

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Letter of Reappointment and Appointments

June 12, 2025

Dear President Jenkins and members of the City Council:

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

Board of Port Commissioners

Barbara Leslie, to serve a four-year term beginning July 11, 2025 and ending July 10, 2029, filling the seat previously held by herself.

The Mayor has appointed the following persons as members of the following board or commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

Alvina Wong, to serve a four-year term beginning July 11, 2025 and ending July 10, 2026, filling the seat previously held by Yui Hay Lee.

Derrick Muhammad, to serve a four-year term beginning July 11, 2025 and ending July 10, 2029, filling the seat previously held by Michael Colbruno.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Barbara Lee

Barbara Leslie

Curriculum Vitae

Barbara Leslie

President & CEO, Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Second Vice President, Port of Oakland Board of Port Commissioners

Barbara Leslie has over 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors at the local, state, and federal level. Since 2014, she has served as the first woman President and CEO of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, leading the organization in its mission to secure the economic future of the community and enhance the quality of life in Oakland.

In 2018, Ms. Leslie was appointed to the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners, a seven-member body overseeing the Port's aviation, maritime, and commercial real estate operations. She was elected President of the Board in July 2022 and re-elected for a second term in July 2023. During her tenure, she has championed green initiatives aimed at achieving zero emissions from port operations as well as Airport concessions that highlight local entrepreneurs and businesses.

Ms. Leslie's extensive public service includes roles as Assistant to the City Manager during the Brown Administration and directing External Affairs and philanthropy for AT&T in the East Bay. She has also held key public policy positions with the Oakland Association of Realtors and the Port of Oakland.

A committed civic leader, Ms. Leslie has served on various boards, including the Oakland Thrives Initiative, Oakland Safety Impact Table, and Oakland Promise Advisory Board. She has also been a political appointee to the Measure X Strong Mayor Task Force and Chair of the Oakland Workforce Investment Board.

Ms. Leslie holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Economics and a Master's in Public Administration. A resident of Oakland for over 30 years, she and her husband have raised two children.

Alvina Wong

PROFILE

Alvina (she/they) is a queer child of immigrants bringing 17 years of combined experience in multi-racial social, environmental, community and transformative justice work around access to higher education, mental health resources and food, LGBTQ+ rights, youth incarceration issues, and indigenous rights. They have dedicated experience serving in the Asian American & Pacific Islander community, Queer community and Environmental Justice communities to build cross-sectoral, multiracial coalitions and networks.

Local and state level policy advocacy work includes area expertise in: housing, equitable development, community benefits agreements, environmental justice, LGBTQ+ rights

Experienced organizer with knowledge in human relations, program development and management, budgeting, team building, project management, youth engagement and community leadership development, curriculum building, collective goal development, facilitation, strategic planning, mentorship and advocacy.

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Liberal Arts

The Evergreen State College

SKILLS

Social: Cantonese fluency and working Mandarin; Certified Mental Health First Aid Responder (2011), Generative Somatics Teacher in Training, 2015-2022, Certified Crisis Intervention and Referral Advocate (2005), Trained Mediator in Crisis Intervention, Non-Violent Communication and Communicating Across Differences Techniques and Conflict Resolution, Multicultural Diversity (2005)

Technical: Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite; Final Cut Pro; iMovie; social networking platforms (WeChat, Instagram, Facebook)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Multiple Positions | *Asian Pacific Environmental Network, 2012 - Present*

Base Building Director 2022- Present

Campaign & Organizing Director 2019- 2022

Oakland Organizing Project Director 2017-2019

Lead Community Organizer 2013-2017

Community Organizer 2012-2013

Support strategy and capacity development for the local organizing projects in Oakland, Richmond and Los Angeles, working with the team to build member-led fights against pollution and displacement of low-income and working-class Asian immigrants and refugees. Lead and develop intergenerational organizing towards community governance and power at the neighborhood, city, and regional levels.

Multiple Positions | *Gateways for Incarcerated Youth, 2006-2012*

Interim Co-Director, 2011-2012

Academic Mentoring Program Coordinator, Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Liaison

& AmeriCorps Retention Project Member, 2010-2011

AAPI Cultural Group Coordinator 2008-2010

College Program Peer, 2008-2009

Volunteer Program Mentor 2006-2010

Recruited, supported and retained 75 Incarcerated Young Men & 40 program Academic Mentors from the Evergreen State College to participate in academic mentoring and cultural programs while co-managing organizational budget and fundraising for books and tuition over the course of 3 years through various events. Co-developed and updated organizational structure, sustainability, institutional partnerships and strategic plan.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Board Member | *Generative Somatics, 2025 - Present*

Community Fund Co-Administrator | *Oakland Community Anti Displacement and Stabilization Fund with Community Coalition for Equitable Development, 2017 - Present*

Somatics Facilitator with emphasis on Leadership and organizational development, group cohesion and decision making | *Generative Somatics Teacher in Training, Present*

Howard Terminal Community Benefits Agreement Steering Committee

Member | *City of Oakland, 2019-2023*

Steering Committee Member | *Oakland Chinatown Coalition 2013 -2022*

Title VI/Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Member | *Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), 2014-2018*

Eva Lowe Fellow, Youth Organizing Member | *Chinese Progressive Association, June 2010-August 2010*

President's Diversity Fund Committee Member | *The Evergreen State College, 2010*

Multi-Program Volunteer for Aging and Adult Nutritional Program, Youth and Family Services, Behavioral Health Department, International District Food Bank | *Asian Counseling and Referral Services, 2006-2009*

DERRICK H. MUHAMMAD

Objective Statement

To obtain a position with a private or public organization in the area of Public Affairs, Labor Law, Injury Law or Trade and Logistics. I Would like to join an organization where my experience in advocacy may be successfully utilized.

Legal & Professional Experience

Maritime Law Claims Attorney/Workers' Compensation

Law Office of Derrick H. Muhammad- Oakland, CA, Atlanta, GA, Hartford, CT 2013- 2025
Litigated claims involving injured maritime workers and DBA claimants. Conducted legal research, analysis, and litigation strategy.

Secretary-Treasurer

International Longshore & Warehouse Union #10- San Francisco, CA 2016-2018
Labor relations representative. Managed business office, including staff, all record keeping and financial affairs. Represented union members in grievances and arbitrations. Interfaced with local legislators regarding port policies in Vallejo, CA and Oakland, CA.

Business Agent

International Longshore & Warehouse Union #10 – San Francisco, CA 2015-2016
Labor relations representative. Represented union members in grievances, arbitrations and onsite labor disputes. Interfaced with local and state legislators regarding port policies and issues pertaining to safety and production.

Commissioner – (Non Paid Position)

Oakland Citizen Police Review Board- Oakland, CA 2011 –2015
Adjudicated complaints regarding alleged police misconduct. Issued findings and made policy recommendations on a myriad of OPD cases.

Longshoreman/Marine Clerk

International Longshore & Warehouse Union #10, #34 - San Francisco, CA 2004 – Present
Operated transtainers, top handlers, side picks, reach-stackers, semi tractors and forklifts. Performed lashing and dock work in the Ports of Oakland, Long Beach, Stockton, Sacramento, San Diego and Hueneme.

Other Experience

Congress of California Seniors

Public relations. Organized financial literacy workshops for seniors to help prevent elder abuse.

AMERICORPS

Participated in community gardening projects. Tutored in after school program. Facilitated conflict resolution workshops.

Bar Admissions

Connecticut State Bar

Washington State Bar

Georgia State Bar

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

United States Social Security Administration

Affiliations

Washington State Bar Association

Work Safe

Gate City Bar Association

GA State Bar Association

Publications

The Advocate, UC Davis School of Law Newspaper. 2008 Staff Writer
UC Davis School of Law, Business Law Journal. 2008-09 Staff Editor
Oakland Post, *Oakland Post News Group*. (Op-Ed) June 2016.

Educational and Professional Development

UC Davis School of Law, Davis, CA

May 2009

Juris Doctor

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

January 2004

Bachelor of Arts, Drama

Laney College, Oakland, CA

May 1998

Associate of Arts, Social Studies

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services, Glendale, CA

July 2019

Labor Arbitration

Labor Arbitration Institute, Northfield, MN

September 2016

Labor Law and Labor Arbitration

Labor Arbitration Institute, Northfield, MN

September 2015

Labor Law and Labor Arbitration

The Longshore Institute, Houston, TX

February 2014

Comprehensive Longshore and Harbors Workers Compensation Act

Advanced Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act

Practicing Law Institute, San Francisco, CA

January 2014

Negotiations Skills

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

November 2013

Essential Elements of Immigration Law

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR BARBARA LEE

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA LESLIE AND APPOINTMENTS OF ALVINA WONG AND DERRICK MUHAMMAD AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS

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, Article VII. Section 701 of the City Charter, as amended by Stats., November 1988 creates the Board of Port Commissioners to set policy for and govern the activities of the Port of Oakland, appointing its own Executive Director and approving its own budget and promoting and insuring the comprehensive and adequate development of the Port of Oakland through continuity of control, management and operation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners consists of seven (7) members serving 4-year terms, who are nominated by the Mayor and appointed by Council, and who must be residents of the city of Oakland, having resided in Oakland for thirty (30) days prior to appointment; now, therefore, be it

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

Barbara Leslie, to serve a four-year term beginning July 11, 2025, and ending July 10, 2029, filling the seat previously held by herself, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s appointments to the Board of Port Commissioners:

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

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