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Date March 20, 2014

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Completed by: Alisa Miller Date March 14, 2014

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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Elections Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Board of Supervisors Appointee District: N/A

Name: Dominic Ryan Paris

Home Address: ██████ Oak Street San Francisco, CA Zip: 94117

Home Phone: 415-██████ Occupation: Elections Office Specialist

Work Phone: 650-312-5222 Employer: San Mateo County Elections Division

Business Address: 40 Tower Road, Highlands-Baywood Park, CA Zip: 94402

Business E-Mail: dparis@smcare.org Home E-Mail: dominic.paris@██████

**Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**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:**

I am a Bay Area native and I have been a resident of San Francisco since 2004, having lived in the Inner Richmond, Castro, NoPa, and Haight-Ashbury. I graduated from University of San Francisco and San Francisco State University and attended City College. I have been involved heavily in the LGBTQ community being a member of Delta Lambda Phi, the international gay fraternity; the Harvey Milk Democratic Club and the Alice B. Toklas Club, LGBTQ democratic clubs; and San Francisco Front Runners, the LGBTQ running club. I have held leadership positions in some of these groups and have volunteered many hours with these organizations. These groups represent a very diverse range of ages, with members ranging from 20s to 70s, as well as cover the ethnic spectrum. I myself am 30 years old and of Irish-Mexican mixed ethnicity.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I have worked the last 4 elections in 3 different jurisdictions in 2 different states in a different capacity each time. This includes election day positions like poll worker judge, clerk, precinct manager (inspector), and field tech as well as pre-election position such as poll worker trainer, specifically for the Democracy LIVE! high school training program, and as a general aide in San Mateo County prior to the 2013 consolidated municipal, school, and special district election. These duties included everything from candidate filings, voter registration affidavit processing, polling place location choices, legally required precinct adjustments, voter machine operations, and record retrieval. I also have a MS in Ethics & Public Policy with a focus on elections and voting, and have studied election administration best practices extensively.

**Civic Activities:**

I have been a consultant with the Center for Election Science since 2011. The purpose of the Center for Election Science is to educate the populace about the importance of voting methods and explain how they work, as well as advocate for the adoption of better voting methods. I also am a member of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club and the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (*Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.*)

Date: 9 Jan 2014 Applicant's Signature: (required) DR Paris

**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 Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  
Paris Dominic Ryan

**1. Office, Agency, or Court**

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)  
City & County of San Francisco: Elections Commission  
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable  
Your Position  
Commissioner

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)**

State  
 Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_  
 City of San Francisco  
 Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)  
 County of San Francisco  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)**

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013.  
-or-  
The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through December 31, 2013.  
 Assuming Office: Date assumed 03 / 25 / 2014  
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 Candidate: Election year \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Schedule Summary**

Check applicable schedules or "None." ► Total number of pages including this cover page: 1  
 Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached  
 Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached  
 Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached  
 Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached  
 Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached  
 Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached  
-or-  
 None - No reportable interests on any schedule


**5. Verification**

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)  
Oak Street San Francisco CA 94117-1903  
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)  
( 415 ) \_\_\_\_\_ dominic.paris@ \_\_\_\_\_

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 03/12/2014  
(month, day, year)

Signature   
(File the originally signed statement with your filing official.)



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Elections Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Seat #1 District: 8

Name: Christopher J. Jerdonek

Home Address: Duncan St. # San Francisco, CA Zip: 94110

Home Phone: 415- [REDACTED] Occupation: Software Developer

Work Phone: 415-286-2238 Employer: self-employed

Business Address: PO Box 194161, San Francisco, CA Zip: 94119

Business E-Mail: chris.jerdonek@gmail.com Home E-Mail: chris.jerdonek@ [REDACTED]

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I have lived in San Francisco for over eight years. I lived in District 9 for the first five years and District 8 after that. I have always been a renter, and I ride a bicycle daily. I am also part of a community of interest that is interested in voting integrity and public transparency in general.

I have been active in issues around elections and voting integrity for over ten years. For example, I have been a polling place inspector twelve times in San Francisco since the June 2006 election. I have written software to analyze election returns, and I have given feedback to San Francisco through the Elections Commission on how it can improve its election procedures. In 2005 while a graduate student at UC Davis, the city-appointed Davis Governance Task Force recognized me for my "valuable contributions" to their process. As someone in the technology field in San Francisco and with a PhD in mathematics, I would like to use my knowledge and experience to give more back to San Francisco in this area.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I work as a software developer in San Francisco. From 2007 to November 2013, I was a software developer at Granicus. Granicus is a San Francisco-based company that provides government agencies with technology that increases public transparency and public access to government information. Before working at Granicus I received a PhD in mathematics from UC Davis. I am currently working on a software business idea that is not related to government and elections. I am also an active contributor in the open source software community.

**Civic Activities:**

I have been a civic-minded and engaged resident of San Francisco since I moved here in 2006. In the area of elections, I have been a polling place inspector twelve times since the June 2006 election. I have attended at least a dozen Elections Commission meetings and have observed the ballot counting several times.

I support and attend the events of many local arts organizations, including the SF Film Society, the Center for Asian American Media, ACT, Root Division, the LAB, Southern Exposure, Red Poppy Art House, and many music venues. As a daily bicycle rider, I am also very interested in transportation issues and am a member of the SF Bicycle Coalition. I have also served as a mentor for female software developers at Hackbright Academy.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (*Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.*)

Date: 2/26/2014 Applicant's Signature: (required) Christopher J. Jerdonek

(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.

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**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

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NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  
 Jerdonek Christopher John

**1. Office, Agency, or Court**

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

San Francisco Elections Commission

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable

Your Position

Seat #1

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**5. Verification**

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chris.jerdonek@gmail.com

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 02/27/2014  
 (month, day, year)

Signature   
 (File the originally signed statement with your filing official.)





Gerard Gleason  
100 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue #4  
San Francisco CA 94118

March 13, 2014

Supervisor Yee  
Supervisor Tang  
Supervisor Campos  
Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco CA 94102

**RE: Recommendation of Mr. Chris Jerdonek for appointment to the San Francisco Elections Commission Rules Committee March 20, 2014**

Dear Supervisors,

For the past ten years I served as the Board of Supervisors' appointee to the Elections Commission in the seat vacated that you are now reviewing applicants for. I viewed my service on the Elections Commission as a trust placed in me by the Board and made a serious commitment to fulfill the Charter's mandate for the Commission which is oversight of the Department of Elections to conduct free, fair and functional elections. In the ten years, 2004 to 2013, I missed only 2 of the over 130 regular, special and committee meetings, served two terms as Commission President, and all years I was not Commission President, I was a member of the Commission's only standing committee, Budget and Oversight of Public Elections, most years as Chair of that Committee. In addition, I served as an Election Day pollworker for 14 of the 16 public elections which occurred during my term. Prior to service on the Elections Commission, I worked for a time at the Department of Elections as the person responsible for ballot design and production of the Voter Information Pamphlet — a key position within the Department. Given my service and background with elections administration in San Francisco, I would appreciate your consideration of my recommendation for filling the vacant seat.

Mr. Chris Jerdonek is someone who I have known since 2005 and is one of the few people in San Francisco who clearly demonstrates that he understands and cares deeply about elections administration and the conduct of elections. Frankly, few members of the public attend Elections Commission meetings. Mr. Jerdonek is one of those few.

Mr. Jerdonek has served numerous times as an Election Day pollworker; observed the post-election canvas for certification of the votes; and reviewed vote count data for anomalies. He has provided me, the Commission, the Department and the public with detailed observations of election conduct and data. I recall that he was the person who pointed out that the Department was not following proper protocol for selection of random precincts chosen for the post-election manual tally... Mr. Jerdonek pointed out that the Department was selecting and making the random precincts publicly known *before* the election... thus invalidating any randomness. Such an error can bring doubt upon any election. Mr. Jerdonek caught what to some may seem to be a minor detail... but as the saying goes, the devil is in the details. Just one example of Mr. Jerdonek's attention to and knowledge of elections administration.

Given Mr. Jerdonek's background in mathematics, understanding of elections administration, that he is one of the few people who has attended and given feedback at Elections Commission meetings, that I would also encounter him at Saturday morning pollworker trainings before elections... I believe Mr. Jerdonek is the very best qualified person to serve on the Elections Commission.

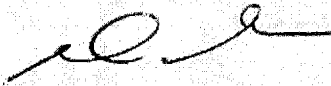
Currently the Department of Elections has excellent management and operations under Director John Arntz. But that does not mean there should be an absence of oversight. In fact, the Director of Elections is in one of the very few department heads within City & County government who exists without ultimate accountability to the elected executive management of the City... or to the voters. Therefore the Elections Commission is tasked with a very serious mandate of oversight. The qualifications to do that are considerable. The seat on the Elections Commission is not a résumé builder. It is a serious, committed trust.

The current members of the Elections Commission are citizens who take the commitment seriously. Unfortunately, none, with the exception of current member Richard Matthews, bring prior elections administration experience and knowledge to the Commission...and Commissioner Matthews' term ends this year. Therefore it would be extremely helpful to the Commission to have someone with Mr. Jerdonek's background and expertise appointed at this time.

The last point I would like to make is to caution against appointing anyone to the Commission whose knowledge of elections is from the electoral campaign side of elections. There is a considerable difference between election campaigns and elections administration. In fact, San Francisco's Department of Elections suffered for many years from that conflict. That dichotomy no longer exists within the culture of the Elections Department and the Elections Commission and it should remain so. The mandate for the Elections Commission rests with the conduct of and *not* the outcome of elections.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my recommendation of Mr. Jerdonek for the seat on the Elections Commission. It was a pleasure to have been able to serve on the Elections Commission and I am grateful to the Board of Supervisors for allowing me the honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard Gleason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gerard Gleason  
Now former member, San Francisco Elections Commission

**Miller, Alisa**

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**From:** Noa Bar [noa.barnone@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:32 PM  
**To:** Campos, David (BOS); Miller, Alisa  
**Cc:** Ronen, Hillary  
**Subject:** Elections commission: letter of support for Chris Jerdonek

Dear Supervisor Campos:

As one of your constituents, I'm writing to ask you to support Chris Jerdonek's candidacy for the San Francisco Elections Commission.

I am a five-year resident of San Francisco and have lived in District 9 for four of those years. I have known Chris for seven years. Chris is an exceptionally qualified candidate both technically and personally. He is an experienced software developer with a Ph.D. in mathematics. He has a longstanding interest in and care for elections and has been a polling place inspector twelve times in San Francisco. On a personal level, he is a very conscientious person and cares about the community.

I hope that you can support Chris at the Rules Committee and at any subsequent Board of Supervisors meetings. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Noa Bar  
(510) 761-5100

**Miller, Alisa**

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**From:** Charles Kalish [charles.kalish@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 2:45 AM  
**To:** Miller, Alisa  
**Subject:** Commissioners Packet - Please confirm

Ms. Milleer: Please confirm the insertion of this letter into Supervisor Compos' Rules Committee packet. Thank you

March 14, 2014

Supervisor David Campos  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Campos,

I am a San Francisco resident and live in your district, District 9. I am writing to ask that you support the appointment of Mr. Chris Jerdonek to replace Mr. Gerard Gleason (who has stepped down) on the SF Elections Commission.

Chris is an outstanding good citizen and will be a conscientious and thoughtful commissioner. In addition to his personal qualities, Chris has the expertise and knowledge of elections to be a real asset to the Elections Commission. Chris will bring the following qualification to this work:

- He has a PhD in Mathematics from University of California at Davis;
- He has been a lead software developer for a company (Granicus, Inc.) that enables government transparency;
- He has been a frequent attendee at Elections Commissions meetings;
- He has been involved in San Francisco's elections through poll work in 12 elections, and has been involved with elections issues generally for over a decade;
- He has observed the hand count for post-election manual audit/one-percent manual tally on multiple occasions;
- He has worked to improve San Francisco's implementation of ranked choice voting, especially reporting requirements.

In short, Chris is extremely well-versed in the technical details of election administration.

Supervisor Campos, I have owned my own landscaping business for many years in San Francisco, and I care passionately about what happens to our city, especially the integrity of our election process. With Chris'

enthusiasm for elections, his experience and technical background, he will make an outstanding elections commissioner. He will show up to all the meetings, and will act in good faith to work diligently with his fellow commissioners to ensure San Francisco has consistently fair and secure elections. We are lucky to have an applicant like Chris for this position, and so I hope you will support him for this appointment to the Elections Commission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Kalish  
128 Lundys Lane

San Francisco, CA 94110

**Steven Hill**  
**4315 Lincoln Way**  
**San Francisco, CA 94122**  
**(415) 665-5044**  
[hill@Steven-Hill.com](mailto:hill@Steven-Hill.com)

March 13, 2014

**To: Supervisors Yee, Tang and Campos/Rules Committee**

**From: Steven Hill**

Dear Supervisors Norman Yee, Katy Tang and David Campos,

As a longtime resident of San Francisco, I am writing to ask you to support the appointment of Mr. Chris Jerdonek to the SF Elections Commission.

It can be difficult to find good people to fill these vacancies, especially for a commission like the Elections Commission which is not usually in the public limelight and is very nuts and bolts oriented. The Board's appointee who stepped down, Gerard Gleason, was someone with significant knowledge about elections, and he also served conscientiously and diligently as an Elections Commissioner, attending nearly all meetings and serving for eight years.

We are lucky to find someone of this caliber who is willing to serve on the Elections Commission, and who in fact is recommended to you by ex-Commissioner Gerard Gleason himself.

Chris Jerdonek is a longtime resident of San Francisco, holds a PhD in mathematics from University of California-Davis, works in the tech industry (though he is not a Google ditto head), has been a poll worker 12 times, has observed the ballot counting, has testified many times at Elections Commission meetings, has provided recommendations for how to improve reporting for ranked choice voting, and in general has been a student of the technical side of elections for many years. Chris has acquired a lot of expertise in matters like post-election manual audits of election results, 1% manual tallies, how to administer ranked choice voting elections, voting equipment and related issues.

I have known Chris personally for a number of years, and besides his impressive technical background and expertise in computer/digital technologies as well as elections, he is a person of outstanding character and personal integrity. He is highly conscientious and ethical, with good political values. You can be sure that Chris will take his appointment seriously, he will show up on time for meetings, and will bring a demeanor to this work that will make him a credit to public service. I cannot emphasize enough how lucky we are lucky to find someone with Chris's qualifications and temperament who is willing to serve on the Elections Commission.

I hope you will support the appointment of Chris Jerdonek to the SF Elections Commission. Mr. Jerdonek will be an excellent addition to that public body, and he deserves your support.

Thank you, I wish you all the best.

Steven Hill

March 13, 2014

Mr. Norman Yee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Yee,

I am a San Francisco resident and live in District 7. I am writing today to support the appointment of Mr. Chris Jerdonek to replace Mr. Gerard Gleason on the SF Elections Commission.

I have known Chris for several years, and know him to be highly intelligent, accomplished, and perhaps most importantly, passionate about San Francisco's elections issues and processes. I see the supporting reasons for his appointment to be the following:

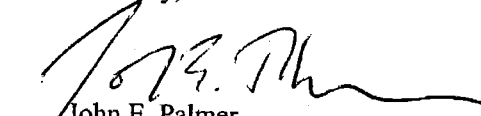
- Chris has been a San Francisco resident since 2006;
- He has a PhD in Mathematics from UC Davis;
- He has done software development for a company (Granicus, Inc.) that enables government transparency;
- He has been a frequent attendee at Elections Commissions meetings; and
- He has been involved in San Francisco's elections through poll work in over ten elections (including several one-percent manual tallies), and has been involved with elections issues generally for a decade.

Perhaps most important to me, Chris is well-versed in the technical details of the processes of our elections. He has, for example, observed the hand count for the post-election one-percent manual tally on multiple occasions, and made recommendations for how to improve that process. He also has worked to improve San Francisco's implementation of ranked choice voting.

Supervisor Yee, I'm writing to you as a 19-year small-business owner in San Francisco and someone concerned about the integrity of our election process. I know that, with his enthusiasm for the issues, his experience, and his horsepower, Chris Jerdonek would serve San Francisco well as an elections commissioner. I ask you to support Chris, and to recommend his appointment to your fellow Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
John E. Palmer  
407 Castenada Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94116

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Date Established:

January 1, 2002

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**ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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Tachina Alexander Commission Secretary  
Elections  
City Hall, Room 48  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 554-4305

Fax: (415) 554-7457

Email:

**Authority:**

Charter Section 13.103.5

**Board Qualifications:**

The Elections Commission consists of seven members, one of whom is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is broadly representative of the general public. The composition of the other members are as follows: one member appointed by the Mayor; the City Attorney, the Public Defender, the District Attorney, the Treasurer, and the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. The member appointed by the Mayor shall have a background in the electoral process. The member appointed by the City Attorney shall have a background in elections law. The member appointed by the Treasurer shall have a background in financial management. The members appointed by the District Attorney, Public Defender, the Board of Education of SFUSD shall be broadly representative of the general public.

**Term of Office:** The Commission members shall serve five-year terms. No person appointed as a Commission member may serve as such for more than two successive five-year terms. Any person appointed as a commission member to complete more than two and one half years of a five-year term shall be deemed to have served one full term. In the event a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority who appointed the member vacating the office shall appoint a qualified person to complete the remainder of the term. All members initially appointed shall take office on January 1, 2002.

The Elections Commission shall oversee all public federal, state, district and municipal elections in the City and County. The Commission shall set general policies for the Department of Elections and shall be responsible for the proper administration of the general practices of the



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Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provision of the Charter. These duties shall include but not be limited to approving written plans prior to each election, submitted by the Director of Elections, detailing the policies, procedures, and personnel that will be used to conduct the election as well as an assessment of how well the plan succeeded in carrying out a free, fair and functional election. See Charter for restrictions on membership.

Sunset Date: None

Reports: None referenced.