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## CITY OF OAKLAND PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION

### Commissioner Application



Name: Arvon J. Perteet

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

Daytime Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted] City Council District: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Oakland resident?  Yes  No Years of Residency in Oakland: 30+

List any City of Oakland Boards or Commissions (including this Commission) on which you currently or have previously served:  
NDNC

**Please answer yes or no to all the following questions:**

1. Are you currently employed by the City or have any direct and substantial financial interest in any work, business, or official action by the City?  Yes  No
2. Are you currently or planning to seek election to any other public office, participate in, or contribute to an Oakland municipal campaign?  Yes  No
3. Are you currently or planning to endorse, support, oppose, or work on behalf of any candidate or measure in an Oakland election?  Yes  No
4. Are you an Oakland lobbyist or required to register as a lobbyist, or do you receive gifts or compensation from an Oakland lobbyist?  Yes  No
5. Have you attended a Public Ethics Commission meeting?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_
6. List any languages other than English that you speak fluently. NDNC
7. How did you hear about this vacancy? City of Oakland Website

**List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references:**

1. Name: Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson  
Address: [Redacted]  
Phone: [Redacted]
2. Name: Gordon Greenwood, Esq  
Address: [Redacted]  
Phone: [Redacted]

By signing below, I certify that all of the information included in this application and supporting materials is true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that this application packet is a public record, subject to public inspection, and that if I proceed to the final interview with the Commission, the packet will be distributed publicly as part of the selection process.

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 10/31/19  
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## Oakland Public Ethics Commission Supplemental Questions Responses for Arvon J. Perteeet

1. Why do you want to serve on the Public Ethics Commission?

I have lived in Oakland for the majority of my life. I attended public schools in Oakland from elementary schools all the way through high school, with the exception of one year in Hayward and two years in Berkeley. I have a strong affinity for my community and have always wanted to serve in some public capacity. I believe that public servants should be responsible to the community they serve and serving on this commission would help me to satisfy the desires to serve the community and maintain the greatness that I see and believe still exists in the City of Oakland.

2. What skills and experience will you bring to the Commission?

For over 10 years I worked as a prosecutor at both the county and federal level. During that time, I further developed my skills as an investigator, evaluator, and decision maker. I worked alongside investigators to make the right decisions about when, how, and why to adjudicate matters on behalf of the People of the State of California and United States. I also learned to assess the parties that I investigated and tried to always make sure they were given a fair shot. I would bring that same sense of fairness to the Commission.

3. What issues, projects, or goals would you to pursue while serving on the Commission?

In today's political climate, transparency and truth are some of the biggest concerns for our citizens. Candidates and ultimately our elected officials should be transparent and truth about their positions and relationships. Therefore, making sure that candidates and elected officials are complying with their disclosure responsibilities would be a focus for me.

4. What do you think are the City's most pressing ethics, campaign finance, or transparency challenges?

All three of the stated areas are challenges for the City. Due to the fact that technology has made it both difficult and easy to determine the truth, those who are responsible for investigating and judging these matters must also be careful to verify the information they receive and be comfortable with additional due diligence in order to make the right decisions. A first look is not always the clear indication of the truth. Therefore, adjudicators of these issues must use patience, reasonableness, and common-sense when reaching a conclusion.

5. What else would you like the subcommittee to know as your application is considered?

I intended on serving the City of Oakland as a member of this Commission with the respect and dignity it deserves. Oakland is and has always been a great city. I am a product of its greatness and I want young people to know that great things come from Oakland and serving on this Commission would help me to demonstrate that to young people in our community.

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## Arvon J. Perteet



### EXPERIENCE

#### **Square, Inc.**

Global Legal Response and Fraud Investigations                      San Francisco, CA  
Manager    October 2018 to Present

Lead a team of Fraud Investigators and Legal Response Analysts in San Francisco and New York. Responsible for collaborating with internal partners, litigation attorneys, and law enforcement to develop strategies to prevent fraud against Square and its customers. Manage legal responses globally based on criminal and civil requests by third parties in compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and our terms of service. Prepare legal responses related to motions to compel third party discovery requests.

#### **San Francisco District Attorney's Office**

San Francisco, CA  
April 2017 to October 2018

Assistant District Attorney  
Lead Attorney responsible for criminal prosecution of cases involving officer involved shootings, in-custody deaths, and use of excessive force; Liaison with Office of Citizen Complaints regarding San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) Officers. Work closely with SFPD internal affairs to conduct criminal investigations, including meeting with witnesses and experts. Also use criminal grand jury to seek indictments and for investigations, and bring charges via preliminary hearings. Prepare public reports involving in custody deaths and officer involved shootings

#### **United States Attorney's Office**

San Francisco, CA  
March 2011 to April 2017  
March 2009 to 2011

*Assistant United States Attorney*  
*Special Assistant United States Attorney*  
Responsible for criminal and civil prosecution of asset forfeiture cases; Liaison to local law enforcement relating to Bank Secrecy Act Task Force in the Northern District of California; Prosecution of federal statutory violations relating to narcotics trafficking, mortgage fraud, identity theft, bank and wire fraud; Conducted depositions, propounded and responded to civil discovery; Lead federal civil and criminal investigations relating to violations of the Bank Secrecy Act; Conduct Grand Jury Investigations; Provided training to federal, state, and local law enforcement regarding financial crimes and investigations.

#### **Contra Costa District Attorney's Office**

Martinez, CA  
January 2007 to February 2009

*Deputy District Attorney*  
Responsible for processing, preparation and prosecution of misdemeanor and felony cases; Conducted preliminary hearings; Investigated, initiated and handled consumer fraud complaints; Prepared and argued legal motions. Litigated civil asset forfeiture cases related to narcotics trafficking. Interviewed witnesses, experts, and law enforcement officers. Solo chaired numerous jury and bench trials.

#### **Toschi, Sidran, Collins & Doyle**

Oakland, CA  
July 2006 to December 2006

*Attorney*  
Responsible for caseload of active civil litigation files in the Unlimited and Limited Jurisdiction Courts of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma Counties. Responsibility for initial case analysis, recommendation and implementation of discovery plans, client relations, liability analysis, case evaluation, settlement negotiations, mediations, arbitrations, and trials. Defended third-party claims, uninsured motorist claims, underinsured motorist claims, and medical payment claims. Investigated and litigated trials of suspected fraudulent claims conducted examinations under oath, and made recommendations for disposition of claims.

