

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

October 6, 2021

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

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:

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Lauren Payne is appointed to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to fill the term beginning August 1, 2020 and ending July 31, 2022.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Libby Schaaf
Mayor

Profile

Lauren

First Name

M

Middle Initial

Payne

Last Name

laurenmpayne@gmail.com

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Street Address

Oakland

City

Suite or Apt

CA

State

[REDACTED]
Postal Code

Home: [REDACTED]

Primary Phone

Home: [REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

Anthony Law Group and Law
Office of Lauren Vazquez

Employer

Client Licensing Manager

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Cannabis Regulatory 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 15 years progressive experience researching, analyzing, strategizing, and formulating legislative & regulatory language and compliance processes at the local, state, and federal level. I have lived in Oakland for 12 years, and have been in District 1 for 11 of those years. My entire career has been focused on advocating for safe, legal, and affordable access to medical and adult use cannabis. I am deeply indebted to this community and I would be honored at the opportunity to provide guidance and support.

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 - Lauren Payne -
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Upload a Resume

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

Please click the acknowledgement below.

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.

☒ I Agree *

Lauren M. Payne, JD

Oakland, CA

gmail.com

LICENSING & COMPLIANCE EXPERT

15 years progressive experience researching, analyzing, strategizing, and formulating legislative & regulatory language and compliance processes at the local, state, and federal level.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

- **Advisory Board, *Supernova Women***, Oakland, CA, 2021 - present
 - **Compliance Advisor, *CPC Compassion***, Santa Monica, CA, 2018 - 2019
 - **Compliance Advisor, *B1EarthGroup***, Frederick County, MD, 2015 - 2016
 - **Compliance Advisor, *DesertAire Wellness Group***, Las Vegas, NV, 2014 - 2015
 - **Compliance Advisor, *Circle S Farms***, North Las Vegas, NV, 2014 - 2015
 - **Vice Chair, Board of Directors, *Center for Election Sciences***, Oakland, CA, 2012 - 2014
 - **Policy & Organizing Advisor, *OH Rights Group Medical Cannabis Ballot Initiative***, Ohio, 2014
 - **Advisor, *Elect Steve Collett for US House 33rd District***, Redondo Beach, CA, 2012
 - **Volunteer, *Get Out The Vote Campaigns insignificant elections***, 1997 - present
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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, 2006, **New England School of Law**, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts, Social Psychology, 2001, **New College of Florida**, Sarasota, FL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE

Client Licensing Manager **Anthony Law Group** **April 2021 - Present**

- Advise & consult regarding licensing & compliance matters under supervision of lawyer
- Draft proposal for various RFP processes
- Draft local & CA state application materials under supervision of lawyer
- Monitor various shifts in local law & policy; advise clients on civic engagement
- Advise city councilmembers and board supervisors upon request regarding all aspects of cannabis regulation

Client Licensing Manager; Office Administrator **Fired Up Law** **Aug. 2020 - Present**

- Advise & consult regarding licensing & compliance matters under supervision of lawyer
- Successfully draft proposal for local RFP for \$2M grant
- Draft local & CA state application materials under supervision of lawyer

Senior Regulatory Analyst;

Director of Product Development **Green Rush Consulting** **Jan. 2017 - Present**

- Create strategic planning objectives & goals for building new Policy Dept.
- Develop strategy & inform compliance for successful cannabis entity license applications throughout US
- Advise on compliance plans, SOPs, business plans, and other cannabis entity development documents
- Internal staff training re: regulatory compliance, as well as departmental managerial duties & trainings

Partner **National Licensing Services** **Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2017; April 2020 - Present**

- Assist clients in all aspects of applying for local & state competitive cannabis entity licenses
- Develop compliance strategies & trainings, including remediation plans
- Participate in regulatory processes to ensure client's interests are represented

Consultant**Lauren Payne Consulting****Oct. 2011 – Dec. 2014**

- Consulted re: organizing, civic engagement, regulatory environments, & overall strategic planning
- Developed & implemented strategic plan and sustained organizational goals
- Provided guidance regarding campaigns, development, and attended speaking engagements
- Drafted model ordinances & legislation for presentation to various lawmakers
- Drafted multiple successful grants with the City of Oakland for a total of \$2.25M on behalf of Supernova Women/WOC Educators
- Submitted model ordinance language on behalf of Grow San Bernardino, a grassroots-organized industry group, and assisted friendly councilmembers with Dear Colleague memos and other civic engagement support
- Ran legal trainings throughout the United States to support industry staff and prepare them for the possibility of a raid by law enforcement; Created materials and additional FAQs and ultimately a “train the trainers” program that helped dozens of other groups

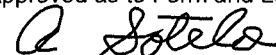
CERTIFICATIONS

Building Abolition Course, Currently enrolled, **City College of San Francisco**

Medical Cannabis Industry Core Certification Training, 2014, **Americans for Safe Access**

Medical Cannabis Advocate Training, 2010, **Americans for Safe Access**

Putting Patients First Dispensary Staff Training, 2010, **Americans for Safe Access**



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN PAYNE 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 ordinance titled the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act, also known as Measure Z (Ordinance), adopted by the voters of Oakland, November 2, 2004, in the General Municipal Election, formed the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to oversee the Ordinance's implementation and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding the licensure, taxation, and regulation of cannabis for adult use; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Act specifies that members of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) 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 two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed **Lauren Payne**, subject to confirmation by the City Council, to a serve two-year term on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, that Ordinance Number 12694 C.M.S., which established the Procedures of the CRC, provides in relevant part "... that an appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired terms only"; and

WHEREAS, that Ms. Payne's appointment is for a vacant CRC seat, previously held by Debby Goldsberry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms this mayoral appointment of **Lauren Payne** to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission as Council District 4's Representative for the term of August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2022.

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

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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