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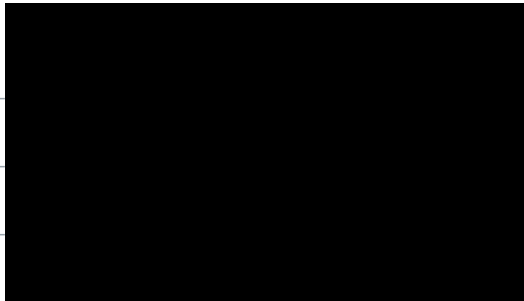


Public Ethics Commission Application

Contact Information

Name Linda Morton

Address



Phone

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Email

Please answer the following questions

Are you an Oakland resident? Yes

Years of residency in Oakland 21

Your City Council District District 5

List any City of Oakland Boards or Commissions (including this Commission) on which you currently or have previously served: None

Have you attended a Public Ethics Commission meeting? No

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

Are you currently or are you planning to endorse, support or oppose an Oakland candidate or ballot measure? No

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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

How did you hear about this vacancy?

I am on the Oakland Ethic Commission news letter

Supplemental Questions

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

My graduate research work is concerned with equity in stakeholders' participation of Oakland's natural resources. I am interested in how public-private partnerships can be more successful for all concerned. Urban collaboration efforts are challenging because they involve limited resources and competing social perspectives. I want to help make public-private partnerships more inclusive of the diversity prevalent in Oakland.

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.)

My experience in the sheet metal trade, horticulture, environmental studies, and urban development in the Bay Area gave me strong skills in planning and organizing people and events with focus and purpose. As a 20 year resident of Oakland, I am invested in seeing our great city be a place all families can raise their families for generations to come.

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

The primary issues I want to see addressed by the Commission are equal access to paved streets, clean streets/illegal dumping, and tree planting for old neighborhoods like mine that were created in 1912. Additionally, I am concerned with increased Library hours and physical recreation for youth.

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

Oakland's most pressing ethics challenges include the influence of outside big money on local elections. Transparency is imperative with for-profit developers. Limiting profits in private/public contracts allow access to low-income/no-income housing. Developers can continue to make a profit and help grow the city in a manner that is more inclusive.

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

I know that the people who live in Oakland care about their city. They have "Oaklandish Civic Pride." If it were easier for the common person's voice to be heard or represented Okalanders would provide a unique insight into the needs of our city.

As an African American woman, property-owner, and mother of two living in the Dimond district for the past 21 years, I have seen the neighborhoods change and believe that gentrification is not automatic. The negative impacts of gentrification can be offset by policies that consider the needs of all the stakeholders.

Please provide two references

Reference 1

Name Wendy Brummer

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Email

Reference 2

Name Greg Hall

Address

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Email

Submit your resume

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Signature

Date/Time

Fig. 1 Sol Patch Garden Community



Fig. 2 Friends of the Urban Forest



Fig. 3 California Higher Education Sustainability Conference



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