

July 1st, 2020

Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Honorable Supervisors,

I humbly submit the following for your consideration for a Supervisorial appointment to continue serving San Francisco as a Board of Appeals Commissioner.

I have served as a Mayoral appointee to the Board of Appeals for the last 7+ years. Not only have I enjoyed serving our City, I believe I have brought a thoughtful perspective to the Board

My perspective started with me being a native Californian, born in Fresno where my parents met in college. My parents were divorced when I was 2 and shared custody; up until the 5th grade I was mostly raised by my single mother who was only 22 years with two young children.

I was raised in an ethnically and culturally diverse environment; my maternal grandfather is from the Philippines (he was a migrant field worker in the Central Valley), my maternal great-grandfather was born in Mexico, my great grandmother was born in Spain. My paternal side is originally from Japan; both my great-grandfather and grandfather were plantation field workers on the Big Island of Hawaii. At the age of 10 my mother got remarried to an amazing man I simply call "dad". My dad's ethnicity is mostly Black with a touch of Irish and Cherokee Native American. I have a younger brother; I do not use the word "step" describing my family.

As a husband of 32 years, (our son is 31-year son, and our daughter is 18-year-old) a small business sole proprietor, a home owner, a landlord, a previous renter and a long-term resident of San Francisco (over 40 years), I have brought to the Board a wealth of life experience. As a successful seasoned small business owner and realtor for over 35 years, I have brought all that combined experience of people skills, problem solving, and negotiating to the board. I deal with all aspects and the many complexities of potential home ownership, e.g. affordability, tenancy, finance, non-warranted issues, entitlements, and code compliance. I have closed on more than 500 real estate transactions. I am most proud that I have never represented an OMI or Ellis Act property, and after all those transactions I have NO cases of mediation, arbitration or litigation.

When I was sitting behind the counter at VideoMotion all those many hours, days and years, I learned how to listen. Friends and customers used to say "Darryl is holding court". Often people would come in, not just to rent a video, they would come in to unwind, take a load off, tell me about how their day went, or to voice their opinions on matters that most concerned them. This is not much different than the role I fill at the Board. In progression, being reappointed to this position would further allow me to give an official capacity to what I've been doing for the past 35 years and allow me to continue serving to make San Francisco a better place to live.

Best regards,

Darryl Honda

