

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Sheng Thao

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Letter of Reappointment

February 6, 2024

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:

**Commission on Homelessness**

**Janny Castillo**, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2023 and ends December 1, 2026, filling a seat previously held by herself.

**Yolanda Anderson**, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2023 and ends December 1, 2026, filling a seat previously held by herself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheng Thao', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Sheng Thao

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## Profile

Yolanda

First Name

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Middle Initial

Anderson

Last Name

[REDACTED]  
Email Address[REDACTED]  
Street Address[REDACTED]  
City[REDACTED]  
Suite or Apt[REDACTED]  
State[REDACTED]  
Postal Code[REDACTED]  
Primary Phone[REDACTED]  
Alternate PhoneEOCP (EAST OAKLAND  
COMMUNITY PROJECT)

Employer

Outreach Specialist

Job Title

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

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Commission on Homelessness : Appointed

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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.**

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I work in a shelterer for the homeless community. I'm both cognitive and compassionate of the plight of the homeless community. Prior to working in the capacity of Outreach Specialist I worked as a case manager for the homeless. I have intimate knowledge of the barrier's homeless individuals face. Knowledgeable of inherited systemic issues that plague the homeless crisis and factors that perpetuate the success of overcoming homelessness.

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***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.***

[RESUME\\_2023.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

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I Agree \*

# YOLANDA ANDERSON

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## SKILLS

- Vast experience with multi-cultural marginal communities.
- Compassionate about people and elated to effectively participate in their journey to improve the quality of their lives. proficiency
- Provide support yet respectfully hold clients accountable for their actions. Maintains professional boundaries while treating individuals with respect and compassion.
- Solution-based intervention.
- Display consistent leadership and professional behavior. Remains calm under pressure; handles emotionally challenging situations with professionalism and intention. I realize that control isn't

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Proven history as Mental Health Case Manager with individuals from marginal communities, including incarcerated and homeless individuals. Hardworking and dedicated to program success. Proactive and resourceful. Excellent time management and multitasking. Coordinated community service programs to meet patient needs. Knowledgeable about organizing referrals. Skilled at cultivating strong partnerships with community resources. Recognized consistently for performance excellence and contributions to success. Strong communicator with passion for helping others. Excellent reputation for resolving problems and team building.

## WORK HISTORY

**East Oakland Community -SSVF Lead Case Manager**  
*Oakland, CA 11/2021 - Current*

- Increased engagement and communications with clients and case workers by 33%
- Client engagement is critical tool
- Nurtures a meaningful, trustworthy rapport between caseworker and client
- Client /case worker relationship is a critical component for establishing a sound foundation for program success
- Worked with individuals to help understand and overcome personal, social, or behavioral problems affecting habitability
- Reviewed and developed intake and discharge planning strategies to encourage client engagement and retention
- Manage support services and fostered communication among social workers, VA hospital staff and patients, treatment plan strategies with multidisciplinary teams to provide comprehensive and continuous care plan
- Created resource list provided to clients at intake

**Profile**

Janny \_\_\_\_\_ Castillo \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suite or Apt

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City

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State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

St. Mary's Center \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

Director, Community Outreach and Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

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

Commission on Homelessness : Appointed

**Interests & Experiences**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Oakland Homeless Commission. My professional and lived experience qualifies me to help the city of Oakland make sound decisions to reduce the affects of homelessness for our residents. Please consider the following qualifications: Over 20 years ago, I went from homelessness to homeowner! I walked the long journey out of homelessness as a young mother of four. I took advantage of the shelter and transitional house system and finally Oakland's section 8 home ownership program. Though my neighborhood is impacted by poverty, I am very proud to own a home in a West Oakland neighborhood I spent the last 15 years working as a service provider and organizer for my unhoused neighbors with a strong emphasis on senior issues. (please see my resume for details) I have served on the Oakland Housing Authority board for the last ten years protecting and expanding our city's affordable housing. I chair the OHA Special Needs Committee where we are instrumental in designing creative programs to bring individuals and families out of homelessness and into permanent affordable housing. I sit on the Homeless Advocacy Working Group where govt, housed and unhoused residents and advocates meet to find middle ground solutions to the challenges to responding to the growing epidemic of homelessness. I am also a board member of the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County under County Supervisor Nate Miley and was appointed by Governor Newsome to the Master Plan for Aging Advisory Group. I bring my combined experience and deep commitment to end poverty to the commission, realizing how difficult it is to develop responses that produce results that will end homelessness permanently and humanely for the individual and the community. Yet, I am ready to jump into deep waters for my neighbors and my city. Thank you Janny Castillo \_\_\_\_\_

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[Janny\\_Castillo\\_Resume\\_2020.pdf](#)

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JANNY CASTILLO OAKLAND LEADER IN AGING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY Professional Experience St. Mary's Center, 2008 - Present Director of Community Outreach and Services 2020 - Present Create and administer WeConnect tech literacy project to improve online access for homebound and isolated Seniors by providing equipment and training. Administer program providing social, recreational, cultural activities and events for extremely low income, housed and unhoused persons over 55 years of age. Manage Food Program that delivers meals and groceries to over 100 Seniors and families. Produce small and large related community events, ie: International Women's Day, Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Annual Homeless Memorial, International Peace Day and others. Creator and Facilitator of a 12-week Housing Justice class for homeless seniors on how to prepare and access private market and affordable housing. Management skills include strategic, organizational planning, resource allocation and coordination of people and resources. Hope and Justice Coordinator, 2008 – 2019 Manage social justice program helping Seniors advocate on state and local policies to protect and enhance services for extremely low-income Seniors, many of whom are experiencing homelessness, mental and physical health issues, and food insecurity. Responsibilities include: Facilitating focus groups, listening sessions, and sacred storytelling circles for a variety of audiences. Facilitate public speaking and organizer trainings to help build confidence and help persons with lived experience participate as partners in finding solutions to poverty. Train Senior Advocates to participate in policy advocacy work improve quality of life and access to services. Represent St. Mary's Center through partnerships with other organizations, participating on City, County and Statewide decision making tables as Commissioner, Oakland Housing Authority Board Member to United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County Member of Governor Newsom's Master Plan on Aging Advisory Committee. Local contact for the National and International Multi-Dimensional Aspects of Poverty project to redefine global poverty through the perspective of persons with lived experience. Computer and Technology Resource Center, 1990 – Present Placement Manager Responsible for managing donations of over 500 computer systems a year to low income families, non- profits and schools. boonachepresents, 2006 - Present Co-Founder, videographer, photographer and graphic artist supporting small business owners and local social justice causes working to reduce the effects of poverty and homelessness. Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), 2002 - 2008 Multi-disciplinary responsibilities in a multi-city, multi-site non-profit. Office Administrator for busy operations office including human resources and development activities. Provided support to organizational leaders and executive team. Public Speaker for student organizations, faith-based institutions and others on issues affecting the homeless community. Lead Social Justice Organizer for the Community Organizing Team (COT) of BOSS participants, college interns and others. Media Producer and Internet Guru – Utilize extensive photo and videographer skills to create, edit and produce videos to educate and helped manage social media sites. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES Commissioner, Oakland Housing Authority Member California Master Plan for Aging Advisory Committee Member Pool of Consumer Champions Board Member United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County Member Age Friendly Council of Alameda County Steering Committee Homeless Advocacy Working Group Diverse Partners Californians 4SSI Coalition Housing CA Resident United Network Shelter Oak Senior Services Coalition Western Regional Advocacy Project Women's Economic Advocacy Project New Poor People's Movement

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# JANNY CASTILLO

## OAKLAND LEADER IN AGING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY

### Professional Experience

#### St. Mary's Center, 2008 - Present

- **Director of Community Outreach and Services  
2020 - Present**

**Create and administer WeConnect tech literacy project** to improve online access for homebound and isolated Seniors by providing equipment and training.

**Administer program providing social, recreational, cultural activities and events** for extremely low income, housed and unhoused persons over 55 years of age.

**Manage Food Program** that delivers meals and groceries to over 100 Seniors and families.

**Produce small and large related community events**, ie: International Women's Day, Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Annual Homeless Memorial, International Peace Day and others.

**Creator and Facilitator** of a 12-week **Housing Justice class** for homeless seniors on how to prepare and access private market and affordable housing.

Management skills include **strategic, organizational planning**, resource allocation and coordination of people and resources.

- **Hope and Justice Coordinator, 2008 – 2019**  
Manage social justice program helping Seniors advocate on state and local policies to protect and enhance services for extremely low-income Seniors, many of whom are experiencing homelessness, mental and physical health issues, and food insecurity.

Responsibilities include:

**Facilitating focus groups**, listening sessions, and sacred storytelling circles for a variety of audiences.

**Facilitate public speaking and organizer trainings** to help build confidence and help persons with lived experience participate as partners in finding solutions to poverty.

**Train Senior Advocates** to participate in policy advocacy work improve quality of life and access to services.



### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES

**Commissioner**, Oakland Housing Authority  
**Member**, California Master Plan for Aging Advisory Committee  
**Member**, Pool of Consumer Champions  
**Board Member**, United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County  
**Member**, Age Friendly Council of Alameda County  
**Steering Committee**, Homeless Advocacy Working Group

### Diverse Partners

Californians 4SSI Coalition  
Housing CA Resident United Network Shelter Oak  
Senior Services Coalition  
Western Regional Advocacy Project  
Women's Economic Advocacy Project  
New Poor People's Movement



Oakland Resident

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# JANNY CASTILLO

## OAKLAND LEADER IN AGING & HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY

**Professional Experience** *continued from previous page*

### **St. Mary's Center Hope and Justice Coordinator, 2008 – 2019**

- **Represent St. Mary's Center** through partnerships with other organizations, participating on City, County and Statewide decision making tables as Commissioner, Oakland Housing Authority, Board Member to United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County and member of Governor Newsom's Master Plan on Aging Advisory Committee.
- **Local contact for the National and International Multi-Dimensional Aspects of Poverty project** to redefine global poverty through the perspective of persons with lived experience.

### **Computer and Technology Resource Center, 1990 – Present**

- **Placement Manager**

Responsible for managing donations of over 500 computer systems a year to low income families, non-profits and schools.

### **boonachepresents, 2006 - Present**

- **Co-Founder, videographer, photographer and graphic artist** supporting small business owners and local social justice causes working to reduce the effects of poverty and homelessness.

### **Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), 2002 - 2008**

Multi-disciplinary responsibilities in a multi-city, multi-site non-profit.

- **Office Administrator** for busy operations office including human resources and development activities. Provided support to organizational leaders and executive team.
- **Public Speaker** for student organizations, faith-based institutions and others on issues affecting the homeless community.
- **Lead Social Justice Organizer** for the Community Organizing Team (COT) of BOSS participants, college interns and others.
- **Media Producer and Internet Guru** – Utilize extensive photo and videographer skills to create, edit and produce videos to educate and further the mission of BOSS. Helped manage social media sites.

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

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### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS OF JANNY CASTILLO AND YOLANDA ANDERSON 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

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Municipal Code Section 4.56.060 established the Commission on Homelessness to advise the Mayor and City Council and make recommendations on Measure W and Measure Q homelessness funds received by the City of Oakland for homelessness programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Homelessness consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, the composition of which must include no less than half of the commissioners being residents of heavily impacted neighborhoods, no fewer than two (2) commissioners being currently or formerly homeless, no fewer than three (3) commissioners having professional expertise with housing or homeless services, and no fewer than one (1) commissioner having financial expertise; and

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

**WHEREAS**, members serving initial appointments shall serve staggered terms of one (1), two (2) or three (3) years, all appointments for subsequent terms shall be for three-year terms; and all member terms shall begin on the date of the first six (6) appointments and future terms shall begin and end on that date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Sheng Thao has reappointed Janny Castillo and Yolanda Anderson, to the Commission on Homelessness, to the terms listed below; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s reappointments of the following individuals to the Commission on Homelessness as set forth below:

**Janny Castillo**, to serve a three-year term that began December 2, 2023 and ends December 1, 2026, filling a seat previously held by herself.

**Yolanda Anderson**, to serve a three-year term that begins December 2, 2023 and ends December 1, 2026, filling a seat previously held by herself.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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