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### Public Ethics Commission Application

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#### Contact Information

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Name Arvon Perteet

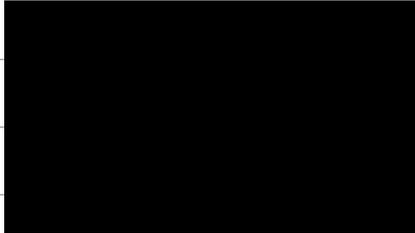
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#### Please answer the following questions

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Are you an Oakland resident? Yes

Years of residency in Oakland 31

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

Have you attended a Public Ethics Commission meeting? Yes

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

List any languages other than English that you speak fluently.

Not Applicable

How did you hear about this vacancy?

Commissioner James Jackson and PEC Executive Director Whitney Barazoto

### Supplemental Questions

**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 through high school, with the exception of a few years in Berkeley and Hayward school districts. I have a strong passion and sense of commitment for the city of Oakland and its residents. I've wanted to serve the City of Oakland in some public capacity every sense I could remember. I feel that public servants should be responsible to the community they serve and that serving on the Public Ethics Commission would help me meet my goal of serving Oakland and increasing the greatness that I see in the City of 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.)**

For over 10 years I worked as a prosecutor at both the County and Federal levels. During that time, I further developed my skills as an investigator, evaluator, mediator, and decision-maker. I worked alongside investigators to help make the right decisions about when, how, and why to adjudicated matters on behalf of the People of the State of California and the United States. Today, I still lead a team of investigators and I utilize the investigation skills that I honed over the last 27 years to detect and prevent fraud. I pride myself on my ability to be fair and impartial during my investigations and to let the facts guide me and not a desire to reach certain presumed results. I want to make sure that everyone has a fair shot. I would bring that same sense of fairness to the Commission.

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

When I applied for this position in late 2019, I stated that "transparency and truth are some of the biggest concerns for our citizens". Unfortunately, the statement still hold true during the election season in 2020. I still believe that candiates and elected officials should be transparent and honest about their positions and relationships. Thus, I would focus my attention and efforts on making sure the candidates, elected officials, their staff, and even city employees are complying with their disclosure responsibilities and following city guidelines and rules regarding supporting and endorsing candidates and utilization of city resources in the same vein.

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

All three areas remain key issues for City of Oakland. The Commission will need to be vigilant in their efforts to address the issue of ethics within the City to ensure that the citizens feel that they can trust the political process. Campaign finance is important to keep an the playing field for all those involved and also identify any potential conflicts of interest. Finally, transparency is the key for Commission. The citizens will only trust the process if they can sure that the Commission's process is transparent and trustworthy.

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

I applied for the Commission previously and I was disappointed that I was not chosen. However, I am undaunted and still have a desire to serve. I truly feel and know that I would be a great asset to the Commission and look forward to serving the City of Oakland. I still want to be an example for young people that great things come from Oakland because I am an example of that greatness.

**Please provide two references**

### Reference 1

Name Jacqueline Thompson

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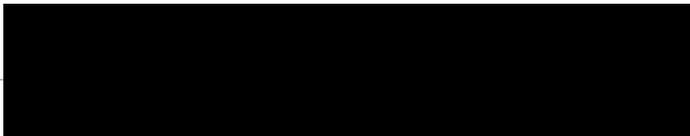
### Reference 2

Name Gordon Greenwood

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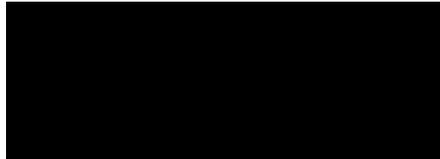
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Date/Time

Aug 30, 2020

**Arvon J. Perteet**



**EXPERIENCE**

**Square, Inc.**

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

Lead, train, and manage 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 detect and prevent fraud against Square and its customers. Manage global legal responses 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 related to discovery requests from third parties.

**San Francisco District Attorney's Office** San Francisco, CA  
*Assistant District Attorney* April 2017 to Present

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  
*Assistant United States Attorney* March 2011 to April 2017  
*Special Assistant United States Attorney* March 2009 to 2011

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  
*Deputy District Attorney* January 2007 to February 2009

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  
*Attorney* July 2006 to December 2006

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.

