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What City Council district do you live in? *

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Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

City Planning Commission: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

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

I have served the City of Oakland in several capacities most notably as a member and Chair of the Planning commission and as Chair of the General Plan Congress. In addition to my work in planning, I was a prosecutor and then an attorney in private practice for 35 years. I am now a mediator and arbitrator.

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.

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