

Letter of Nomination

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The Honorable City Council
One City Hall Plaza, Second Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Patricia Kernighan and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter section 601, the Mayor, hereby appoints the following persons as members of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Jamyla Coleman, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Bahar Ostedan.

Eleanor Good, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Lilly Tahmesebi.

Takai Gingwright, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Afolarin Adeleke.

Shizhou Chen, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Remi Adeleke.

Elliot Hunt, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Aaliyah Carney.

Rebecca Dharmapalan, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Carmen Zheng.

Mahlik Smith, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Eric Gant.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan
Mayor

JAMILA COLEMAN

EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS:

My career goal is to attend a four year University to study law and become an FBI Agent because I feel I can help make a change in the world. I know college equals success and one day I will be able to make a valuable contribution to my community by making financial contributions to programs that supports Senior Citizens, Homeless Citizens, and Elementary Programs for under privilege children.

EDUCATION HISTORY/ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- American Indian Public Charter School / 7th - 10th (Year 2013); GPA 3.74 / Advance Placement Classes: History & English
- John Hopkins University for Talent Youth (Summer Program 2011) - Class: Mathematical Math
- UC Berkley Tech Bridge Science Program (Summer 2008)
- Anna Yates Elementary / K - 6th (2002-2007)
- East Bay Academy for Young Scientist After School Program (2005-2007)
- U.C. Berkeley, Science & Engineering (Summer Program 2007)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

- Mandarin Intermediate / Read Write & Speaking Fluently

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Student of the Month Award - January 2013
- Honor Roll Student (K-10th)
- Perfect Attendance Award (4th -6th) (8th 9th ,10th)
- Student of the Week Award (5th -6th), (8th - 9th)
- Parent Teacher Organization, Community Service Volunteer (2012)
- Chabot Space & Science Center, Film & Video (2009)
- Civic Pride Youth Ambassador Recipient for the Emeryville Unified School District (2009)
- Student of the Week Award
- Citizenship Award
- Merit Award of excellence in algebra
- Achievement award in social science

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- Positive Steps Program (2011 - Present)
- National Association Advancement for Color People - Vice President (2013)
- Alta Bates Hospital Senior Citizen Program (2011 - 2012)
- Emery Ed Fund Data Entry Clerk and Community Services (2012 - 2013)

EMPLOYMENT:

- Oakland Police Explore: Parks & Recreation (07/15/2013 -08/16/2013)
- Golden Eagles: Tutor K-8 / Math & English (12/01/2012- 06/4/2013)
- Poseyville Daycare: Tutored Children of ages 4 - 6 years of age

HOBBIES:

- Reading & Writing
 - Performing Arts & Stage Manager
 - Track & Field
 - Reading Piano Notes and playing the Piano
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Eleanor Good

Education: Holy Names High School Class of 2015

Oakland, CA

- GPA: 3.9 unweighted/ 4.4 weighted
- Honors courses: Biology, Chemistry, English 9, English 10, English 11, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-calculus
- Advanced Placement: United States History, Biology, English Literature, French, Calculus AB

Activities:

Holy Names High School Campus Ministry Team Social Justice Committee Chair

2011-Present

- Coordinate activities for the student body such as our yearly "Rose festival" to celebrate the school's founder, organize prayer services, raise awareness and funds for various charitable causes, organize social justice learning assemblies.
- Social justice focus areas include: immigration, bullying, women's rights, water accessibility, and hunger & poverty.

Holy Names High School Vocal Ensemble

2012-Present

- Perform at various school, charity, and community events throughout the school year and participate in competitions several times a year.

Actor: School Musical (Spring Theatre Production)

2013-Present

- Ensemble actor in 2013, Principle role in 2014
- Attend 2-3 hour rehearsals 3-5 times a week in preparation for the four performances towards the end of the school year.

Holy Names High School "Belles Tones" A Capella Group.

2013-

Present

- Perform at various school fundraising and admission events as well as community events.
- Act as a school ambassador at admissions events by telling prospective students about the school (especially the arts and academic programs) and answering any questions.

Dance

2002-2014

- Took Ballet, Modern Dance, Jazz, Contemporary, and Scottish dance classes 2-3 times per week.
- Performed in recitals and other studio performances.

Technovation Challenge Participant

2011-2012

- All-girls app building competition in which teams of five people from each school in the area design a science-based android app, create a business plan for the app, create a prototype for the app, and then pitch the finished product to a board of tech business executives.
- Won third place in the regional competition

Vice President of School's Jewish Culture Club

2012-2014

- Assisted in organizing and running meetings two Fridays per month
- Helped plan an assembly celebrating Jewish holidays and an assembly in remembrance of the Holocaust.

- Organized two club field trips to the Jewish Contemporary museum in San Francisco.
- Hosted an Israeli civil rights activist and author who spoke at a school assembly.
- Responsible for club booth in the annual clubs fair.

Employment Experience:

Babysitting

2013-Present

- Entertain and take care of neighborhood children on weekday evenings and some weekends.

Camp Counsellor: East Bay Dance Center Summer Camp

2012

- Assisted teaching dance classes
- Supervised campers during breaks, playtime, and lunch
- Prepared food for campers
- Performed various odd jobs such as organizing shoes, setting up for end of camp performance, supervising drop off and pick up, etc.

Takai Ginwright

Oakland, California

SUMMARY

I'm a young artist growing up in an urban community who seeks to be a Film/Video Director in order to give back to communities through progressive film.

EXPERIENCE

Director/Coordinator, Bay Area Video Coalition
San Francisco, California — 2011-2013

Interned as a youth filmmaker to create films for Bay Area non-profit organizations

Accomplishments

- Film: Choices
- Film: Lyric Documentary

Student, Oakland School for the Arts
Oakland, California — 2011-2015

Student filmmaker/designer in the School of Digital Media.

Accomplishments

- Film: Betti Ono
- Film: Whooptie Whop
- Film: American Lion
- Film: A Common Change
- Human Rights poster

EDUCATION

Oakland School for the Arts

2008-present

San Francisco Arts Academy

2011-2011 (pre-college)

SKILLS

Proficient in:

Final Cut Pro

Photoshop

Lightroom

REFERENCES

Linkedin: Takai Ginwright

Twitter: @takaitheartist

Instagram: @takaitheartist

Independent

2012-2013

University of Puerto Rico in Cayey

South Africa

Accomplishments

Puerto Rico

- Photo Documentation of Community Research Project

South Africa

- Self Directed Photography Project
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Community Engagement

Oakland Youth Advisory Commission

Oakland, California — 2012-present

Mayors Youth leadership council

Media and Public Communications Official

Global Glimpse Study Abroad

Assisted communities redesign of daycare

Assisted with food distribution

Volunteerism

Alameda County Food Bank

Assisted with food distribution

University of Pretoria/Ngilandi School

Assisted with community research project

Honors and Awards

California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)

- California Distinguished Arts Scholar in Film/Video

Oakland School for the Arts

- National Honors Society Scholar
- Certificate of Achievement in Film/Video

Other

- Accepted in Nation Film Festival for Talented Youth
- Accepted into New York University pre-college program
- Global Glimpse Ambassador

Shizhou Chen

EDUCATION

Oakland Charter High School, Oakland, CA

June 2011-present (Junior)

GPA: 4.750 (weighed), 4.00 (unweighed)

Math level exceeded all the math courses available at OCHS

Laney College, Oakland, CA (concurrent enrollment)

GPA: 4.00.

Statistics (Spring 2013), Grade:A

Calculus I (Summer 2013), Grade:A

Calculus II (Fall 2013), Grade:A

American Indian Public Charter School II, Oakland, CA

June 2008-June 2011

GPA: 4.0

EXTRACURRICULARS

OCHS Publishing Club (April 2013-present)

- Club founder
- Currently Editor-in-Chief
- Create and Publish the monthly publication *Blue Collar*

Nova Choir Member (September 2008-present)

- Advanced youth choir of Cantare Con Vivo
- **June 5, 2010.** Received the Choir Award for noteworthy participation
- **January 3, 2011.** Gave spoken introduction during performance at the inauguration of the Oakland mayor
- **May 11, 2013.** Great America Music in the Parks Choir Competition, First Place

School Volunteer

- Serve as translator during time of need
- **December 2014.** Stood in for absent school assistant at Oakland Charter Academy to make phone calls and process papers

- **May 2013, January 2014.** Translator for OCHS student-parent recruitment

Tutor for Middle School Students

- **September 2010-June 2011.** Worked one-on-one with a sixth grade student at American Indian Public Charter School II to help him master state standards in mathematics
- **September 2012-June 2013.** Worked with Oakland Charter Academy students during study hall sessions.

School Band member (September 2011-December 2012)

- **June 8, 2012.** Performed at graduation ceremony of Class of 2012

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Principal's List** (May 31, 2013)
- **Student of the Month** (September 24, 2013)
- Poem published in *Cicada* magazine (March/April 2013 issue)
- **SAT Reasoning** test score: 2400
- **AP Statistics** test score: 5
- **SAT II Math Level 2** test score: 800
- **SAT II Chinese** test score: 800

SKILLS

- **Fluent in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)**
- **Some Japanese**
- **Microsoft Office.** Formatted magazines for Publishing Club
- **Excel.** Statistics class and regular use.
- **PowerPoint.** School presentations
- **Scientific Method.** Psychology experiment relating self-serving bias and the Barnum effect.
- **Lab Experience.** Chemistry class
- **Hands-on skills** such as soldering and building electrical circuits, through participating in a program called Techbridge in middle school years

ELLIOT HUNT

OBJECTIVE

- Intended College Major: Computer Science, Technology, Journalism
- Intended Career: Information Technology

EDUCATION

- Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, California (9/2012 - Present)
- 3.5 *unweighted* GPA
- Rank: N/A
- Graduation: May 2016

ACADEMIC HONORS

- Yosemite Science Research Trip
- AP, Honors, or Accelerated Courses Taken:
 - 11th: AP Psychology, Honors English 3, Mandarin 3
 - 10th: Honors English 2, Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry
 - 9th: Honors English 1, Honors Geometry, Biology

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

- Ambitious
- Creative
- Observant
- Perseverant

CURRENT YEAR COURSES

- AP Psychology
- Honors English 3
- Mandarin 3
- Pre-Calculus
- U.S. History
- Computer Programming
- Religion

Rebecca Dharmapalan

Summary

1. Committed to medicine as a career.
2. Interested in welfare of children and the ethics of medicine in society.
<http://www.indiawest.com/news/108-blog-The-Power-of-A-Youthful-Melody--Rebecca-Dharmapalan.html>
3. Passionate about music, singing, and piano.

Education

Sep 2011 - Present

Oakland School for the Arts

Downtown Oakland

10-12 grade

Rebecca attends Oakland School for the Arts in Downtown Oakland. She is a Vocal and Instrumental Music major.

Sep 2010 - May 11

Head Royce School

Oakland, California 9 grade

Volunteer Service

Nov 2012 - Present

Volunteer at Oakland Children's Hospital

Oakland, California Children's Hospital Oakland Grade 11

4 Hours/Week

Total Hours: 70

Rebecca volunteers at the Children's Hospital in Oakland where she had received medical care as a child. She works with young patients during their care and recovery at the hospital.

May 2011 - Present

Children's Hospital Benefit Concert- Notes and Words

Oakland, California

Children's Hospital Oakland

Rebecca opened Notes and Words concert with her rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mljiSucmbo>

Extracurricular Activities

Mar 2013 - Present

Authoring a Children's book - "Hand in Hand"

10 Hrs/Week

Rebecca is currently writing a children's picture book on the global empowerment of girls through education.

Jan 2002 – Present

Rebecca has played piano for 12 years. She focuses on classical piano, as well as contemporary songs. She recently completed all three movements of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

Jan 2003-2009

San Francisco Girls Choir Intermediate and Piedmont Choir Advanced. Currently working with a private voice coach.

Awards/Certificates

Feb 2013

Grand Prize winner of the Girls Impact the World Film Festival

Grade 11

Rebecca and her partner won Grand Prize at the Girls Impact the World film festival at Harvard University for her documentary "International Boulevard," focused on Commercially Sexually Exploited Minors in Oakland, California. The film festival featured entries from around the world, judged by Nobel Laureates and internationally recognized leaders. [International Boulevard a documentary](#) ; [Oakland Local Article](#) ; [Forbes Article](#)

Jan 2013

First Place Winner at American Protégé International Vocal Competition.

Grade 11

First place winner at American Protégé in the genre of Musical Theater. Again performing at Carnegie Hall. "American Protégé is designed for young musicians, actors, singers and dancers on the path to a successful career."

<http://postnewsgroup.com/blog/2013/04/06/sisters-rebecca-rachel-dharmapalan-perform-carnegie-hall/>

Jun 2013

Second Place Winner at American Protégé International Vocal Competition.

Grade 12

Second place winner at American Protégé in the genre of Opera. Rebecca will have the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfbsM-219A>

Feb 2013

First place winner of The American Fine Arts Festival

Grade 11

Rebecca won first place for vocal music at the American Fine Arts Festival. She performed her winning Jazz piece along with an opera solo at Carnegie Hall. "The American Fine Arts Festival (AFAF) was established in 2003 by Vladimir Agilin with the objective of promoting musical education and fostering the study and understanding of classical music." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjUw78rnjyU>

Skills/Academic Achievement

Sep 2011- Present

National Honors Society

Rebecca has been in NHS from her sophomore year till now.

"The National Honor Society (NHS) is a recognition program for high school students in grades 10 through 12 in the United States and in several other countries. NHS honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character."

May 2012

10th Grade Point Average (4.04)

English II Honors [A]; Spanish I [-A]; Algebra II: [A]; U.S. History [A]; Biology [A]; Music Theory [-A]

11th Grade Point Average (3.96)

AP English III [-A]; Spanish II [+B]; Chemistry [A]; TA Freshman English; Pre Calculus [-A]; Music Theory II [A]

12th Grade Classes

AP Psychology; AP Govn; Econ Honors; Gender Studies and Medicine; AP Calculus; AP English; Theory III.

Leadership

Founder of Oakland Youth for Democracy - September 2012

Rebecca is the founder of Oakland Youth for Democracy. to build a coalition of politically conscious young adults and mobilize youth involvement in the upcoming election. displays my dedication to politics and how I think its important for young kids to get involved for our future. <http://postnewsgroup.com/blog/2012/10/12/high-school-students-organize-for-obama/>

Oakland Youth Commission - July 2013

Rebecca is a member of Oakland Youth Commission and serves as a voice for youth by advising the City Council on key policy issues affecting youth. The Commission meets with civic leaders to advocate for youth needs.

Student Leadership - Sep 2010 – Present

Rebecca was in student leadership throughout her 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years. She took the roll as class representative every year. She is currently the Diversity Chair for her school.

Mahlik Smith

Objective I'm interested in the youth leaders commission program

Education [2013-2014] McClymonds high school Oakland , CA

Interests and activities Sports

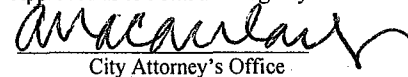
Volunteer experience Olivet Outreach program

References Teachers , ministers , and coaches

Extracurricular activities Basketball , Baseball

Summary of qualifications [2013 , every 2nd and 4th Saturday] Olivet institutional Outreach program
Server and volunteer service

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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMILA COLEMAN, ELEANOR GOOD, TAKAI GINWRIGHT, SHIZHOU CHEN, ELLIOT HUNT, REBECCA DHARMAPALAN AND MAHLIK SMITH AS MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance No.10545 C.M.S., adopted February 5, 1985, amended by Ordinance No. 11461, passed June 23, 1992, and amended by Ordinance No. 11869, passed March 12, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Commission is comprised of Twenty-Five youth from ages 13 to 21, appointed by the Mayor and Council, one to represent each Council District and the remaining eighteen to serve as at-large members, with all appointments being for a period of two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Youth Advisory Commission is to identify the needs of youth of the community from the ages of 13 to 21, thereby creating citizen awareness of such needs and serving as the policy recommending body for civic/education-related matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Oakland in which youth have an interest, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Jean Quan has appointed the following individuals for the terms set forth below:

Jamila Coleman, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term as the District 1 appointee that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Bahar Ostedan.

Eleanor Good, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term as the District 4 appointee that began November 1, 2014 and will end October 31, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Lilly Tahmesebi.

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Mahlik Smith, Mayoral appointment to serve a two- year term as an At Large appointee that began July 1, 2014 and will end June 30, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Eric Gant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Jamila Coleman, Eleanor Good, Takai Ginwright, Shizhou Chen, Elliot Hunt, Rebecca Dharmapalan and Mahlik Smith to the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission for the terms set forward above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – KALB, PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN, MCELHANEY, SCHAAF, GALLO, BROOKS, REID, AND KAPLAN

NOES –
ABSTENTIONS-
ABSENT-

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California