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Office of the Mayor Honorable Libby Schaaf Mayor (510) 238-3141 Fax (510) 238-4731

Letter of Appointment

October 13, 2016

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

Dear President Gibson McElhaney and members of the City Council:

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

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Jin Jack Shim, Mayoral appointment to serve as the District 4 Representative to a two-year term beginning August 1, 2016 and ending July 31, 2018, filling the seat previously held by James Anthony.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf Mayor

JIN JACK SHIM, ESQ.

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Law Office of J. Shim

WORK EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICE OF J. SHIM

2012 - Present

Attorney

Specializing in Tenants Rights, Cannabis Regulation, Business Law

Tenant and Housing Rights Advocate in Bay Area

- · Skilled in all stages of eviction defense, landlord harassment, rent control protection, tenancy rights.
- Attained numerous successful foreclosure defenses, short sale deficiency defenses, Federal Home Affordable Modification Program petitions, and Keep Your Home California petitions.

Business Law

Adept with navigating multi-level business structures, incorporations, 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) non-profits, commercial contracts, commercial disputes, contract litigation, commercial leases, full business set up, dissolutions.

Cannabis Rights Advocate, Washington State

• Full business incorporation, advised on legal rights, completed full licensing for producer and processor licenses.

Estate Planning

• Drafted and completed comprehensive estate plans, trusts, wills, advanced health care directives, transfers of titles, grant deeds, quitclaim deeds, general durable powers of attorney.

Personal Injury Law

 Represent plaintiffs in civil litigation, including discovery, settlement agreements, work with medical experts.

Immigration Law

- Represented and filed family visa petitions, religious visa petitions, asylum petitions, withholdings of removal, student visas, and naturalizations before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Federal and State Petitions
 - Federal disability petitions, Supplemental Security Income petitions, federal retirement petitions, unemployment insurance defense, federal and state tax defense, Internal Revenue Service and California offers in compromise

AIDS LEGAL REFERAL PANEL

2012 - Present

Panel Attorney

- Represented clients affected by HIV/AIDS in eviction defense, San Francisco Rent Board petitions, unlawful detainers; have represented landlords and tenants in tenant buy-out agreements.
- Successfully represented numerous plaintiffs affected by an apartment fire in litigation, settlements.
- · Completed civil harassment litigation, full discovery, negotiating landlord-tenant disputes.
- · Restraining order trials, petitions, filings and defense.

SAN FRANCISCO TENANTS UNION

2011 - Present

Steering Committee Member and Counselor

- Member of the leadership team for the Legislation Committee and Endorsement Committee.
- Assist hundreds of tenants in a wide range of housing rights issues, including eviction defense, unlawful detainers, housing discrimination, illegal rent increases, security deposits, landlord harassment, discrimination and San Francisco rent control ordinances.
- Contribute and advise on San Francisco tenant legislation; met with San Francisco Supervisors regarding housing and tenant rights.

OAKLND TENANTS UNION

2016 - Present

· Member of the local non-profit organization; provide legal advice and tenant advocacy.

Volunteer Attorney

• In the Center's Eviction Defense Project and Housing Negotiation Project, provided *pro bono* representation for low income tenants through numerous mandatory settlement conferences.

VISION SAN FRANCISCO

Board Member

2016 - Present

- Vision SF is a San Francisco political think tank comprised of a collective voice of local residents.
- Advise on all stages of development, provide legal counsel, assist with fundraising, and support legislation advocacy.

EDUCATION

John F. Kennedy Law School

2009

Iuris Doctorate

University of California, San Diego

Bachelor of Arts, European History; Bachelor of Arts, American History

2003

AFFILIATIONS / ACTIVITIES

- · California State Bar Admission
- · Housing Negotiation Project, Pro Bono Attorney
- · Justice & Diversity Center's Family Law Project, Pro Bono Attorney
- · National Lawyers Guild, Member
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Member
- Barristers Club at the Bar Association of San Francisco, Pro Bono Committee, Solo and Small Firm Section
- · Asian American Bar Association, Member
- · San Francisco Bar Association, Member
- · Fluent in Korean
- Activities: circumnavigated the world, walked the Camino de Santiago, climbed the Himalayas, crossed the Sahara Desert, volunteered on a Kibbutz in Israel, trekked through Nepal and India, Mixed Martial Arts, surfing, mountain climbing, proud Bay Area local, proud Oakland resident

LAW OFFICE OF J. SHIM

JIN JACK SHIM ESQ.

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JIN@JSHIMLEGAL.COM

Dear Mayor Schiff,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you on the amazing job you are doing for the City of Oakland. Though we are experiencing significant growing pains, I can visibly see and experience the impact that these improvements and changes have made in our community.

It is with great enthusiasm that I am submitting this application for the vacant position on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. As a practicing attorney, along with my knowledge and experience in the cannabis industry, I am an ideal candidate to serve as a Commissioner. I am thrilled at the prospect of serving on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission in this incredible and evolving city we call our home. I am uniquely qualified to serve as a Commissioner for two significant reasons, Law and Industry Experience:

<u>LAW</u>: As a practicing attorney and Bay Area native, I have served our community in various capacities, namely in housing rights, as housing is an important concern among the residents of the rapidly changing Bay Area. I am a member of the steering committee for the San Francisco Tenants Union, a panel attorney for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, a member of the Oakland Tenants Union, and I volunteer and contribute to various other housing organizations, predominantly advocating for low-income and HIV-positive tenants. Housing rights has been both a deeply fulfilling and heartbreaking endeavor. We may win individual battles, but the rapid tide of technology companies has been both beneficial and detrimental to our community. I am especially aware of this dichotomy personally, as I have been fighting a foreclosure on my parents' home for five years.

Though housing has been a personal passion, my legal skills have been sharpened and honed by a wide range of cases I have handled. I am grateful that having my own law practice has afforded me the flexibility to learn various areas of law, including small business, immigration, contract law, personal injury and tax matters. Moreover, in my capacity as legal counsel for various local organizations—notably as a board member for SF Vision, a political think tank comprised of numerous San Francisco City Council Members and Bay Area notables—I understand the delicate balance that is required in legislative policy. My approach has always been to advocate for reasonable, measured and carefully crafted legislation to meet the needs of our community and electorate.

As a result, my legal and legislative skills will bring a smart, balanced and efficient voice to the Commission.

<u>INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE</u>: My experience in the cannabis industry extends as broadly as my legal skills. I had moved to the state of Washington and represented organizations in the cannabis industry when Washington became legal, and I have witnessed firsthand the damaging effects that poor legislation has had on small business owners in the state. I am one of a handful of attorneys in California who has pushed through licensing for producers and processors for final approval in Washington.

Furthermore, I have been involved in the cannabis industry in California for many years advocating for informed and reasonable legislation. I am a member of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) in California, which has been advocating for intelligent cannabis legislation in Sacramento since 1972.

As a Korean-American, I am also a member of the Minority Cannabis Business Association, which advocates for racial and socio-economic diversity in the cannabis industry. I will also bring personal knowledge of how legislation can affect small business owners at the ground level. I am the attorney and a member of a collective here in Oakland, and I am intimately aware of how cannabis legislation affects patients and people in our community.

Legislative and legal history show us that a balanced and measured approach to legislation is the most effective approach to governing. My unique set of skills will greatly benefit our city and community, and I am ideally positioned to fill the vacant position on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. I will bring a smart and reasoned approach to the Commission that will benefit the cannabis community, our elected officials and the City of Oakland.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from your office and serving under your administration.

Sincerely.

JIN JACK SHIM, ESQ.

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JIN JACK SHIM AS A MEMBER OF THE CANNABIS REGULATORY 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 Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act (Ordinance 12694 C.M.S.), also known as Measure Z, adopted by the voters of Oakland, November 2, 2004, in the General Municipal Election, creates the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to oversee the ordinance's implementation and the disbursement of revenue from licensing and taxation of businesses that sell cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act specifies that members of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission are to be appointed one by the Mayor, one by the City Auditor, one by the City Administrator, and one from each Member of the City Council, to serve unlimited two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed Jin Jack Shim to serve a two-year term subject to confirmation by the City Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council confirms this mayoral appointment as follows:

JIN JACK SHIM is appointed to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission as the District 4 Representative for the term beginning August 1, 2016 and ending July 31, 2018, filling the seat previously held by James Anthony.

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