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Oakland Public Ethics Commission Welcomes Eddie Tejada as a New Commissioner

The City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission is pleased to announce the mayoral appointment of Eddie Tejada as a new Commissioner on its seven-member board. Mr. Tejada was appointed by Mayor Jean Quan and confirmed by the City Council on January 22, 2013. He is a self-described civic technologist who has devoted his career to building technologies to help civic institutions become more transparent, ethical, and efficient. Mr. Tejada recently co-founded OpenOakland, a group of developers, designers, and organizers working to bring innovative solutions to Oakland governance. He is a former Code for America fellow for the city of New Orleans and a graduate of Hampshire College.

“We are thrilled with the Mayor’s choice of Mr. Tejada as a Commissioner,” said Aspen Baker, Vice-Chairman of the Commission. “Mr. Tejada’s passion and experience in opening up government through technology is an enormous asset to the Commission, particularly as we are launching a new project to enhance public access to City information.”

Commissioner Tejada’s appointment by the Mayor follows the appointment of new Commissioner Jenna Whitman, selected by the Public Ethics Commission in early January. Pursuant to City ordinance, the Commission selects four of its members and the Mayor selects the other three on a rotating schedule. Like Commissioner Whitman, Commissioner Tejada’s term begins January 22, 2013 and runs until January 21, 2016.

The Public Ethics Commission oversees compliance with Oakland's Campaign Reform Act, Conflict of Interest Code, Code of Ethics, Sunshine Ordinance, Limited Public Financing Act, Lobbyist Registration Act and False Endorsement in Campaign Literature Act. The Commission administers compliance programs, educates citizens and City staff on ethics-related issues, and works with City staff to ensure policies are in place and are being followed. Commissioners are volunteers as they participate in regular monthly public meetings and may also perform additional subcommittee work throughout the year.

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