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# Item 5a - Forderer Application

## Public Ethics Commission Application

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### Contact Information

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Name	Joseph Forderer
Address	[REDACTED] Oakland , CA 94611
Phone	[REDACTED]
Evening Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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### Please answer the following questions

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Are you an Oakland resident?	Yes
Years of residency in Oakland	22
Your City Council District	District 4
List any City of Oakland Boards or Commissions (including this Commission) on which you currently or have previously served:	None
Do you attest that you already have or will attend a PEC meeting before your final interview with the Commission?	Yes
If you said yes to the previous question, please let us know what date you attended.	5/3/21
Are you currently employed by the City of Oakland or do you have any direct and substantial financial interest in any work, business, or official action by the City?	No
Are you currently or are you planning to run for elective office in Oakland?	No

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Are you currently or are you planning to endorse, support or oppose an Oakland candidate or ballot measure?

No

Are you currently or are you planning to work on behalf of an Oakland candidate or ballot measure?

No

Are you a registered Oakland lobbyist?

No

Are you required to register as a lobbyist?

No

Do you receive compensation from an Oakland lobbyist?

No

Do you receive gifts from an Oakland lobbyist?

No

List any languages other than English that you speak fluently.

None

How did you hear about this vacancy?

Email

### Supplemental Questions

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

I love Oakland and want to see it function fairly and effectively on behalf of all its residents. I believe Oakland can be a beacon for other jurisdictions and act as a model of moral governance. For better or worse, I think that the best way to ensure good governance is to roll up one's sleeves and jump in. I want to contribute to maintaining & ensuring the integrity of our local government and I believe that serving on Oakland's Public Ethics Commission is a great way to do so.

**2. What skills and experience will you bring to the Commission? (Include any governmental experience, activities with civic and business organizations, neighborhood groups, or any other experience that would contribute to your effectiveness as a Commissioner.)**

I am a graduate of UC Berkeley and Columbia Law School. I believe my educational experience gives me the cognitive tools and understanding to be a productive member of the Commission.

Additionally, I am a member of the disabled community - I am in a wheelchair and have several other handicaps. This life situation gives me huge perspective and empathy. Disability rights is a passion of mine and I have served on several boards representing the disabled community. For several years I served on a board within the CPUC representing the disabled. Specifically, the Telecommunications Access for the Deaf & Disabled Administrative Committee. Additionally I currently sit on a board within the Disability Rights Advocates law firm. Specifically, I'm on the West Coast Advisory Board. Sitting on these boards has not only greatly broadened my perspectives, it has given me essential skills and experience to operate effectively in quasi-bureaucratic settings.

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

One issue I am concerned about is transparency & law enforcement. Specifically, I have heard people are having problems getting public records from the city of Oakland - especially police reports. It is no secret that the OPD has faced some serious issues, and I am interested in resuscitating public trust in the police and in all local government.

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


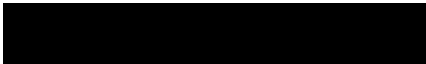

In addition to transparency and the OPD, I believe an important issue facing the city of Oakland involves campaign finance. It is important that the residents of Oakland feel that their representatives in city government have their interests in mind and not the interests of wealthy outsiders. The Supreme Court has ruled that campaign contributions are constitutionally-protected speech. However, this does not preclude cities from exploring means to empower all, regardless of wealth, to have influence in campaigns.

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


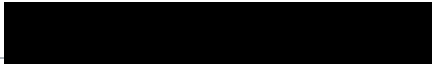
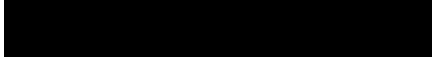
I am 35 & a stay at home dad . I have decided to give my undivided attention to my family & I no longer practice law.

**Please provide two references**

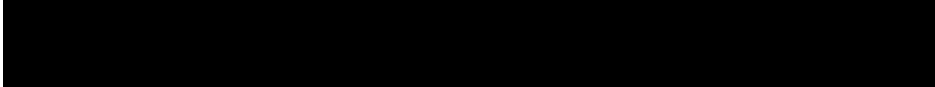
### Reference 1

Name	Stuart Seaborn
Address	 Berkeley , CA 94704
Phone	
Email	

### Reference 2

Name	Jessica Riggin
Address	 Oakland , CA 94612
Phone	
Email	

**Submit your resume**

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Sign and submit application

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Signature



Date/Time

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## Joseph P. Forderer



### EDUCATION

**Columbia University School of Law**, New York, New York

J.D., May 2011

#### *Honors*

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Moot Court Best Brief Award, Finalist

#### *Activities*

Columbia Journal of Environmental Law

Columbia Health Law Association

Study Abroad: Central European University – Budapest, Hungary

**University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, California

B.A. Economics, Psychology, May 2008

#### *Activities*

Tennis at Cal Student Organization

Study Abroad: Maastricht University – Maastricht, Netherlands

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Disability Rights Advocates – West Coast Advisory Board**

01/2019 - present

- Advise on pending impact litigation & the needs of the disability community

#### **TADDAC** (“Telecommunication Access for the Deaf & Disabled Administrative Committee”)

01/2018 – 05/2020; Oakland, California

- Advise the CPUC (California Public Utility Commission”) on matters related to the deaf & disabled community regarding telecommunication services; meets monthly

#### **Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein**, San Francisco, California

06/2012 – 12/2012

- Drafted administrative motions and managed document review
- Researched and wrote legal memoranda

#### **California Department of Justice**, San Francisco, California

10/2011 – 06/2012

- Drafted subpoenas, interrogatories, memoranda, and complaints
- Interviewed potential witnesses, researched case law, assisted in case development

#### **Alaska Department of Law**, Anchorage, Alaska

Summer 2010

- Drafted a motion for partial summary judgment
- Researched and wrote memoranda on various environmental issues

#### **U.S. Court of International Trade**, New York, New York

Summer 2009

- Researched and wrote legal memoranda

### INTERESTS

Books, Oakland A’s baseball, current events