


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR BARBARA LEE

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDGAR RODRIGUEZ-RAMIREZ, PRIYA JAGANNATHAN, AND RICKEY JACKSON AS MEMBERS OF THE CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Oakland Children's Initiative was a 2018 Charter Amendment passed by the citizens of Oakland to deepen early investment in children and support them through college graduation through a 30-year parcel tax; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Children's Initiative (Oakland City Charter, Art. XVI), established the Children's Initiative Citizens' Oversight Commission to provide oversight, accountability, and analysis for the distribution of funds and execution of programming; and

WHEREAS, Section 1601(b) of the City Charter provides that the Citizens' Oversight Commission shall be composed of nine (9) to fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council pursuant to Section 601 of the Charter; and

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, Section 1601(b) of the City Charter provides that the Mayor shall request recommendations from members of the City Council and the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education and Superintendent at least fourteen (14) days prior to submitting any appointments for confirmation for the Citizens' Oversight Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 1601(b) of the City Charter provides that the composition of the Commission should be reflective of the diversity of Oakland and shall include the following members:

1. at least one (1) member with professional expertise in early childhood education policy;
2. at least one (1) member with professional expertise in, or who is a provider of, early childhood care or education;
3. at least one (1) member with at least two (2) years of experience teaching in early childhood education;
4. at least one (1) member with at least two (2) years of experience teaching TK-12, or who has professional expertise in TK-12 education or college access;

5. at least one (1) member with professional expertise in college completion, college or university leadership, or support for traditionally underrepresented college students;
6. at least one (1) member with experience in budgeting, auditing, finance, or early asset building;
7. at least one (1) member of a union or labor advocacy group who is employed by the City of Oakland Head Start, the Oakland Unified School District, or a participating early care and education provider;
8. at least one (1) homeowner who is subject to the parcel tax imposed by Section 5 of the Act;
9. at least one (1) parent, who presently has, or has had within five (5) years from the time of appointment, a child of preschool age who attended a preschool program benefiting from public subsidy, or who was on a waitlist for such a program; And
10. at least one (1) member who is, or who within five (5) years from the time of appointment was, enrolled in an Oakland public school, or who has graduated from an Oakland public school and enrolled in college within five (5) years from the time of appointment, or who is the first in their immediate family to graduate from College; and

WHEREAS, Section 1601(c) of the City Charter provides that a majority of the members of the Commission shall be residents of Oakland, and that the members in paragraphs (7) through (10) above must be residents of Oakland, and the members set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6) above must reside and/or work in Oakland, and at least one (1) member in paragraphs (1) or (2) above must be an employee of the Oakland Unified School District, and that one member may satisfy more than one of the requirements set forth in paragraphs (1) through (10) above; and

WHEREAS, Section 1601(d) of the City Charter provides that a member shall serve no more than four (4) full, consecutive terms, and for the initial nine (9) appointments only, one-third (1/3) of the members shall be appointed to serve for four (4) years, one-third (1/3) shall be appointed to serve for three (3) years, and one-third (1/3) shall be appointed to serve for two (2) years, and subsequently, all terms shall be for three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Barbara Lee has reappointment of Edgar Rodriguez-Ramirez, Priya Jagannathan, and Rickey Jackson, subject to confirmation by the City Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter sections 1601 and 601, the City Council confirms these mayoral appointments to the Children's Initiative Citizens' Oversight Commission as follows:

Priya Jagannathan, is a former Children's Initiative Oversight Commission member and has expertise in early childhood education policy and budgeting, and therefore fulfills the requirements of Section 1601(b)(1) and (6) to serve the remainder of a three year term that began August 1, 2026 and ends July 31, 2029, previously held by herself;

Edgar Rodriguez Ramirez, is a former Children's Initiative Oversight Commission member and has expertise in early childhood education policy and teaching TK-12 education, and therefore fulfills the requirements of Section 1601(b)(1) and (4) to serve a three year term that began August 1, 2026 and ends July 31, 2029, previously held by himself;

Rickey Jackson, as an Oakland resident, is a former Children's Initiative Oversight Commission member, has expertise in college completion, college or university leadership, or support for traditionally underrepresented college students and has graduated from an Oakland public school and enrolled in college within five years, and therefore fulfills the requirements of Section 1601(b)(5) and (10) to serve a three year term that began August 1, 2026 and ends July 31, 2029, previously held by himself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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

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