

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

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## Letter of Appointment

December 3, 2020

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

Dear President Kaplan and members of the City Council:

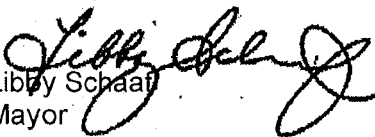
Pursuant to City Charter Section 601, the Mayor has appointed the following person as a member of the following board or commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

### **Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

**Cathy Eberhardt**, to serve a three-year term that began September 3, 2020 and ends September 2, 2023, filling a seat previously held by Sarah Garner.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

**Profile**

Cathy Eberhardt  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Oakland CA 94612  
City State Postal Code

Home: Home  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Disabled N/A  
Employer Job Title

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

Commission on Persons with Disabilities: 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 permanently disabled woman of color that lives in Oakland who has been faced with biases over 20 years that would like to see change to benefit all disabled people. I am a recent Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI) of 2020. I am a member of the EBHP RCOP Committee and Resident Leader of EBALDC. I am compassionate, involved in my community and determined.

**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.**

Cathy Eberhardt BCLI Resume v3 3 .pdf  
Upload a Resume

**Please paste the text of your resume or curriculum vitae below.**

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Cathy Eberhardt

Dear Commissioner: My name is Cathy Eberhardt, a resident of District 2. I am applying to become a member of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) or the Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee (I-Bond). I feel my experiences will be an asset to the above Commission and Committee. I am a woman of color and resident of Oakland for over 17 years. When I was 40, I became disabled and was homeless for 18 months, living in transitional housing and homeless shelters. In 2017, I moved into Noble Tower Apartments in Oakland where I currently reside. Being homeless and disabled sparked my desire to help those in my community, especially those who went through the same circumstances as I did. Through personal experience, I understand that there are certain biases against disabled individuals, which often results in mistreated and not being heard. Being a leader provided me the opportunity to give back and make sure that my community thrives, be safe and well taken care of. As a leader, I have taken on many projects. I worked with the Chinatown Resident Leadership Council (RLC) members to launch an Emergency Preparedness community project for East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC) affordable housing residents in Chinatown. Myself and other resident leaders made safety packets which included important emergency preparedness information, and city and county human services contacts for residents. In addition, I took action to improve pedestrian safety by reaching out to the California Highway Patrol and asked the officer to present to EBALDC Chinatown residents about pedestrian safety. I worked with neighborhood coalitions and Chinatown RLC members, advocated that the City of Oakland keep Lincoln Park and Madison Square Park available to community members. I am a frequent volunteer at Madison Square Park, where activities, games, and raffles would take place in order to give back to the community. I have been an advocate for affordable housing through the East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO) for 3 years. With EBHO, I have lobbied legislators in Sacramento to support our issues. I have also spoke before the Oakland City Council. With my experience with the RLC, EBALDC staff encouraged and referred me to participate in other leadership programs. In 2018, I graduated from the East Bay Housing Organization Leadership Academy. In the same year, I also graduated from Urban Habitat under the Civic Leadership Committee. In 2019, I attended the Resident United Network (RUN), the NeighborWorks of America Community Leadership Institute in Chicago and was recommended by EBALDC to the Urban Habitat's Boards and Commission Leadership Institute (BCLI) where I am currently attending the program. My life experiences as a disabled woman of color; my ongoing involvement and commitment to the community; and my dedication to constantly learn and implement new leadership skills; make me an excellent candidate to the MCPD and the I-Bond to ensure unhoused people and people with disabilities have a voice at the table; be treated with dignity and respect; and, to make decisions that would respond to the concerns of the disability and unhoused communities. I have a driven personality and give 100% in any endeavor I am involved in. I am highly dedicated, committed and have follow through. It would be an honor to serve on the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) or the Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee (I-Bond). Thank you. Regards, Cathy Eberhardt

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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 \*

**Cathy Eberhardt**

**Objective:** To seek a commission position within the City of Oakland where I can utilize my skills and my lived experience around issues impacting the community, such as housing and people with disabilities.

Community Engagement/Volunteer Experiences

- 2020 to Present      **Urban Habitat’s Boards and Commission Leadership Institute (BCLI)**
- Attend classes in a 6-month program where learn about the city commissions and boards and how to be involved by serving the Oakland residents by seating on a board or commission.
- 2019 to Present      **RUN (Residents United Network)**
- Attended conference where I learned about:
- There is No Place Like Home*, a program to build supportive housing for Californians living with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- Census is Coming* – effective techniques for reaching out people who are hard to count due to their housing situation –or lack of.
- Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act* –Discussed opportunities and ways to continue advocating and reaching out local policymakers.
- 2018 to Present      **East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO)**
- Actively involved with the Resident Community Organizing Program (RCOP)
- Lobbied in Sacramento on Section 8 discrimination law and fair chance for formally incarcerated for housing.
- Spoke at 3 actions impact fees focusing on Oakland at City Hall for affordable housing during week of housing justice.
- Told my story of homelessness and affordable housing pushing the focus on longtime residents.
- Participated in the Leadership Academy Cohort
- 2018 – Present      **East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC)**
- Resident leader representing Noble Towers and other Chinatown residents of Oakland.
- Co-facilitated at large Resident Leadership Council (RLC) meetings

Assisted in meeting preparations including with agenda items.

Along with other RLC members, assisted drafting the writing of the Bylaws and facilitated group discussions to get feedback for the Bylaws.

Planned and led the Care Packages for the homeless events in Chinatown.

Represented the RLC in Chicago at the Community Leadership Institute, NeighborWorks of America.

September 2018

**Urban Habitat**

Attended the Civic Leadership Training program.

Approved as to Form and Legality

*Michael J. Scott*

City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

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### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CATHY EBERHARDT TO THE COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**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**, Ordinance No. 9968 C.M.S., adopted August 5, 1980, and amended by Ordinance No. 11864 C.M.S., adopted March 12, 1996 and then by Ordinance No. 13334 C.M.S., adopted October 20, 2015, created the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to address issues germane to accessibility, services and civil rights for persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities consists of eleven (11) members, serving three year staggered terms with no more than two consecutive terms; and

**WHEREAS**, at least a majority of the Commission members appointed must be persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed Cathy Eberhardt to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, 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 following appointment to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities:

**Cathy Eberhardt**, to serve a three-year term that began September 3, 2020 and ends September 2, 2023, filling a seat previously held by Sarah Garner.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,  
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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