers.

### **Mary's Adult Care Center- Assistant Caregiver**

December 2011 - December 2012

- Assisted main care taker with daily and rigorous care of 3 disabled live in adults, and ensured that their needs for personal care- such as being clean, safe, and fed- as well as home management were met.
- Ensured that all verbal communications with clients, client family members, and staff were conducted in a respectful, professional manner
- Maintained client safety and a positive environment

## **Education**

### **Castlemont High School - High School Diploma**

June 1985

### **Southwest Computer School**

June 1987

Laney College Culinary ARTS 2022

## **Additional Qualifications**

Excellent customer service, communication, and accounting skills.

Good proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite and social media.

Quick learner who is driven, focused, and motivated and loves east oakland

Passionate about helping and serving others.

Flexible, dependable, and caring. I love people and Oakland is my heart.

## **References**

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

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### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA GRANT AS A MEMBER OF THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act, also known as Measure Z (and hereinafter referred to as “Ordinance”), adopted by the voters of Oakland, November 2, 2004, in the General Municipal Election, created the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to oversee the Ordinance's implementation and make recommendations to the City Council regarding implementation of City licenses, taxes, and regulations for adult use of cannabis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act specifies that members of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission are to be appointed one by the Mayor, one by the City Auditor, one by the City Administrator, and one from each Member of the City Council, to serve unlimited two-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, for the members that will be appointed or reappointed pursuant to this Resolution, each one has been selected for appointment by the various applicable Councilmembers and the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, that Ordinance Number 12694 C.M.S., which established the Procedures of the CRC, provides in relevant part “. . . that an appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired terms only”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Sheng Thao has appointed Linda Grant to serve a two-year term subject to confirmation by the City Council; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to City Charter Section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s appointment of **Linda Grant**, to serve a two-year term on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission representing District 5, beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2025, filling the vacant seat previously held by Erika Cisneros.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California