

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

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## Letter of Reappointment

February 2, 2022

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

Dear President Bas and members of the City Council:

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

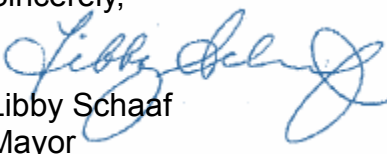
### **Privacy Advisory Commission**

**Lou Katz**, to serve a three-year term on the Privacy Advisory Commission beginning March 15, 2022 and ending March 15, 2025 filling the seat previously held by himself.

**Brian Hofer**, to serve a three-year term on the Privacy Advisory Commission beginning March 15, 2022 and ending March 15, 2025 filling the seat previously held by himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

### Profile

Lou \_\_\_\_\_ Katz \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address Suite or Apt  
 Oakland CA 94602  
 City State Postal Code

Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Retired \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Job Title

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

Privacy Advisory Commission: Submitted

### Interests & Experiences

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

Current commissioner on the Privacy Advisory Commission

*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.*

[PAC2019.pdf](#) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Upload a Resume

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

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I Agree \*



## RESUME

Lou Katz  
Metron Computerware, Ltd.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Home Address:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## PROFESSIONAL

*Privacy Advisory Commission, City of Oakland, CA*  
**Commissioner** 2016-2019

*Oakland Privacy: Privacy Advocacy group*  
**Member**

*VerifiedVoting.org:*  
**Member**, Board of Advisors

University of Wisconsin: Ph.D. (Physics)  
C.C.N.Y.: B.S. (Physics). Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Second Year Honors,

*ACM/SIGGRAPH (Special Interest Group in Computer Graphics):*  
**Director** (Member of the Executive Committee.)  
**Chairman**, Local Groups Steering Committee

*ACM (Association for Computing Machinery):*  
**Member**, Chapters Board

*The USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA.:*  
One of the **Founders**, first **President**, Past **Director**.

*ACM/SIGGRAPH Bay Area Local Group:*  
**Founder** and first **Chairman**.

*SIGGRAPH '82: Boston, MA.*  
**Chairman**, Film and Video Show.

*Niccograph '82: Tokyo, JAPAN.*  
**Co-chairman**, Film and Video Show.

*3rd International Animation Film Festival, New York 1975:*  
**Co-chairman**, computer animation conference.

## POSITIONS

*Pilot Network Services, Alameda, CA*

**Senior Security Systems Analyst.** Responsible for evaluating the security aspects of third-party products prior to deployment on internet-facing servers. Security reviews of customer produced code prior to installation on internet-facing servers. General network security configuration.

*Peritek Corporation, Oakland, CA*

**Consultant and Software Manager.** Peritek was a manufacturer of VME, PMC and PCI frame buffers for workstations and industrial applications. Peritek display boards have on-board X servers for improved performance. Responsible for operations of heterogeneous network of Unix and real-time operating systems, local and wide area networking, documentation, customer support, software configuration, revision control and support.

*NetBack, Inc. Venice, CA*

**Chief Technical Officer.** NetBack was the originator of On-Line backup services, allowing users to back up their computers over the internet, utilizing data encryption and access controls for privacy. Responsible for technical operations.

*RGB Spectrum, Alameda, CA*

**Software Engineering Manager.** RGB Spectrum is a manufacturer of video scan converters, video windowing systems and MediaWall and ComputerWall, computer graphics display controllers for walls of video monitors. Responsible for software product design, project scheduling and management of software and firmware engineers.

*Networked Picture Systems, Santa Clara, CA*

**Director of Research and Development** for computer graphics startup company. Software design and product development of PC based electronic graphics paint programs for medical, printing, video and animation applications.

*University of California, Berkeley*

**Director of Computing Resources.** Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Responsible for planning and management of the department's computing resources, including 38 VAX mini-computers, 75 Sun workstations, etc. Annual budget of over \$2 million. Staff exceeded 30 FTE.

*California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA*

**Instructor,** Department of Architectural Studies. Developed semester course in **Computer Literacy for Architects and Designers**, which included training in AutoCAD and P-Cad systems.

*Fortune Systems Corporation, Redwood City, CA*

Long range planning department. Responsible for UNIX, database management and computer graphics product planning.

*Golemics, Inc., Berkeley, CA*

**General Manager and V.P. of Research & Development**, in conjunction with Mr. Lee Felsenstein (designer of the Osborne Personal Computer and the Processor Technology Sol-20).

*University of California, Berkeley, CA*

**Visiting Associate Professor of Computer Science.** Courses: Video Graphics Languages and Techniques; Data Structures; Machine Structure.

*Columbia University, New York, NY*

**Director, Core Computer Facility,** Cancer Center/Institute of Cancer Research and Pharmacology Program Project. **Assistant Professor of Pharmacology,** Faculty of Medicine.

*Columbia University, New York, NY*

**Director, Computer Graphics Facility**, Department of Biological Sciences. **Adjunct Associate Professor of Graphics**, Dept of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics.

*MIT, Cambridge, MA*

**Senior Research Associate**, Department of Biological Sciences. Molecular biology of nucleic acids and biopolymers, using X-ray crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance.

*Visking Corporation, Chicago, IL*

**Research Scientist**. Structure of cellulose films using small-angle X-ray diffraction.

*Union Carbide Metals Company, Niagara Falls, NY*

**Research Scientist**. Structure of manganese dioxide ores using electron spin resonance.

## METRON COMPUTERWARE, LTD. / Metron Studios, Oakland CA

**President** of Metron Computerware since its founding in 1978. Metron Computerware is a consulting and training firm specializing in computer systems networking and management, graphics systems, CAD, graphic arts, architecture and design, with emphasis on UNIX, Linux and Windows systems configuration and security, DNS, and Sendmail. Metron Computerware provides Domain Name Service, SMTP service and web hosting for more than three dozen local domains.

## PROJECTS AND CONSULTING

*University of California, Berkeley - Institute of Transportation Studies/PATH*

Create, install and manage software repositories for project software. Configure servers, workstations and RSUs for periodic backup. Prepare and maintain scripts and procedures for updating software repositories and field vehicles with current code.

*Pilot Network Services, Inc*

Sendmail configuration, SPAM control policies and procedures.

*Britton Silberman and Cervantez, LLP.*

Network management and installation of FreeBSD fileserver and mailserver facilities for the firm's Windows 95 and 98 workstations.

*FaceSaver*

Metron Studios is the developer of the FaceSaver system, an integrated real-time image capture, database and image printout system for production of selective picture lists on demand. This system was used for over two years at conferences of the USENIX Association to digitally capture the portraits of almost 4000 attendees, and to print attendee lists using these portraits. Most of these portraits are also now electronically accessible through the Internet from UUNET Information Systems.

*Omnimath, Inc., New York, NY*

Design of custom systems for displaying total trading positions for commodities brokerage houses. Design and implementation of a commodities Trade Matching System for monitoring legal trading limits requirements and for establishing "Haircutting" amounts for reporting of trader's net worth.

*Teknekron Software Systems, Palo Alto, CA*

Design of an integrated stock trading workstation software for Goldman Sachs, NY. Design, programming and enhancement of a PC-based institutional stock portfolio analyzer to summarize large stock holdings for block trading on major stock exchanges.

## *CAD*

Configuration and customization of AutoCAD systems, custom AutoLisp programming, AutoShade, AutoFlix and Animator. System layout and configuration for UCP-CAD Productions (Oakland), custom AutoLisp wiring layout program for IBM (Oakland), AutoShade and AutoFlix "Fly-bys" for Autodesk and LSA (Richmond).

## *Array Technologies, Oakland, CA*

GPIB system software for transfer of large image files between proprietary scanning hardware and end-user computers.

## *Networked Picture Systems, Santa Clara, CA*

PC based image processing and data compression software.

## *Fortune Systems Corporation, Redwood City, CA*

Project manager for RUBIX relational database management system. Designed and implemented a 401X Tektronix emulator to use Fortune System's proprietary monochrome graphics controller.

## *Etra Technology Research Associates, Oakland, CA*

Consultant on three-dimensional imaging, stereo image processing, real-time generation of color stereo images for TV broadcasting. Software systems design for digital control of analog and digital video processing modules, video colorizers and multi-level keyers.

## *Purvis Systems, San Diego, CA*

Analysis and evaluation of market potential of a PC-based networking and electronic document exchange system developed at Purvis.

## *Vertigo Computer Imagery, Vancouver, B.C.*

Technology assessment and evaluation of plans for a new, state-of-the-art graphics hardware and software system for video post-production and animation.

## REFERENCES

References supplied on request.

## PUBLICATIONS

List of professional publications supplied on request.

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**Profile**

Brian M Hofer  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[REDACTED]  
Email Address

[REDACTED]  
Street Address

[REDACTED]  
Suite or Apt

Oakland  
City

CA  
State

94608  
Postal Code

Mobile: [REDACTED]  
Primary Phone

Mobile: [REDACTED]  
Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

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**Interests & Experiences**

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

I am the current chair of the privacy commission. I also chaired the predecessor, the Domain Awareness Center ad hoc committee. I work on surveillance and privacy related matters with government entities throughout the greater Bay Area, and I lecture on these topics at conferences across the country

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[Hofer Resume-  
Bio\\_for\\_Commission.docx](#)

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**BRIAN M HOFER**

**Committee Experience**

Chair, Oakland Privacy Advisory Commission (2016-current)  
Chair, Domain Awareness Center Ad Hoc Privacy Committee (2015)

**Policy/Legislative Experience**

Co-author of surveillance ordinances (Oakland, Berkeley, Davis, and BART)	2017-2018
Author of sanctuary contracting ordinance (Richmond)	June 2018
“Domain Awareness Center Privacy and Data Retention Policy” – Oakland	June 2, 2015
“FLIR Privacy and Data Retention Policy” – Oakland	October 6, 2015
“District Attorney’s Policy for Cell-Site Simulator Technology” – Alameda County	November 17, 2015

**Notable Panel Presentations**

“Facial Recognition and Privacy Workshop” Cleveland State University – Marshall College of Law Cleveland, OH	March 29, 2019
“The Benefits and Costs of Policing” NYU School of Law – Policing Project New York, NY	September 21, 2018
“The Color of Surveillance: Government Monitoring of Religious Minorities” Georgetown University Law – Center on Privacy & Technology Washington, D.C.	July 19, 2018
“Race & Artificial Intelligence” UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy – Race & Policy Symposium Berkeley, CA	April 9, 2018
“Privacy Localism: A New Research Agenda” NYU Information Law Institute New York, NY	November 3, 2017
“How California is fighting back against Cyber-surveillance” RightsCon Silicon Valley San Francisco, CA	March 31, 2016
“Street-level surveillance and how it threatens our communities” Library Freedom Project/Noisebridge San Francisco, CA	June 30, 2015
“Body Cameras & Police Accountability” Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law/Berkeley Law School Berkeley, CA	March 12, 2015

“Protecting Our Communities, Respecting Our Liberties”  
California Department of Justice - Attorney General Kamala D. Harris  
San Francisco, CA

January 21, 2015

“Bay Area Digital Government Summit”  
Government Technology/e.Republic  
Foster City, CA

October 28, 2014

### **Opinion Pieces**

“BART Poised to Lead in Protecting Civil Liberties”  
East Bay Express Guest Opinion

September 11, 2018

“Berkeley Can Become a City of Refuge”  
East Bay Express Guest Opinion

March 8, 2018

“Making Oakland a Real Sanctuary City”  
East Bay Express Guest Opinion

June 28, 2017

“Oakland Poised to Protect Civil Liberties with  
new Surveillance Technology Ordinance”  
East Bay Express Guest Opinion

April 26, 2017

“Without Public Discussion, Alameda County Must Nix Stingray System”  
Contra Costa Times Guest Commentary

October 12, 2015

“Oakland Poised to Lead in Protecting Privacy”  
Eastbay Express Guest Opinion

February 4, 2015

“Why We Oppose the Oakland Spy Center”  
Eastbay Express Guest Opinion

February 26, 2014

### **Recognition**

“Brian Hofer Thwarts Authoritarian Power” – Oakland Magazine

August 6, 2018

Best of the East Bay “Defender of a Free Society” – East Bay Express

August 9, 2016

“Patriot Award” – Bill of Rights Defense Committee

March 1, 2016

### **Current Employment**

The Law Office of Gould & Hahn – Berkeley, CA  
Executive Director – Secure Justice

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

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### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LOU KATZ AND BRIAN HOFER TO THE PRIVACY ADVISORY 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 five members of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Privacy Advisory Commission (Commission) was created by Ordinance No. 13349 C.M.S., adopted January 19, 2016; now, therefore, be it

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

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- (2) **Brian Hofer**, to serve a three-year term on the Privacy Advisory Commission beginning March 15, 2022 and ending March 15, 2025 filling the seat previously held by himself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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