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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

November 4, 2018

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

Dear President Reid and members of the City Council:

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

**Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

**Lester Meu**, Mayoral appointment to serve a three-year term that began September 3, 2018 and ending September 2, 2021, filling a seat previously held by Brian Harrington.

**Noah Smith**, Mayoral appointment to serve a first three-year term that began September 3, 2018 and ending September 2, 2021, filling a seat previously held by Caleb van Docto.

**Brandon Young**, Mayoral reappointment to serve a second three-year term that began September 3, 2018 and ending September 2, 2021 filling a seat previously held by himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf".

**Profile**

Lester G Meu  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Street Address Suite or Apt  
Oakland CA 94610  
City State Postal Code

Mobile: Home: /  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

George Meu Associates  
architecture - planning Principal  
Employer Job Title

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

Commission on Persons with Disabilities: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

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

I am a practicing architect for approximately 40 years in the San Francisco Bay Area with my current office in Oakland. I am a CASp (Certified Access Specialist) and have interest in not only the accessibility of the physical environment but also access to programs and jobs supported by our City's public resources. My Oakland extended family consists of four living generations and I have specific experiences with these varying age groups having access to City resources. I have extensive practice in the application of Title III provisions of the ADA but I am also particularly interested in the monitoring of the City's Title II obligations and its strategies and how the City is scheduling to meet compliance requirements while also having the flexibility to expand the goals into the rapidly changing City. As a designer, I believe that an accessible environment is not a burden but an asset that can be achieved within the budgets and parameters of each and every project, the barrier is often having access to the right knowledge and creatively applying it. The obligations under the ADA are not to be considered oppressive, but as tools to take the mystery out of how to make the community more inclusive. Understanding the intent behind the many regulations makes compliance more acceptable to others and then find it becomes more cooperatively attainable. I believe I have accumulated certain knowledge regarding the built environment that will supplement the skills already represented on the Commission.

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**Lester G. Meu, Architect**

**Professional Work Experience:**

1980 - Present George Meu Associates, Oakland, Ca – as President and Principal Architect  
Projects: site planning, shopping centers, tenant improvements, supermarkets, office buildings, light manufacturing, both new and renovation construction and code compliance reviews/alterations. A portfolio of drawings provided upon request.

1975 -1979 George Meu Associates, San Francisco, Ca -as Vice-President

1974 -1975 Jenkins and Fleming, St. Louis Mo, - as Designer  
Projects: community colleges, neighborhood centers and health facilities

1973 -1974 Leo E Daly Co, St. Louis, Mo, - as Designer and Constr. Documents Draftsman  
Projects: hospitals (private and military) and schools

1972 Arthur Brown Architect, Dayton, Oh, - as Job Captain  
Projects: community centers and neighborhood health facilities

1971 Wallace, McHarg, Roberts & Todd, Philadelphia, Pa, - as Job Captain  
Projects: community centers, urban malls and land planning

1970 Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott, Boston, Ma, -  
as Constr. Document Draftsman  
Projects: highrise office buildings, community colleges and university buildings

1969 Architectural Affiliation, Towson, Md - as Constr. Documents Draftsman  
Projects: public schools and lowrise office

**Architectural Registrations:**

NCARB	No. 55486
State of California	No. C10210
State of Washington	No. 3323
State of Nevada	No. 5653
State of Oregon	No. 5147
State of Missouri	No 2006014123

**Professional Certifications:**

CASp No. 329 Certified Access Specialist State of California  
LEED Accredited Professional BD+C  
Safety Assessment Program, CA – Disaster Service Worker and SAP Trainer for Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
CCCA - Certified Construction Contract Administrator  
CCS - Certified Construction Specifier

**Professional Affiliations:**

AIA, American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter  
Certified Access Specialist Institute  
CSI, Construction Specifications Institute, San Francisco Chapter  
ICC, International Code Council, Inc.

**Education:**

1973 - 1974 Washington University, St. Louis, Mo  
Master of Architecture & Urban Design Studies

1967 – 1973 University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Oh  
BS Architecture BA Geography

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**Profile**

Noah \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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City State Postal Code

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Environmental Protection Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Job Title

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

Commission on Persons with Disabilities: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

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

I am a wheelchair user and an 11-year resident of the East Bay and Oakland with a passion for disability rights. I am an attorney who works on environmental law for the EPA in San Francisco but while in law school I helped found the National Association Law Students with Disabilities and worked for the 2008 Obama campaign's Disability Policy Committee. Before law school I spoke at rallies on capitol hill and lobbied congress to pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act and Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act. I would like to join the Mayor's Council on People With Disabilities because Oakland, like the rest of the Bay Area, is changing very fast and I want to help ensure that it continues to be an inclusive and welcoming city for people with disabilities. I have a particular interest in affordable housing that is also compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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EDUCATION**University of California, Berkeley, School of Law**

Juris Doctorate, December 2010

Honors: *Graduate Scholar*, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; *Recipient*, UC Berkeley Ralph Eltse Memorial ScholarshipActivities: *Executive Board (President, Vice President, CIO)*, National Association of Law Students with Disabilities*Co-chair*, Disability Policy Committee Blog, 2008 Obama for America Presidential Campaign*Member*, Coalition for Diversity, Boalt Disability Law Society, International Human Rights Committee**University of Oregon, Eugene, OR**B.A., *summa cum laude* in Spanish, Aug. 2006Activities: *Coordinator and Staff Liaison to Student Body*, University Outdoor Program

Spinal Cord Injury in 2002; participated in intensive rehabilitation and advocacy, and attended school part time from 2002-2006

EXPERIENCE**Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco, CA***Staff Attorney***March 2011 - Present**

Provide legal counsel, prepare legal memoranda, and perform legal research for clients on a variety of matters under the Clean Air Act (CAA), including Title V and Prevention of Significant Deterioration permitting, CAA section 110 rulemaking, and tribal law issues. Serve as Region 9 union representative on National American Federation of Government Employees Reasonable Accommodation Workgroup.

*EPA Awards*

2017 National Notable Achievement Award: for outstanding use of innovative approaches to achieve Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program goals as part of the Evoqua Proposed RCRA Permit Team.

2016 Silver Medal Award: for leadership and work on the Clean Air Act Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction State Implementation Plan Call, helping many of the nation's most vulnerable communities breathe easier by closing long-standing regulatory loopholes.

2014 Bronze Medal Award: for exceptional collaboration and innovation in the development of a nationally consistent and timely process for addressing Clean Air Act Title V petitions.

**Addicted to Quack, Oregon Ducks blog****Spring 2012 – Spring 2015***Recruiting Editor, Features Writer*

Researched and wrote articles on Oregon men's basketball and football programs, game previews and recaps, and college recruiting for Vox Media and SB Nation's Oregon Ducks blog, [www.addictedtoquack.com](http://www.addictedtoquack.com).

**Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco, CA***Legal Intern***Summer 2010**

Performed legal research and analysis on a variety of issues related to hazardous waste cleanup and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Assisted with corporate law issues related to personal liability and regulation of home site leases on Tribal Indian Land.

**International Human Rights Law Clinic, Berkeley Law***Clinic Intern***Fall 2009 – Spring 2010**

Co-wrote and published *Truth Behind Bars: Colombian Paramilitary Leaders in U.S. Custody*, a report on U.S. foreign policy interests in prosecuting Colombian drug lords for human rights crimes. Prepared talking points and presentation materials and led meetings with members of Congress and NGOs in Washington D.C.

**Tonkon Torp LLP, Portland, OR***Summer Associate***Summer 2009**

Performed legal research and analysis on a variety of issues related to litigation and business transactions. Wrote memoranda on the interplay between the state and federal Endangered Species Acts under CERCLA. Prepared and led a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge for a pro-bono client contesting stoppage of her unemployment benefits.

**Bay Area Legal Aid, Oakland, CA**

*Law Clerk*

**Summer 2008 - Fall 2008**

Assisted Public Benefits attorneys in Oakland office with cases involving Social Security payments, Medi-Cal, and welfare issues. Helped start the *Justice On Wheels Project*, which brings legal services to youth who are part of the juvenile justice system. Wrote appeals briefs and complaint summaries for clients participating in class action suits with impact litigation firms.

**Rally for Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act (CDRPA), Washington D.C.**

*Speaker*

**2005 – 2006**

Spoke alongside Senators Hillary Clinton, Lindsey Graham, Tom Harkin, and Dana Reeve, in support of the CDRPA and Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act. Lobbied Congress for scientific research to benefit those living with paralysis.

**Northwest Youth Corps, Idaho, Washington and Oregon**

*Team Leader*

**2001 – 2002**

Led, supervised, and taught teenage youth about trail construction, communal living, and environmental sustainability.

**American Field Service—Community Service Exchange Program, Bloemfontein, South Africa**

*Volunteer, Setshabelo Music School and Musicon School of Music*

**2000**

**Food Security Assessment Unit—World Food Programme, Nairobi, Kenya**

*Volunteer, international team providing food security assistance to Somalia*

**1999**

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Advanced Spanish reading, writing, and verbal skills.

**INTERESTS:** Musicology, fantasy football, Premier League soccer, meditation, and exploring the outdoors.



**Profile**

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Brandon Young  
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First 5 Alameda County  
Employer Job Title

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

Commission on Persons with Disabilities: Submitted

**Interests & Experiences**

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

I was born with my disability. I have spent my entire life advocating personally for myself in in educational settings or in a professional setting. Many of my jobs through out my career have also been to equitable community where the able-bodied and the disabled can utilize the same public services with ease and minimal friction. I believe that Oakland is well set up to be a leader in the state of California as it relates to fare and equal access to services.

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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Strong connections with community organizations, nonprofits, government agencies serving diverse populations. Comfortable communicating with both large and small audiences. Twelve years' experience in nonprofit work, and experienced in program development, curriculum building and staff supervision. Comfortable with change and adept at adaptation.

**OBJECTIVES**

To build bridges across racial, gender, cultural, ability and religious divides; and to create an inclusive society that maximizes every individual's gifts and skills.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**PROGRAM MANAGER,  
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING INC.,**  
2015 - 2017

**ALAMEDA, CA**

Provide strategic guidance to the Executive Director and management team that promotes positive organizational culture, builds staff competencies and ensures that the agency is on track with its mission and able to meet its target deliverables.

- Manage the day to day operations of the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) and the Orientation and Mobility (O&M) contracts.
- Liaise with contract monitors to solve service delivery issues that arise.
- Coordinate quarterly meetings with contract monitors, and keep track of contract deliverables to ensure compliance.
- Work with the Executive Director to develop a new slogan and other marketing strategies that brings to life the agency's mission to change the way disability is seen in society and to change the way the disability community sees itself.
- Build strong relationships with staff of different departments within the organization as well as with staff in other organizations that allowed both informal relationships to flourish, and cross pollination of information to happen.
- Maintain strong professional connections to other community organizations such as World Institute on Disability, United States Association of Blind Athletes, Youth Uprising and many others.
- Cultivate partnerships with for-profit companies such as Toolwire, Inc. and Lyft, Inc. governmental agencies such as the Alameda and Oakland Unified School Districts and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)
- Proven ability to communicate cross-culturally and to build bridges across racial, gender, cultural or ability divides.
- Joined the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities to advocate to city staff and counsel, business developers, and community leaders for a more universally designed and inclusive city.

**SYSTEMS CHANGE COORDINATOR,  
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING INC.,**  
2013 - 2015

**BERKELEY CA**

Provided comprehensive advocacy training and community organizing expertise for the disabled community in northern Alameda County.

- Organized the disability community around issues such as: transportation, healthcare, and access to public places.

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- Collaborated with other advocates to organize a sustained action aimed at the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART).
- Shaped the community's voice to show that BART's new train car design would negatively affect the disabled community.
- Developed a program and curriculum to teach Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination to over 50 students throughout the school year.
- Successfully advocated to the Board of Directors to amend the train car design to better support the disabled community.
- Spoke on behalf of TheCIL at many Metropolitan Transportation Commission Meetings to advocate for regulations on Transportation Network Companies such as Lyft and Uber; to advocate for the elderly, low income and people with disabilities are not left behind in the new technology revolution.
- Became a member of the BART Accessibility Task Force to work more closely with BART staff and Board of Directors and to represent the community of TheCIL.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR,  
LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND INC.,  
2012 - 2013**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

The LightHouse for the Blind's mission is to promote the equality and self-reliance of people who are blind or visually impaired. The community services programming allows people of all ages the chance to connect with other blind or visually impaired individuals who are also eager to lead adventurous and active lifestyles.

- Created and built a program targeting transition age youth (16-24) within the LightHouse's larger client population.
- Planned and scheduled workshops, guest speakers, and outings geared to assist this demographic with career and social transitions.
- Managed the facility during events to ensure enjoyment and safety of all participants.

**BLIND LEADERS PROGRAM SPECIALIST,  
LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

**San Francisco CA**

The Blind Leaders program is designed to instill leadership qualities and build the self-confidence of young adults who are blind. Through a series of work experiences, social interactions and mentorship, the Blind Leaders Program gave its participants a place to belong and grow.

- Supervised the program interns including scheduling, assigning of daily tasks, and approval of timesheets.
- Administrated the program by recruiting interns, processing intakes forms, interacting with Department of Rehabilitation counselors tracking the progress of interns through the program period and tracking of authorizations and billing invoices.
- Supported the program by planning and facilitating workshops, which offered important vocational and educational information to the participants.
- Created and supervised evening and weekend activities in the LightHouse headquarters and other off site locations.

**EDUCATION**

Nonprofit Organizing and Community Development - Certificate Awarded  
University of Delaware Wilmington, DE

Healing the Wounds of Racism and Sexual Ethics Training - Certificate Awarded  
Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodist Annual Conference Valley Forge, PA

Additional relevant coursework completed at Berkeley City College and Eastern University, St. David, PA

# Brandon Young

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### COMMISSION AND BOARD EXPERIENCE

**Commissioner,  
*Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities***

2017 – Present

The Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) represents and addresses the concerns of the disability community.

- Advise the Mayor and City Council on matters affecting the disability community
- Review and comment on City policies, programs and actions
- Provide advice and assistance to other City boards and commissions
- Participate at the local, state and national levels for the advancement of disability rights

**Member,  
*BART Accessibility Task Force***

2014 – Present

The BART Accessibility Task Force advises the BART Board of Directors and staff on disability-related issues and advocates on behalf of people with disabilities and seniors to make the BART system accessible to and useable by people regardless of disability or age.

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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

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### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LESTER MEU, NOAH SMITH, AND BRANDON YOUNG TO THE COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**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**, Ordinance No. 9968 C.M.S., adopted August 5, 1980, and amended by Ordinance No. 11864 C.M.S., adopted March 12, 1996, created the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to address issues germane to accessibility, services and civil rights for persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities consists of eleven (11) members serving three year staggered terms with no more than two consecutive terms; and

**WHEREAS**, 51% of Commission members must be persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed Lester Meu, Noah Smith, and Brandon Young subject to confirmation by the City Council; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to City Charter section 601 the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's following appointment to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities:

**Lester Meu**, Mayoral appointment to serve a three-year term that began September 3, 2018 and ending September 2, 2021, filling a seat previously held by Brian Harrington.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB,  
KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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