

Public Ethics Commission Announcement

The City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission is currently accepting applications from Oakland residents who are interested in serving as a Commissioner beginning in 2015.

Application Due Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014

The Public Ethics Commission is a seven-member board of volunteers dedicated to the ideals of **fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity** in City government. Guided by these aspirations, and with the authority set out in the City Charter and City ordinances, the Commission works to achieve its goals through a three-pronged approach focusing on prevention, enforcement, and collaboration. Specifically, the Commission oversees compliance with the following local laws:

- Oakland Campaign Reform Act
- Limited Public Financing Act
- Lobbyist Registration Act
- Sunshine Ordinance
- False Endorsement in Campaign Literature Act
- *Government Ethics Act (proposed)*

Please contact **Whitney Barazoto** for more information.



To learn more about the Commission:

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Public Ethics Commission**

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Public Ethics Commission
Commissioner Vacancy Announcement
September 3, 2014

The City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission (PEC) will have one PEC-appointed vacancy on its seven-member board beginning in January 2015. The PEC is now accepting applications to fill these two Commission seats. Applications are due by Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

Background

The Public Ethics Commission is a seven-member board of volunteers dedicated to the City Charter goal of ensuring **fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity** in City government. Guided by duties and authority set out by City ordinance, the Commission works to achieve its goals through a three-pronged approach that focuses on prevention, enforcement, and collaboration. Specifically, the following local laws and policies are the foundation of the Commission's responsibilities in three general program areas – campaign finance, ethics, and transparency:

- Oakland's Campaign Reform Act
- Conflict of Interest Code
- City Council Code of Conduct
- Sunshine Ordinance
- Limited Public Financing Act
- Lobbyist Registration Act
- Oakland's False Endorsement in Campaign Literature Act

Commission Members

Each member of the Commission must be an Oakland resident who is registered to vote in Oakland. Three Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor, and four are appointed by the full Commission on a rotating schedule. Once appointed, a Commissioner is expected to participate in monthly meetings and occasional subcommittee meetings to deliberate and provide guidance to staff in the conduct of the Commission's business.

Commissioners are appointed for a term of 3 years, and during his or her tenure and for one year after leaving the Commission, a Commissioner may not do any of the following:

1. Be employed or contracted by the City or have any direct and substantial financial interest in any work or business or official action by the City;
2. Seek election to any other public office; participate in, or contribute to, an Oakland municipal campaign; or
3. Endorse, support, oppose, or work on behalf of any candidate or measure in an Oakland election.
4. Be a registered lobbyist, or required to register as an Oakland lobbyist, or be employed by or receive gifts or other compensation from a registered Oakland lobbyist.

Commissioners receive no compensation and may serve no more than one consecutive three-year term.

Selection Process

The Commission is currently seeking applications to fill one of the Commission-selected seats. Following the application deadline, a subcommittee of three Commissioners will review applications and conduct oral interviews of candidates in mid-November. The subcommittee will select the top three or four candidates who will be introduced and briefly interviewed by the full Commission at a meeting in December. The terms will begin on January 22, 2015, and will expire on January 21, 2018.

Desired Skills and Abilities

Commissioners should represent a variety of backgrounds and professions so that the Commission as a whole provides a well-rounded perspective on Oakland City government, law, community building and engagement, leadership, program administration, enforcement, and policies related to campaign finance, ethics or transparency. Qualities that will be helpful in serving as a Commissioner include the following abilities:

- Read, analyze, and understand written information and make decisions based on the information
- Listen to public input, assess community needs, and make decisions about how to best accomplish the Commission's goals
- Understand the context in which the Commission operates within City government and the broader community
- Communicate orally during a public, televised meeting
- Collaborate effectively with other Commissioners, the public, City officials, and staff
- Interpret rules, laws and policies and objectively apply a rule to a particular set of facts
- Identify personal conflicts of interest or other factors that could lead to actual or perceived improper influence
- Serve with fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity
- Complete a Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests annually, disclosing information such as one's financial interests in investments, property, income, and gifts (to view a copy of a Form 700, contact Commission staff)

For More PEC Information

You are encouraged to find out more about the Public Ethics Commission online at www.oaklandnet.com/pec and to watch a monthly Commission meeting and a City Council meeting in person or on local television (Channel 10). For more information about the Commission or this announcement, contact Whitney Barazoto at wbarazoto@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6620.

City of Oakland
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
Commissioner Application



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you an Oakland resident? _____ Years of Residency in Oakland: _____

List any other City Boards or Commissions on which you currently or have previously served:

Please answer yes or no to 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? _____
2. Are you currently or planning to seek election to any other public office, participate in, or contribute to an Oakland municipal campaign? _____
3. Are you currently or planning to endorse, support, oppose, or work on behalf of any candidate or measure in an Oakland election? _____
4. Are you an Oakland lobbyist or required to register as a lobbyist, or do you receive gifts or compensation from an Oakland lobbyist? _____
5. Have you attended a Public Ethics Commission meeting? _____

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

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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: _____ Date: _____

See Supplemental Questions on next page →

Supplemental Questions

On a separate page, please answer the following four questions:

- 1. Why do you want to serve on the Public Ethics Commission?**
- 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.)
- 3. What issues, projects, or goals would you like to pursue while serving on the Commission?**
- 4. What else would you like the subcommittee to know as your application is considered?**

Application packets are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, and must include the following materials:

1. Signed Application
2. Answers to the Supplemental Questions
3. Your resume

Applications may be submitted by mail, email or fax to PEC staff:

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