

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Sheng Thao

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Letter of Appointment

May 7, 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:

City Planning Commission

Maurice Robb, to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission that began May 5, 2023 and ending May 4, 2026, filling the seat previously held by Jonathan Fearn.

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

Maurice

First Name

Robb

Last Name

Middle Initial

[Empty text input field]

Email Address

[Empty text input field]

Street Address

[Empty text input field]

City

[Empty text input field]

Suite or Apt

[Empty text input field]

State

[Empty text input field]

Postal Code

What City Council district do you live in?

District 2

[Redacted phone number]

Primary Phone

[Redacted phone number]

Alternate Phone

Designing Justice +
Designing Spaces

Employer

Project Manager/Project
Architect

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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 am a Registered Architect with nearly 20 years of experience in the building industry, in various jurisdictions throughout the US. Work experience includes housing (affordable/supportive and market rate), as well as historic (preservation, adaptive reuse, renovations, etc) and sustainable design. I believe that my experience in these areas can provide a valuable perspective to the City of Oakland, as the city plans its direction for the future.

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.

[MR_Resume-2024.pdf](#)

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 *

MAURICE ROBB AIA,
NCARB, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C

ABOUT ME

Experienced architect and project manager seeking new opportunities

ARCH. REGISTRATIONS

New Jersey 2019

Georgia 2011

ORGANIZATIONS

Urban Land Institute

Bay Area Developers of Color Cohort 2023

American Institute of Architects

Registered Architect 2022

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

Registered Architect 2022

National Organization of Minority Architects

Registered Architect 2022

US Green Building Council

LEED AP BD+C 2010

EDUCATION

NYU in London, London, UK

M.A. in Adaptive Reuse 2017

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

M.S. in Historic Preservation 2013

Howard University, Washington, DC

Bachelors of Architecture 2004

SOFTWARE

Harvest + Forecast

Monograph

ClickUp

MS Office

Bluebeam

Revit

AutoCAD

SketchUp

Photoshop

InDesign

DEGREE EXPERIENCE

Designing Justice + Designing Spaces Oakland, CA

Project Manager/Project Architect 9.2022- Present

Hired in role for architecture and development nonprofit to lead projects through entitlements approvals, contract negotiations, RFPs, and manage client relations, budgets, schedules, coordination and the design team

Access Architecture Vancouver, WA (Portland Area)

Project Manager (Hybrid from Oakland) 8.2021- 3.2022

Managed team of young architects as future partner for affordable housing firm; assisting owner with business growth and development, client relations, planning/entitlements approvals and project coordination

Gnerd Ideas, LLC New York and Bay Area

Sole Proprietor and Architect 4.2012- 8.2021

Operated small private practice as a design consultant in architecture (adaptive reuse, renovations, restorations, etc.), sustainability and construction project management (AV/IT design, preservation)

Devino Architects & Associates Jersey City, NJ

Architect 9.2019- 8.2020

Designed and prepared multifamily adaptive reuse projects for Planning and Historic Preservation approvals, and Permitting/Construction

Niles Bolton Associates Atlanta, GA

Junior Architect 10.2005- 4.2009

Completed IDP time in less than three years by serving as a member of a market rate and luxury mixed-use residential design studio from predesign through construction administration project phases

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Black Spectacles Chicago, IL

ARE Exam Prep Coach 10.2023- Present

ARE 5.0 Prep Content Writer 8.2017- 8.2020

Work with exam prep company to produce study content and prepare young architects for the Architect Registration Exam (ARE)

Everblue Training Institute New York, NY

LEED Exam Prep Instructor (NY Region/Travel) 8.2018- 8.2020

Prepared future LEED professionals for the Green Associate and BD+C exams through an intensive two-day course in NYC, DC, Boston and Chicago

Farmingdale State College Long Island, NY

Introduction to Graphics 8.2017- 1.2018

Taught the basics of architectural drawing and graphics through hand drafting techniques, the use of AutoCAD and Revit software



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MAURICE ROBB AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY PLANNING 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 at least five members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 192 C.M.S., as amended, created the City Planning Commission to consider and review matters related to planning, development and preservation and to advise the City Council on land use and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission consists of seven members serving three-year staggered terms with no more than two terms served consecutively; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Sheng Thao has appointed Maurice Robb to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s appointment of the following individuals to the City Planning Commission as set forth below:

Maurice Robb, to serve a three-year term on the City Planning Commission that began May 5, 2023 and ending May 4, 2026, filling the seat previously held by Jonathan Fearn.

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