

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

October 20, 2019

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:

Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board

Benjamin Fu, Mayoral appointment as a city planner member to serve a three-year term on the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board beginning on February 21, 2022, and ending February 20, 2025, filling the seat previously held by himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf".

Libby Schaaf
Mayor

Profile

Benjamin

First Name

Fu

Middle Initial

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Mobile: (510)

Primary Phone

Mobile: (510)

Alternate Phone

City of Cupertino

Employer

Director of Community
Development Department

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

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

Over 23 years of experience in city planning, architecture, and urban design. My professional planning experience includes over 13 years at San Francisco Planning Department and the last six years at the City of Cupertino. Both jurisdictions face challenging the complex land use issues. I have also been a member of two design committees while working with San Francisco and as the current Vice Chair of City of Oakland's Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board. Further, as the Director of Community Development currently, I manage planning and building activities for the City of Cupertino, gaining an unique perspective and experience in the field of land use. I would serve the planning commission well in matters related to planning, development, preservation, and land use and environmental concerns. I would bring an extensive planning experience to assist the Planning Commission in the City's growth and development.

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.

Benjamin Fu Over 23 years of increasing responsibilities in the public and private sectors with demonstrated breadth and ability to succeed in a variety of disciplines, including the last nine years in an executive management and leadership role. Experiences include but not limited to: exceptional leadership and management, staff mentorship, organizational and cross-cultural communication, negotiations, conflict resolution, and project management. Education University of Southern California 2019 Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) University of California, Berkeley 1998 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Architecture Experience: City of Oakland 2020 - Present Vice Chair, Landmarks and Preservation Advisory Board The Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board identifies historic landmarks in Oakland, conducts design review hearings on historic properties, and advises the Planning Commission and City Council on preservation. Community Development Department, City of Cupertino 2016 – Present Director of Community Development (February 2019 – Present) • Manager of a department with 34 professional staff in the divisions of Planning, Building, Housing, Economic Development, and Code Enforcement. • Responsible for department functions, organization, and budget. • Responsible for the planning, direction, and implementation of the city's economic development and policies. • Manage, attend, and/or conduct meetings for various commissions and committees including City Council, Planning Commission, Economic Development Committee, Design Review Committee, Disaster Council, and Environmental Review Committee. Assistant Director of Community Development (February 2016 - February 2019) • Manager of 15 professional staff in Planning, Housing and Code Enforcement divisions. • Serve as Cupertino's Administrative Hearing Officer, adjudicating municipal regulatory complaints. • Supervise and manage meetings for various commissions and committees including the Planning Commission, Administrative Hearings, and Design Review. Economic and Community Development Department, City of Rocklin 2014 – 2016 Planning Manager (April 2014 – January 2016) • Managed the Planning Division with six professional staff. • Responsible for current and advance planning projects as well as functionality of the division. • Interpret zoning code and formulate design guidelines, determinations and approvals. San Francisco Planning Department, City and County of San Francisco 2001 - 2014 Planner-Supervisor (January 2013 – March 2014) • Supervised the Planning Services Team with seven professional staff members. • Managed major and multi-million-dollar projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods. • Member of Residential Design Team and Urban Design Advisory Team. Senior Planner / Planner III (October 2005 – January 2013) • Supervised the Planning Services Team with seven professional staff members. • Managed major and multi-million-dollar projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods. • Member of Residential Design Team and Urban Design Advisory Team. Associate Planner / Planner II (January 2001 – October 2005) • Supervised the Planning Services Team with seven professional staff members. • Managed major and multi-million-dollar projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods. • Member of Residential Design Team and Urban Design Advisory Team. McCall Design Group, San Francisco 1999 – 2000 Job Captain (January 1999 – December 2000) • Managed projects in multiple jurisdictions in design and development, preliminary building design, and construction administration. • Main contact and liaison with city departments and agencies.

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 *

Benjamin Fu

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Education

University of Southern California Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)	2019
University of California, Berkeley Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Architecture	1998

Experience

Community Development Department, City of Cupertino **2016 – Present**

Director of Community Development (February 2019 – Present)

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- Responsible for department functions, organization, and budget.
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Senior Planner / Planner III (October 2005 – January 2013)

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Volunteer Experience

City of Oakland **2020 - Present**

Vice Chair, Landmarks and Preservation Advisory Board

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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BENJAMIN FU AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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. 192 C.M.S. creates the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board consists of seven members including but not limited to Landscape Architect or City Planner, Oakland Historian or Architectural Historian, Real Estate Broker, and Architect, whose members of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board are to serve three-year terms, which are to be staggered so that some appointments will expire every year, and appointments to fill a term of office are only to be for the remainder of that term, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf, upon the recommendation of the corresponding councilmembers, reappoints **Benjamin Fu** to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board for the terms stated below; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's reappointment as follows:

Benjamin Fu, Mayoral reappointment as city planner member to serve a three-year term on the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board beginning on February 21, 2022 and ending February 20, 2025, filling the seat previously held by himself.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT
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NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

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