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Application for Boards / Commissions / Committees / Task Forces INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

San Francisco is a diverse City and County with a wide range of people and issues affecting it. In order to take advantage of the extensive experience and knowledge available throughout our communities, various Boards/Commissions/Committees/Task Forces have been established to bring that knowledge together. These groups and their membership requirements are established by legislation approved through the local, state, and/or federal government.

In addition to setting up the purpose and goals of the various groups, the governing legislation outlines the type of person - in terms of desirable skills and/or knowledge - who can contribute their knowledge and perspective. In this manner, a group of San Franciscans, who are representative of the City and County, can be active participants in addressing issues affecting the entire City and County.

If you are interested in serving the City and County of San Francisco, the following procedures are provided:

1. A list of vacancies and expected vacancies, with their qualifications, can be found at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at the San Francisco Main Public Library, and online on the Board of Supervisors' website (<http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy>). Please review this list for positions of interest.
2. Submit an application (http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application)
(List all of the appropriate seat number(s) and/or category/categories for which you qualify. We request applications be received ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing.)

Applicants may also need to submit a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests (<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>), along with their application for all bodies listed in [Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.1-103\(a\)\(1\)](#).

3. If the seat(s) you are applying for is vacant and requires the Board of Supervisors' confirmation, the Rules Committee may schedule your application for review. Applicants should expect to appear before the Rules Committee to speak on their qualifications and answer questions during a public hearing.
(There are no set instructions on what you are expected to present to the Rules Committee; however, a brief description of how your qualifications distinguish you from other applicants, reasons for your interest in the subject, and/or a short summarization on why you would make a good candidate is appropriate.)
4. The Rules Committee may or may not make a recommendation for appointment. If a recommendation is made by the Rules Committee, the recommendation is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. It generally takes approximately 15 days from the date the Rules Committee makes their recommendation, for the individual to become officially appointed.
5. Depending on the type of organization, a new appointee may need to take an Oath of Office.

If there are no vacancies, your application will be retained for one year. If any openings occur during this time, your application will be submitted to the Rules Committee for review.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184. If you require detailed information concerning the operations of a particular Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force, please contact the administering department directly.

(Applications must be submitted to BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org or to the mailing address listed above.)

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Food Security Task Force

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 12,13, 16

Full Name: Katherine Jackson

Home Address: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted]

Home Phone: [Redacted] Occupation: Chief Nutrition Officer

Work Phone: 415-494-8295 Employer: Project Open Hand

Business Address: 730 Polk St Zip Code: 94109

Business Email: kjackson@openhand.org Home Email: katiemerriman2@gmail.com

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of residents of the City and County of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older (unless otherwise stated in the code authority). For certain appointments, the Board of Supervisors may waive the residency requirement.

Resident of San Francisco: Yes [] No [x] If No, place of residence: Oakland

18 Years of Age or Older: Yes [] No []

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

For the past 7 years, I have been working in positions in which I have served patients and clients from marginalized and underserved communities, specifically communities of color and LGBT communities in San Francisco. Project Open Hand ' s mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, caring for and educating our community. At POH we recognize that racial disparities impact individuals health and the prevalence of chronic diseases is higher in communities of color. To address this, we provide access to nourishing food and nutrition intervention to communities most impacted. Our services strive to meet clients where they are at, recognizing each one has unique needs and preferences. We offer a wide range of foods and menus in multiple languages as well as a variety of methods to obtain meals.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

Throughout my career, I have worked in organizations with a mission of serving an underserved and/or vulnerable community. From my time at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Milwaukee, Wi to my role as Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Zuckerberg San Francisco General and my current role of Chief Nutrition Officer at Project Open Hand, I have worked to feed those who may not otherwise have access to high quality food. Because I have experience working in the City and County of San Francisco and now at a community based organization, I feel I have a unique perspective to bring to the Food Security Task Force. Working in both settings has allowed me to see the importance of good nutrition in preventing and managing chronic conditions.

Civic Activities:

From 2017-2024 I served in the City and County of San Francisco at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. During my time there, I participated in a number of projects aimed at addressing food insecurity in a safety net hospital environment. We implemented a process for identifying patients experiencing food insecurity and referring them to community resources. I also participated in the Food Bridge to Health Initiative as well as a process for providing food at discharge for people experiencing food insecurity. Serving the community of ZSFG is a unique experience with its unique challenges and opportunities. Although I was able to work on these initiatives because of the role I was in, it was not my only responsibility. In this next phase of my career, I have decided to focus more narrowly on addressing this issue in our community by joining Project Open Hand where I will work to bring high quality food and nutrition to the most vulnerable communities in our city.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying? Yes No

An appearance before the Rules Committee may be required at a scheduled public hearing, prior to the Board of Supervisors considering the recommended appointment. Applications should be received ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing.

Date: 7/19/24 Applicant's Signature (required): Katherine Jackson

*(Manually sign or type your complete name.
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)*

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointed to Seat #: _____ Term Expires: _____ Date Vacated: _____