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Office of the Mayor  
Honorable Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

August 18, 2019

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

Dear President Kaplan 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**

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

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf  
Mayor

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Libby Schaaf in black ink, written over the printed name and title.



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**Profile**

Reid J Davenport  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Oakland  
City

CA  
State

94612  
Postal Code

Home:  
Primary Phone

Home:  
Alternate Phone

Self-Employed  
Employer

Freelance Videographer  
Job Title

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

Commission on Persons with Disabilities: Submitted

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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.**

Not only do I think about accessibility everyday as a person who uses a wheelchair and who has cerebral palsy, but I also have been documenting disability rights as a reporter, podcaster, TED Fellow and filmmaker for a decade. As I have thought about the trajectory of my career, I have decided to pursue paths that are less abstract (like making a film) and have more tangible impacts (like coaching baseball). Serving on the Commission on Persons with Disabilities would not only be an honor, but would allow me to serve my community in a concrete way.

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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.***

Curriculum Vitae 2019 WO courses.pdf  
Upload a Resume

**Please paste the text of your resume or curriculum vitae below.**

Please click the acknowledgement 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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☒ I Agree \*

## Reid Davenport

### EDUCATION

MFA in Documentary Film & Video June 2016  
Stanford University, Stanford, CA

BA in Journalism and Mass Communication May 2012  
George Washington University, Washington, DC  
Summa Cum Laude

### RECENT AND CURRENT PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

**RePort Media** 2017-Current

*Freelance Videographer*

<https://vimeo.com/197113534>

Produced, directed and/or edited videos for corporations and organizations like Notre Dame University, University of Washington, The Ford Foundation and BraunAbility. Clips available upon request.

**New Day Films** 2017-Current

*Member-Owner*

Distributes three of my short films.

**Basic Able** 2018

*Host, Writer*

A satirical podcast that tackles disability issues. Seasons 1 and 2 were funded by the Ford Foundation. More than 100,000 hits on Facebook.

**San Francisco Gigantes** Spring 2019

*Assistant Coach*

Challenger baseball team made up of teens and adults with disabilities.

**Through My Lens** 2016-Current

*Chief Executive Officer, Co-Founder*

[throughmylens.org](http://throughmylens.org)

Through My Lens' mission is to amplify voices of and issues related to people with disabilities, through original content, media consultancy and personal instruction.

**TED Fellow** 2017

One of 15 young innovators selected to give a TED Talk at the 2017 TED Conference.

**Intel** Sept.-Dec. 2016

Temporary video editor for Intel Global Production Labs.

### SELECT AWARDS

Enerson Foundation Production Grant, *Ramped Up* 2016

Artistic Vision Award, Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, *A Cerebral Game* 2016

Global Insights Award, Black Maria Film Festival, *On Beat* 2016

Best Short Documentary, Awareness Film Festival, *Wheelchair Diaries* 2013

## FILMOGRAPHY

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### **I Didn't See You There** (*Production*)

*Director*

An essay-diary film. A disabled person is heard and not seen.

### **Access Denied** (2017) 11 min.

*Director, Editor*

After a hard fought legal victory that mandated half of New York City cabs be wheelchair accessible by 2020, the ride-share industry threatens to make cabs and promised accessibility obsolete.

<https://vimeo.com/226054564/44e32c459d>

### **RAMPED UP** (2016) 17 min.

*Director/Producer/Editor*

While some people with disabilities sue inaccessible businesses as a form of activism, others say it is legalized extortion.

<https://vimeo.com/171302479>

password: RUready

### **A Cerebral Game** (2015) 7 min.

*Director/Producer/Editor*

A filmmaker with cerebral palsy ponders his changing identity through the lens of baseball.

<https://vimeo.com/143705464>

password: ACG2015

#### *Awards*

Big Sky Film Festival, Artistic Vision Award

Black Maria Film Festival, Directors Choice Award, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize

#### *Additional Festivals*

Livermore Valley Film Festival

### **On Beat** (2015) 7 min.

*Co-Director/Co-Producer/Co-Editor*

A look inside a family of Deaf parents, their hearing kids and the music that unites them.

<https://vimeo.com/133688446>

password: holdthatnote

#### *Awards*

Black Maria Film Festival, Global Insights Award

#### *Additional Festivals*

Music Short Film and Video Contest

Livermore Valley Film Festival

San Francisco Independent Film Festival

**State of Drought (2014) 3 min.**

*Director/Producer/Editor*

With no end in sight for the already historic drought gripping California, a water witch uses his tools to locate underground relief for some of the state's desperate farmers.

<https://vimeo.com/114581185>

password: SOD1214

*Festivals*

AUGB International Student Film Festival

Bernal Heights Outdoor Film Festival

**Wheelchair Diaries: One Step Up (2013) 28 min.**

*Director/Producer/Editor*

After being denied the collegiate study abroad experience because of inaccessibility, a filmmaker travels to Europe and interrogates its access issues through the perspectives of three Europeans with disabilities.

<https://vimeo.com/58429974>

password: WCDEdits

*Awards*

Best Short Documentary, Awareness Festival

Reality Bytes Film Festival, Audience Choice Award, Runner-Up

Visions Award, Utopia Film Festival

*Additional Festivals*

DC Independent Film Festival

Kaleidoscope Arts Festival (Slippery Rock University)

Johns Hopkins Film Festival

Rated Socially Relevant Film Festival

Alexandria Film Festival

Picture This Film Festival

Bosifest, Serbia

Connecticut Film Festival

*Press*

Featured in The Washington Post, USA Today and on NPR

*Grants*

Luther Rice Fellowship

*Community Screenings*

Western Michigan University

Illinois State University

Marymount University

George Washington University

Bethel High School

Newtown Intermediate School

Ridgefield Boys and Girls Club

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Approved as to Form and Legality

**DRAFT**

City Attorney's Office

## 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 REID DAVENPORT 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 Reid Davenport 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:



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

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,  
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,  
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California