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Letter of Appointment

February 16, 2023

Dear President Bas and members of the City Council:

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

Commission on Homelessness

Joey Harrison, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2022 and ends December 1, 2025, filling a seat previously held by himself.

Alexis Lozano, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2022 and ends December 1, 2025, filling a seat previously held by herself.

Candace Elder, to serve a three-year term that begins December 2, 2022 and ends December 1, 2025, filling a seat previously held by herself.

Beth Stokes, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2022 and ends December 1, 2024, filling a seat previously held by herself.

Mark Walker, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2022 and ends December 1, 2024, filling a seat previously held by himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheng have Mayor Sheng Thao

Candice P. Elder

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH M.S., Criminal Justice, 2012

University of California, Berkeley - Berkeley, CA B.A., Political Science, 2006 Minor. African American Studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

The East Oakland Collective January 2016 – present Grassroots membership organization committed to driving impact in racial and economic equity in Deep East Oakland, CA in the areas of civic engagement & leadership, economic empowerment, neighborhood & transportation planning, homeless services and solutions.

> Founder and Executive Director

Manage and build organizational structures. Fulfill mission and strategic vision. Manage development, finances and fundraising. Foster and cultivate member and community engagement. Manage advisory board and board of directors. Manage branding, marketing and communications. Proficient in grant writing and reporting. Oversee programs.

> Partner East Oakland Black Cultural Zone East Oakland Neighborhoods Initiative (EONI) Housing and Dignity Project

> Member East Oakland Congress of Neighborhoods Homeless Advocacy Working Group (HAWG) - Steering Committee Member Oakland Climate Action Coalition

Women's Funding Network - San Francisco, CA

Largest global women's philanthropy network.

> Membership Manager

Cultivate and foster relationships with WFN's existing members comprised of women funds and foundations across the world; solicit and foster new relationships with potential members. Create new and foster existing member benefit relationships with corporate and community organizations. Strategize and curate member marketing and communications. Experience with large scale conference administration, fundraising and partnerships, workshop and keynote address curation of biannual conference Women Funded 2017. Experience with management of a national board of directors-- meeting coordination and setup; maintenance of board documents; maintain and track board fundraising.

Hausfeld LLP – San Francisco, CA

Antitrust and Civil Litigation Global Law Firm

> Paralegal/Legal Administrator

Conduct legal research. Perform cite checking, document editing, proofreading and formatting. Extensive experience in document coding, analysis and discovery production. Manage office administration for an eight attorney office.

Lewis, Feinberg, Lee, Renaker & Jackson, P.C. – Oakland, CA Labor and Employment Law Firm.

May 2006 – September 2011

December 2016 – March 2018

September 2011 – December 2016

> Paralegal

Interview class members of large class action cases for assessment of claims, as potential witnesses for trial, and to prepare declarations. Analyze depositions and create summaries or charts for attorney use. Conduct web-based investigative research. Experience in database management. Conduct legal research and cite checking. Extensive experience in document coding, analysis and discovery production. Excellent legal writing skills. Conduct small field investigations that involve light travel, photography and report writing. Train and assist legal assistants.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Annual NBA All-Star Baron Davis and NFL Champion Marshawn Lynch Host Black Santa Visit Oakland 2016-2017

> Project Coordinator

Event management of large scale celebrity event and community toy drive. Coordinated logistics and managed a team of volunteers. Managed local corporate fundraising and donations.

Breaking the Silence Town Hall on Women and Girls of Color in Oakland 2015-2016 An annual town hall creating space to amplify, educate, and advocate in support of girls and women of color in Oakland.

>Advisory Committee Member

Strategic planning, visioning and organizing a day-long town hall with 400 plus attendees. Responsible for partnerships and fundraising. Assisted with marketing and communications.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

East Bay Permanante Real Estate Cooperative (EBPREC) > Board of Directors, Black East Bay Housing Director	2018 - present
Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm Project – Oakland, CA > Member, Board of Directors	2018
University of California, Berkeley Black Alumni Club – San Francisco Bay Area > Member, Board of Directors	2016 - 2018
Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) - California > Member, State Board of Directors	2016 – 2017
Association of Midnight Basketball League Programs, Inc. > Secretary, National Board of Directors	2014 - 2017
Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) Vanguard – San Francisco, CA <i>MoAD's young professional board and auxiliary group.</i>	June 2010 – July 2017

> President (2014-2016). Advisor (2016-2017).

Managed a board and advisory committee of 20 people. Instrumental in the direct action of all board activities and committees including marketing/communications, finance/fundraising, event production and management, strategic planning and partnerships and education/programming. Responsible for management and engagement of a 100 plus membership base. Excelled at achieving new records in The Vanguard's 10-year existence: raised the most proceeds, highest event attendance, built increased social media and brand visibility, established new community relationships, and maintaining a consistent membership base and steady stream of new members.

Candice P. Elder

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2020. Faith and Justice Award - East Bay Housing Organizations.

2020. Alameda County Excellence in Human Relations Award - Alameda County Human Relations Commission.

2019. Top 100 Most Influential African Americans - The Root.

2018. Jefferson Award.

2018. Runner up, Rising Star Award - Rotary Oakland.

October 2018. Ron Dellums Award for Social Impact - Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce.

October 2018. Leadership Award - Sui Generis Foundation.

October 2017. Trailblazer Award - In the Spirit Awards.

December 2016. Community Leader Award - Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the East Bay.

July 2016. *Top 6 Under 40* - Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) Her Story Empowers Award.

NOTABLE MEDIA AND PRESS

Article. Sentient Media. Black Food Justice Reading List: 25 Articles, Books, and People to Follow. 6-10-2020

Article. The Bold Italic. 9 Bay Area Organizations Fighting for Racial Justice. 6-2-2020

Feature. Berkeleyside. The pandemic isn't slowing the East Oakland Collective down. 5-19-2020

Feature. The Mercury News. *Standing in harm's way - essential workers on the front lines of COVID-19.* 4-19-2020

Feature. Democracy Now. "State of Emergency": Special Report on California's Criminalization of Growing Homeless Encampments. 10-25-2019

Feature. San Francisco Chronicle. *Four Bay Area Homeless Outreach Groups That Are Changing Lives*. 6-28-2018

Feature. KQED Arts. *In the Field with The East Oakland Collective, a Grassroots Group Aiding the Homeless.* 4-5-2018

NOTABLE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist. *Planting the Seeds for Justice: Black Women Reimagining the Food System.* Hosted by The Student Environmental Resource Center – SERC at UC Berkeley. 8-11-2020

Panelist. Healing The Future: Impact and Infrastructure During COVID-19. Hosted by RSA US. 6-2-2020

Keynote Speaker. Outdoor Afro Leadership Training. 4-25-2020

Keynote Speaker. *Community Resilience During COVID-19.* Hosted by Museum of the African Diaspora. 4-21-2020

Speaker. *Poetry Prayers & Protest: Grassroots Stand Against Gentrification, Displacement & Homelessness.* Hosted by Oakland City Church. 1-20-2020

Candice P. Elder

Guest speaker. Pod Save America. Live Tour, San Jose. 9-26-2019

Keynote Speaker. 2018 California Association Black Social Workers Symposium. Hosted by Bay Area Association of Black Social Workers. 10-19-2018

Lecture. *Health and Housing for All.* Kaiser Residency Elective in Health Policy Presentation. Hosted by Kaiser Permanente. 10-16-2018

Profile

Joey	W	Harrison		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name		
Email Address				
Street Address			Suite or Apt	
oakland			CA	
City			State	Postal Code
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone			
The Village of Love	Executive Job Title	Director		
Which Boards would you	like to apply for	?		
Commission on Homelessne				

Interests & Experiences

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

Im the Executive Director of The Village of Love which provide supportive services for the homeless in Oakland's Temescal District, I bring a wealth of knowledge on working with the unsheltered and bridging the gap between relations between the housed and unhoused residents.

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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I Agree *

Profile

Alexis	Loza	ano	
First Name	Middle Initial Last N	ame	
Email Address			
Street Address		Suite or Apt	
Oakland		CA	
City		State	Postal Code
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone		
EveryOne Home	Data and Perform	nance Analyst	
Which Boards would you	I like to apply for?		
Commission on Homelessne			

Interests & Experiences

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

I am a skilled analyst with 7 years of experience in system coordination and planning. During that time, I have worked at EveryOne Home which functions as the backbone organization to the collective impact initiative to end homelessness in Alameda County. Our role is to convene stakeholders across sectors, hold the common agenda and use data to measure success towards the goal. I am passionate about advancing homeless solutions in the City of Oakland and ensuring funds for Measure W and Q are being used for that purpose. I am presently enrolled in a master's program to hone my skills and expand my knowledge. I plan to graduate in 2022 with a joint master's degree in public policy and business administration. My academic training, abilities, and background will help me be successful in this role.

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Alexis Lozano

EDUCATION

JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (IN PROGRESS) Mills College, Oakland

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE-PUBLIC SERVICE

University of California, Davis 2012

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

SCREENING PANELIST

2020-21 Redistricting Commission, City of Oakland January – July 2020

INTERN/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Barbara Lee for Congress April – October 2013

INTERN

L.A. Mayor's Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs April – September 2012

LEAD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

UC Davis Picnic Day 2012 Date November 2011 – April 2012

PROFILE

Creative problem solver with a background in policy, data analysis, and non-profit management. Committed to enhancing the opportunity for individuals to prosper and for communities to thrive. Uses data to bring stakeholders together, identify challenges and create transformative change.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DATA AND PERFORMANCE ANALYST

EveryOne Home, Alameda County

2019 - Present

- Monitor homeless system and program performance using quantitative and qualitative data. Advise on opportunities for improvement.
- Extract, compile and track data to generate reports and dashboards. Analyze and interpret trends.
- Communicate data and tailor to different audiences to align around a common vision and drive strategic priorities.
- Collaborate with homeless system partners to produce analysis, policy and strategies to effectively respond to homelessness.
- Use advanced Excel functions and Looker to develop clear data visuals.
- Lead staff to Results Based Accountability Committee and HMIS Oversight Committee. Coordinate and facilitate meetings, maintain communication, and distribute notes.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

EveryOne Home, Alameda County

- Supervised the Administrative Assistant to ensure smooth office operations (supply and database management, meeting and event logistics, and external communications).
- Contract drafting, evaluation, negotiation and reporting for service and revenue agreements.
- Lead on human resource needs including developing personnel policies and managing recruitment and hiring processes.
- Drafted and revised annual and project budgets. Extracted and monitored financial reports to maintain fiscal health of the organization.
- Developed communication plans for the organization; created and finalized content for external communications including reports, press releases, website and social media and electronic newsletters.
- Generated grant proposals and supporting documents in response to solicitations.
- Led the Advocacy Committee to develop advocacy strategies and policy positions on housing and homelessness.
- Collaborated with the management team to determine plans for organizational and project improvement.

2016 - 2019

Alexis Lozano

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Asana

Looker

ArcGIS

Salesforce

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Constant Contact

MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project)

SKILLS

Strategic Planning

Project Management

Clear Communication

Data Visualization

Adaptability

Process Improvement

Contracts & Negotiations

Reducing Costs

Time Management

Leadership

Performance Evaluation

Dependability

Fiscal Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE continued

OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

EveryOne Home, Alameda County

- Onboarded new staff: ensured employment agreements and documents were complete.
- Implemented and managed new donor management system; tracked donors and distributed letters.
- Developed external communications to keep stakeholders informed.
- Maintained contracts with all vendors. Liaised with office equipment vendors.
- Led development of new website; maintained website content to ensure it is relevant and up to date.
- Oversaw annual appeals process to increase donor base.
- Served as main point of contact for Leadership Board and Advisory Board.
- Coordinated site operations and logistics for all meetings and events.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

EveryOne Home, Alameda County

- Coordinated day-to-day site operations, including office management, technology, meetings and travel, event logistics and oversaw inventory of supplies.
- Facilitated communications; managed meetings, and follow up between Leadership Board, Advisory Board, and the Executive Director.
- Supported the Executive Director with financials, tracking, and producing invoices/payments.
- Produced and sent electronic materials and newsletter through email and social media.

Barista/Trainer

Starbucks

- Trained and developed new team members.
- Delivered first-rate customer service and specialized in resolution of complaints.
- Retained flexibility, positivity and adaptability in a fast-paced environment.
- Practiced excellent time management and multitasking skills to deliver quality product and ensure cleanliness.

2013 - 2014

2007 - 2014

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2014 - 2016

Profile				
Beth	St	okes		
First Name	Middle Initial Las	st Name		
Email Address			-	
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Oakand			CA	
City			State	Postal Code
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Episcopal Community Services	Executive Dire	ctor	-	
Which Boards would you like	to apply for?			
Commission on Homelessness : S	ubmitted			

Interests & Experiences

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

To Whom It May Concern: Thank you for this opportunity to serve our Oakland community as a member of the Homeless Advisory Commission. I respectfully submit this application as a resident of the Jingletown neighborhood of Oakland, with over 20 years of professional experience in housing and homeless services. I am the Executive Director of Episcopal Community Services (ECS), San Francisco's most impactful provider of essential services for individuals experiencing homelessness or extreme poverty. Under my leadership, ECS is taking bold actions to acquire new units of permanent supportive housing, a proven solution to ending chronic homelessness. To this end, we are currently partnering with the City and County of San Francisco in two applications for Project Homekey funding. One application has been awarded funding to purchase the 232 unit Granada Hotel. ECS is a seasoned provider of both permanent supportive housing and interim housing, including operating eight Project Roomkey hotels. In our role as the lead agency for Adult Coordinated Entry in San Francisco, we work closely with our public partners in creating permanent exits from homelessness for our clients. ECS is expanding its continuum of services to support housing stability, including workforce development and employment training for homeless job seekers, healthy aging programming, and behavioral health services. I seek the opportunity to contribute my expertise as the Executive Director of a comprehensive homeless services provider as we develop strategies to resolve homelessness in our Oakland community. My previous roles over the past two decades include Western Region Managing Director for the Corporation for Supportive Housing, Director of Programs for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and Executive Director of Hamilton Families. I am trained as a social worker, having graduated from San Francisco State University with a Masters of Social Work in Social Welfare, Administration and Planning. As a commissioner, I would bring my experience and leadership of non-profit and intergovernmental agencies both here and throughout the western United States. I hope to work closely with the Mayor and City Council to sustain and grow Oakland's network of services for people experiencing homelessness in our community, with a focus on permanent exits to housing. Thank you for your consideration of my application. Sincerely, Beth Stokes

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Over twenty years of visionary, collaborative, and committed leadership in non-profit and government agencies focused on supportive housing and homeless service systems, family and youth development, and prevention and intervention services for vulnerable populations.
- Demonstrated ability as a skilled non-profit and public service administrator in both the crisis and supportive housing sector, implementing large-scale, community wide system change; managing high volume operations in complex non-profit and public sector organizations focused on ending and preventing homelessness.
- Demonstrated success in the principles and practices of public and non-profit administration, including the collaborative development and oversight of strategic plans, annual budgets, audits, human resources, staff development, fund development, procurement, contract management, communications, performance quality and analysis, and data system design and implementation.
- Highly skilled in designing and implementing innovative, large scale, multi-site, evidence based programs and initiatives focused on Housing First principles for a range of populations, including: chronically homeless, frequent users of public systems, child welfare involved families, homeless families, justice involved, transition age youth, and the elderly.
- Proven ability to inspire, lead, manage, build, and retain high-performing, multi-disciplinary teams in fast-paced, demanding work environments.
- Experience designing and implementing personnel policies and procedures, employee performance processes, and staff development plans.
- Proven success in leading and managing organizational change in practice and culture, in both the non-profit and public sectors.
- Working knowledge of federal/state policy and funding for a range of crisis services, housing stabilization, and supportive housing interventions.
- Experience partnering with non-profit Boards of Directors and publicly appointed commissions; responsible for agenda setting, document preparation, and the facilitation of monthly meetings.
- Ability to develop highly positive and collaborative relationships with state, county and federal oversight agencies, advocacy organizations, and other critical community stakeholders.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Episcopal Community Services, San Francisco, CA

Executive Director

10/17-Present

Website: ecs-sf.org / Twitter: @ECS_SF / Facebook: @ECSofSF

- Responsible for leading a complex non-profit, with 500+ employees, an operating budget of over \$70M, with a
 mission to end homelessness in the following core competencies: Interim Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Supportive
 Housing Development and Services, Systems Leadership for unhoused adults, Workforce Development, Healthy
 Aging, and Behavioral Health services.
- Experienced leader in organizational growth, having more than doubled our organizational budget within three years; including building the capacity of finance, operations, fund development, and community service teams.
- Contributed to the organizations renewed focus on housing as the solution to ending homelessness, and our
 expansion into rapid re-housing for those system impacted by criminal justice, and positioned the organization
 to more than double our Supportive Housing Portfolio from 1200 units in 2020, to an estimated 2200 in 2021.
- Co-developing with our close partners Mercy Housing, the largest Supportive Housing site in San Francisco, with 256 units for the most vulnerable adults experiencing homelessness, including 105 units designated for unhoused aging adults 55 and over.
- Lead agency, launching the City of San Francisco's initial iteration of the adult coordinated entry system for single adults in November 2018.
- Experienced in fund development, cultivating and soliciting new donor partnerships with foundations, and major donors; including the launching of a successful Capital Campaign in my second year to build out 6,000 sq. ft of workforce development and social enterprise space.

 Contribute to Board Relations and cultivation as a member of ECS' Board of Directors, and the President of ECS' Housing Corporation Board.

CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing), Los Angeles, CA Western Region Managing Director

04/14 - 09/17

Website: csh.org; twitter: @CSHinfo

- Responsible for setting vision and leading the implementation of CSH's national strategic initiatives in the Western United States, which includes: 25 high impact staff located in field offices in SF, LA and San Diego; regional staff overseeing initiatives in the Pacific NW (including Hawaii), Colorado, and the Southwest; and CA Policy. This includes CSH's vision to create and maximize the impact supportive housing (SH) can have across multiple public systems (CoC's, housing authorities, healthcare, criminal justice, child welfare, workforce development) as a solution to the complex, and costly problems that face vulnerable populations and communities.
- Supervise the regions six directors, including the CA Policy Director; preparation, presentation, and implementation of the Western Regions annual budget; cultivation of new public and private business development partnerships; staff recruitment, deployment, development, and evaluation.
- Responsible for the implementation of CSH's core strategic initiatives including: sustained efforts to create more SH for individuals and families across the Western US; engaging communities in wide-scale "Systems Transformation" initiatives; pursuing healthcare partnerships, frequent user programs and scaled leveraging of Medical/Medicaid funded services in supportive housing; creating and implementing initiatives in community reentry programs, including a "Pay for Success", Social Innovation Financing project in Los Angeles that is designed to break the cycle of homelessness and incarceration through the integration of supportive housing; creating innovative peer employment training initiatives for people with lived experience of homelessness; providing "promising practice" technical assistance to SH organizations; supporting communities redesign and realign their public systems for greater efficiency and impact; educating communities on the benefits of "Moving On" initiatives in SH; designing tools for SH Developers to evaluate their capacity; and supporting affordable housing policy and ballot initiatives at the federal, state and local levels to increase both capital and service funding to create more quality SH in communities.
- Participate in the organizations weekly Executive Team meetings, which includes national finance reports, loan
 portfolio progress, fund development, and updates on federal/state policy, social innovation, national HUD TA,
 and field operations.
- Within the Western Region, I lead and participate in monthly finance, and fund development meetings with each of my direct reports; and host monthly housing pipeline, and Leadership calls with the WR Directors and Associate Directors.

Volunteers of America, Los Angeles, CA

Director of Homeless Services

- Provided strategic vision and administrative leadership to VOA Los Angeles, a \$70M non-profit that provides a full continuum of crisis and affordable housing, including crisis and interim beds, rapid re-housing, and supportive, and affordable housing interventions.
- Operational oversight of Crisis Housing and Stabilization Services, including: 450 bed crisis shelter program for women and men in South Los Angeles; the largest Skid Row Resource Center for single adults; a 75 bed Skid Row shelter for men and women; a Skid Row "Just in Reach" Re-entry, and Mentoring Program; multi-site (2) Adult and Family Access Centers in East Los Angeles; an interim housing center for female Transition Age Youth; seasonal winter shelter programs in S. Los Angeles and Pomona; Family Crisis Housing Program in South Los Angeles; and a Recovery Program for Women in Long Beach.
- Supportive Housing oversight included: County Shelter + Care PSH program; over 500 affordable housing units; Rapid Re-housing Rental Assistance Program for Families; and a First Five Rental Assistance Program for Families.

08/13 - 04/14

- Responsibilities included budget planning, oversight, and external audit preparation; public and private fund development; quality assurance protocols; performance management; database development; and relationship management with community stakeholders.
- Provided leadership, staff development and coaching of Director level staff with a direct service team of 70+.
- Policy review and strategic planning for CA Health Reform initiatives.

12/10 - 08/13

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Los Angeles, CA A Joint Authority of the City and County of Los Angeles Director of Programs

Website: LAHSA.org

- Responsible for the program administration and performance evaluation for the largest Continuum of Care (CoC) in the US. This included oversight of 300+ publicly funded service contracts, connected to over 100 nonprofit organizations for *Los Angeles' Homeless Services Authority*, the designated Continuum of Care (CoC) lead for LA.
- Directly oversaw the agencies design of homeless and housing programs through procurement processes, this included establishing community performance metrics and the evaluation of projects.
- Responsible for implementing federal and local policy changes, funding priorities, and promising practices.
- Recruited, managed, and mentored 35+ directors, managers, and program analysts to achieve annual strategic priorities, team goals and individual performance metrics
- Oversaw the re-design and implementation of the City of LA's \$30 million HUD funded Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program.
- Created, designed, and co-led with public partners and community stakeholders, the design and implementation
 of the Los Angeles County "Family Solutions System"; the first coordinated entry system in Los Angeles.
- Oversaw the design, implementation, and data analysis of the annual City and County "Winter Shelter" Program.
- Lead the design and launch of a new initiative to evaluate all HUD McKinney, SHP renewal projects in the CoC.
- Designed the first HMIS generated "High Impact", system-level performance report and program level performance reports for the LA Continuum of Care (CoC).
- Implemented the first "Performance Advisory Committee" for all HUD and City/County funded contracts through the agency.
- Reported monthly to the LAHSA Commission, who were appointed by the Mayor of LA, and the five County Supervisors.

Hamilton Family Center, San Francisco, CA

Executive Director

Website: <u>HamiltonFamilyCenter.org</u>

- Provided visionary leadership and strategic direction to this local non-profit that provided crisis care, behavioral healthcare, and housing and services to families and adults experiencing homelessness.
- In collaboration with the Board of Directors, responsible for creating and implementing the Strategic Operating Plan; the development of the organizations operating budget; fiscal controls; and the coordination of the organizations independent annual audit.
- Led multi-faceted fund development effort with a focus on both the maintenance and cultivation of new relationships with foundations, corporations, and major/individual donors.
- Oversaw human resources for a team of 85+, including the development of personnel policies and procedures, employee development, and the evaluation and retention of personnel.
- Jump-started the "Housing First" movement for homeless families in San Francisco; designing, and implementing one of the first Rapid Re-housing, shallow rental subsidy programs for homeless families in 2005.
- Oversaw Hamilton Family Center's sizable volunteer force.
- Led the design and implementation of the first iteration of a customized Salesforce data collection platform.
- Created "First Avenues", Hamilton Family Center's first housing navigation and support service program.
- Led the redesign of the organization's website.

10/07 - 12/10

Associate Director of Hamilton Family Center

 Responsibilities included administration, operations, and programming of HFC's family shelter, transitional housing, behavioral health contracts, rapid re-housing, and supportive housing programs. Supervision of all nonexecutive leadership staff, including clinical and non-clinical staff; fiscal and programmatic contract coordination of social and physical/behavioral health services

Program Director

 Responsibilities included operational oversight and programming of a 24-hour emergency shelter for families; supervision of 20 staff; oversight of shelter operations and programming; fiscal and programmatic contract coordination of social and health services for 88 homeless older adult residents; supervision of MSW field students.

Conne	ass Community Services, San Francisco, CA Sting Point Ianager	08/97 - 11/99
	on on Homelessness, San Francisco, CA Homeless Advocate	09/96-06/97
	l Inc., Santa Barbara, CA /Operator Live Music Venue	01/92-12/94
	vestern Psychiatric Institute, Fort Washington, PA atric Technician	11/90 - 06/91
	nouth Psychiatric Center, Portsmouth, VA atric Technician	10/89 - 09/90
EDUCA	TION	
MSW	San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA Master's in social Welfare, May 2003 Concentration: Administration and Planning Focus: Organizational Efficacy of Non-profits	
BSW	San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA Bachelor's in social work, May 1997	
	Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Major: Social Welfare 1984-1988	
MEMB	ERSHIPS & AWARDS Amity Foundation, Board Chair, Los Angeles, CA SOMAWest Community Benefit District, Board of Directors, San Francisco Board of Directors, Community Housing Partnership (CHP), San Francisco, CA Inducted into High School Hall of Fame, Upper Darby High School, PA Los Angeles Countywide HOPWA, Advisory Committee Full Circle Fund, San Francisco, Community Fellow, Housing Circle Penn State Division I Women's National Championship Lacrosse Team	July 2016-Present June 2018-Present March 2015-Sept 2107 November 2013 2011 2008 1987

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PRESENTATIONS AND CREDITS

Affordable Housing Panelist, Ross Minority Program in Real Estate, USC, January 2017 Panelist, Symposium, Homelessness and Business: Finding Common Ground for Engagement, Salesforce Corp., San Francisco, November, 2015

Presenter, *Blueprint to End Family Homelessness: The Road Ahead,* NAEH Conference, and July 2012 **Presenter,** *Strategic and Systematic Planning for Serving Unaccompanied Youth,* 2012 National Conference on Family and Youth Homelessness, Los Angeles, CA February 2012

Panelist, What Does Improving Shelter Look Like? A Discussion for Organizational Change National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, D.C., July 13th, 2010

Co-Host/Presenter with Beyond Shelter (Los Angeles, CA), and the National Center on Housing & Child Welfare (Washington, DC), *National Training Institute on HPRP and Housing First*, Los Angeles, CA May 26th-27th, 2010 **Panelist**, *Re-Tooling and Enhancing Family Support Services*, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Los Angeles, CA, February 2010

Panelist, *Assessment & Targeting*, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, DC, July 2009 **Presenter**, *Homelessness Prevention: Community Perspectives*, HUD HPRP Technical Assistance Workshop, Los Angeles, CA, May, 2009

Panelist, *Prevention: Building a Coordinated Response,* National Alliance to End Homelessness, San Diego, CA, February 2009

Panelist, *Targeting Interventions: Homeless Families and Individuals,* National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference, Washington, D.C., July 2008

Presenter, *Housing Strategies; Strengthening at Risk and Homeless Young Mothers and Children,* Hilton Foundation Grantee Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2008

Panelist, *Designing and Implementing Housing Subsidy Programs,* National Alliance to End Homelessness, Seattle, WA, February 2008

Panelist, *Basics of Housing First for Families and Children,* National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, D.C., July 2007.

Award, Non-profit Sector Achievement Award, National Alliance to End Homelessness: Annual Awards Ceremony, Award Recipient: Hamilton Family Center

Panelist, *System-wide Housing First,* National Alliance on Homelessness, Oakland, CA, February 2007 **Panelist,** *Role of Transitional Housing in Ending Homelessness,* National Alliance to End Homelessness, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., July 2006

Panelist, *Housing First for Individuals & Families,* Closer to Home, Housing California Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA, May 2006

Co-Chair, *Homeless Family Services Re-design,* Department of Human Services, Co-Chair: Eviction Prevention & Shallow Subsidy Sub-Committee, San Francisco, January-June 2006

Panelist, *Housing First Overview* & *Evolving Role of Transitional Housing*, National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Oakland, CA, January 2006

Podcast Presenter, *Responding to Substance Abuse in Homeless Families*, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Presenter, November 2005

Profile

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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 have extensive experience implementing and managing systems and programs for U.S. veterans, including employment, education, housing and assistance for homeless veterans. As a United States Air Force veteran, I've spent the last 15 years advocating and providing programs/services for transitioning service members and veterans to include their families. During this time, I've been intimately involved at the local, state and national levels dealing with the issues surrounding homelessness. Based upon my current role at Swords to Plowshares (Oakland office), I'm able to provide needed perspective on homelessness, particularly from the military veterans perspective. At-risk and homeless veterans deal with many similar problems that non-veteran homeless persons deal with. However, due to military culture, deployments, combat/war and other related military issues; there's real differences in engaging and ultimately serving this demographic. My overall experience in the homeless space to include military/veteran culture presents a value add for the 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.

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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.

I Agree *

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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOEY HARRISON, ALEXIS LOZANO, CANDACE ELDER, BETH STOKES, AND MARK WALKER AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

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

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WHEREAS, the appointed commissioners listed herein meet the aforementioned requirements; and

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Sheng Thao has reappointed Joey Harrison, Alexis Lozano, Candice Elder, Beth Stokes, and Mark Walker, to the Commission on Homelessness, to the terms listed below; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment to the Commission on Homelessness, as follows:

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Mark Walker, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2021 and ends December 1, 2024, filling a seat previously held by himself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS NOES – ABSENT – ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

ASHA REED City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California