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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: SF Cannabis oversight committee

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): #8

Full Name: Alexander Asfeaw



Zip Code: 94115

Occupation: Cannabis dispensary Onwer

Work Phone: 415 610-3703 Employer: Obsidian SF LLC

Business Address: 1017 Divisadero Street Zip Code: 94115

Business Email: obsidiandispensary@gmail.com Home E [Redacted]

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I am a local business owner born and raised in the SF. Being an African American male who grew up in the Western addition Fillmore District, I represent many of the demographics that this initiative was created to impact. I want to insure that the decisions made in this space positively affect my community which was disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs and the overall stigma of the medicine that we know as cannabis. I also want to be an example to those in my community, and let them know that it is possible for us to make it in this space.

Business and/or Professional Experience:


I have a background in entraneurship on all fronts. I worked in sales and auto finance for 6 years 2012-2016. I have received my cannabis business certificate from Oakstardam university 2019. I have attended the SF Success centers equity for industry workshops since 2019. I completed the SF MMOB business training program 2022. I completed the Dream keepers apprenticeship program and gained specialized business experience through working in local dispensary storefronts 2023.

Civic Activities:

I frequently volunteer community service at the SF Eritrean community center by providing youth mentorship, college workshops, event planning, program scheduling and holiday activities.

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Date: 5/17/23 Applicant's Signature (required): 

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Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Seat 8, Seat 9, Seat 16

Full Name: Ali Jamalian

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94122
Occupation: Owner/CEO

Work Phone: (415) 900-6868 Employer: Kiffen LLC

Business Address: 570 Bryant St Zip Code: 94107

Business Email: aj@kiffensf.com Home Email:

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I am a local cannabis industry veteran, SF's first social equity manufacturer/distributor, a grant recipient, the owner of a recently approved cultivation project in the city, and the sitting chairman of the Cannabis Oversight Committee. I also work closely with multiple local nonprofits and their principles in getting their social equity businesses started.
My understanding of the legal industry has been shaped by working directly with various city departments through the Oversight Committee and fostering relationships with fellow cannabis operators who represent every facet of the community.
Our office here at Sunset Connect is made up almost entirely of racial and ethnic minorities at every level of the company.

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Business and/or Professional Experience:

- Founder and CEO of Sunset Connect, quickly becoming one of the most exciting companies in the industry.
- I have had to navigate the building and planning departments of San Francisco multiple times, allowing me to share relevant insights with multiple advisory bodies.
- Served as Chairman of the most recent iteration of this committee.
- Currently presiding over the state Cannabis Advisory Committee.
- Taught multiple classes at CCSF's inaugural cannabis studies extension program.
- Consistently devoted to bridging the gap between regulatory policies and actual industry practice while preserving small business and social equity.
- Global Cannabis Times 2023 Top 100 Most Influential People in Cannabis

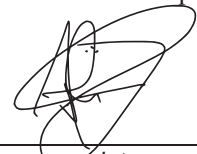
Civic Activities:

- Engagement in multiple advisory committees in a concerted effort to foster small business ownership, lower barriers of entry for those impacted by the war on drugs, and drive industry workforce development.
- After having been a victim of an armed burglary at our business premises, I have personally been extremely active in organizing press and rallying support for the protection of legal industry operators.

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

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Date: 04/28/2023 Applicant's Signature (required): _____



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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 8, 12, or 13

Full Name: DeShawn Davis

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94124
Occupation: IHSS / Business Owner

Work Phone: 4157244905 Employer: IHSS

Business Address: 77 Otis Street Zip Code: 94103

Business Email: ihsspayoutunits@sfgov.org Home Email [Redacted]

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With a lifelong passion for business starting from a young age, I have built multiple companies under the D.R.E.A.M. umbrella, including Dream Ear Productions, Dream Eye Media, and Dream N' Play Games. Through these ventures, I have served 100s of clients and mentored individuals from diverse communities around the Bay Area. By providing a range of creative services and fostering entrepreneurship, I have actively engaged with the unique needs and perspectives of San Francisco's communities. My dedication to inclusivity, equity, and accessibility drives me to tailor my services to meet the diverse demographic qualities of the city, ensuring that I represent and uplift the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the rich diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco.

Business and/or Professional Experience:


Throughout my remarkable journey as an entrepreneur, I have crafted a tapestry of business and professional experiences that reflect both the awe-inspiring and relatable aspects of my story. From the early days of my entrepreneurial spirit, where I engaged in trading toys and selling lemonade, to the establishment of my three companies—Dream Ear Productions, Dream Eye Media, and Dream N' Play Games—I have consistently pushed the boundaries of creativity and entrepreneurship. By catering to the needs of musicians and expanding my services to encompass various creative domains, I have embraced the essence of inclusivity, equity, and accessibility. My journey, with its rich narrative and grounded approach, stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of entrepreneurship and the diverse communities I have had the privilege to serve.

Civic Activities:

I have dedicated myself to various volunteer initiatives, including supporting aspiring artists, speaking at schools to motivate students, providing peer consulting, and delivering motivational talks. By assisting artists in realizing their creative dreams, inspiring students to believe in their potential, guiding peers through challenges, and empowering individuals through motivational speaking, I have been able to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others. I am committed to continuing my civic contributions, leveraging my skills and experiences to uplift communities and foster positive change.

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

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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Seat 8, Seat 12

Full Name: Drakari Donaldson



Zip Code: 94109

Home Phone: Occupation: CEO/Owner

Work Phone: Employer: Displeased Marmot

Business Address: 1398 California Zip Code: 94109

Business Email: drakari@californiastreetcannabis.com

Home Email:

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Covid-19 Vaccinated: Yes [X] No []

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I am an mixed race, african american, male, who was born and raised in San Francisco. I am a product of the SFUSD and a first generation graduate from the Universit of California Merced. I have owned and operated my own businesses in San Francisco since 2018. Currently I am the CEO and verified equity applicant for the California Street Cannabis Co. which opened its doors in January 2020. I believe my background as a mixed race San Francisco native and small business owner will allow me to provide valuable insight and solutions to some of the mayjor problems negatively impacting small business and cannabis business in this city.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

Bullitt Bar & Grill (2016-2018)

General Manager

- Managed a team of 10-15 people with the goal of providing exceptional customer service and a safe and fun environment for adults.
- Assisted in currating a well rounded food and beverage menu
- Managed operations such as, but not limited to, Hiring/Termination, Payroll, Scheduling, Event Coordination, and general flow of business

Tonic (2018-2020)

Owner/Manager

- Overseen the general operations of the business. Responsibilities included managing customer complaints, ensuring stocks in the bar, and scheduling the jobs of employees

California Street Cannabis Co. (2020 - Present)

CEO/Owner

- Supervise the day to day operations of the business
- Lead a team of employees in bettering the sales of the business through creative marketing, cannabis education, and customer service training
- Analyze current market data in order to make decisions that increase revenue and foot traffic

Civic Activities:

California Street Cannabis Compassion Program: Through my licensed cannabis retail storefront, we were able to create a cannabis donation program that provides free, safe, medicinal cannabis to patients and non-profit organizations like the Brownie Mary Democratic Club, Weed For Warriors, and Sweet Leaf.

Impact 6: I sat on the board of Impact 6, a non-profit organization that aims to bridge the gap between underprivileged youth to mentors in order to provide better access to resources, experiences, and knowledge that is necessary for the youth to grow. On the board, I helped coordinate events such as food drives, clothing drives, and Female Hygiene drives to help combat some of the ongoing issues in the underserved communities of San Francisco.

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

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Date: 03/30/2023

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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 8,12,13

Full Name: Joshua Malcolm Weitz

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94105
Occupation: CEO, Medmen Cow Hollow

Work Phone: Employer: Self-Employed

Business Address: 1861 Union St. San Francisco CA Zip Code:

Business Email: malcolm@miragemedicinal.com Home Email:

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I am a mixed-race Filipino and Jewish American born and raised in the Mission District of San Francisco. Following the footsteps of Dennis Peron and my beloved city of SF, I did not subscribe to the illegality of cannabis despite it being deemed illegal by the federal government. As such, I owned and operated Mirage Medicinal - a medical marijuana delivery service during the medical Prop 215 days in California. I delivered cannabis to cancer patients, patients with HIV and AIDS, and patients with other disabilities.

When California legalized adult-use cannabis in 2018, my sister (Nina Parks) and I joined a coalition of activists to help conceptualize and push for social justice reform in the cannabis industry. What resulted from our push was a collaboration between local SF government, activists, investors, and other stakeholders to implement one of the nation's first cannabis social equity programs.

Under SF's social equity program I secured investors for 3 retail storefront license

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Business and/or Professional Experience:

I have been working in the cannabis industry for roughly 15 years. First as a trimmer and distributor during the Proposition 215 days, and eventually opening and operating a legal delivery service (Mirage Medicinal) in 2015. As principal of Mirage Medicinal, I oversaw sales, inventory, marketing, and compliance.

Once California legalized adult-use cannabis, I took advantage of the Social Equity Program and secured investment for 3 retail storefront locations in SOMA, Cow Hollow, and Union Square. Out of the 3 locations, I partnered with a multi-state operator at two locations and a family office in the last location. This experience has allowed me to gain a unique understanding of relationships and investment negotiations between myself, the social equity partner, and investment stakeholders big and small. Furthermore, I was hands-on during the licensing and permitting process. I interfaced directly with the landlords, architects, contractors, the Office of Cannabis, the agencies in charge with approving my tenant occupancy (Police, Fire, DBI, Planning). I have a very detailed understanding of the entire local and state permit

Civic Activities:

As a native San Franciscan, giving back to the community has been ingrained in my psyche. Back in the day when California did not allow those formerly incarcerated for cannabis crimes to own a cannabis business, I joined my sister Nina Parks to build coalitions and lobby the government for a reprieve. The result was the implementation of SF's Social Equity Program.

As the SF's cannabis program matured, I consistently attended all Board of Supervisor public hearings and gave comments to ensure a fair and just evolution of the program. Additionally, I've attended all Cannabis Oversight Committee hearings and gave relevant comments. I've maintained solid relationships with fellow equity applicant CEOs and owners and have daily updates with a number of them.

From an operations standpoint, I've been extremely hands-on during the entire permit application process as well as day to day operations. During the permit application process, I engaged the community and leveraged my investment partners to do so as well. We donated our volunteer time, presents and cash to groups like SOMA Pilipinas, Bessy Carmichael

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

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Date: 11/22/2022

Applicant's Signature (required):

Joshua Malcolm Weitz



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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Open Seats 8 and 12

Full Name: Romwald (RayRay) Connolly

Zip Code: 94133

Occupation: Cannabis Retail Business Owner

Work Phone: 415-706-7759

Employer: Founder & CoOwner of EurekaSky & SeaWeedsf

Business Address: 3989 17th ST/2627 Taylor ST

Zip Code: 94114/94133

Business Email: Rayray@eurekasky.com

Home Email:

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I'm from an Irish and Polish family and my husband, Desmond, is Malaysian Chinese. We have been together for 34 years; and married for four years. We have lived in SF for over 25 years. I spent over 20 years in Hi Tech in my former career, and my husband spent over 20 years in Bio Tech. Together, we own two retail cannabis businesses in San Francisco and they are Eureka Sky and Seaweed SF. Eureka Sky is located in the Castro Neighborhood while Seaweed SF is located in Fisherman's Wharf. We lost our fathers to cancer respectively and we strongly believe in the medicinal benefits of cannabis. We wanted to honor our father's legacies with our cannabis retail stores; to give back to the community by helping oncology patients; to hire from the less advantage by recruiting from San Francisco First Source; and to actively recruit from Castro District and local residents around Fisherman's Wharf area. We've tried to give individuals who have fallen on hard times a second chance. We have several employees who we've help move out of shared housing into their own apartments along with giving individuals a fun, structured, family oriented places to work.

As an owner of two cannabis retail stores in San Francisco, I have gained a better understanding to the struggles of small business ownership. I learned from the difficulties our two equity partners have had, what individuals have experienced after being released from jail, recovering from substance abuse because I've tried to provide a fresh beginning to our equity partners and to others as Bud Tenders. I also feel I've gained a thorough understanding to all the challenges that potential business owners encounter when opening a retail cannabis store. Being awarded the first Equity Cannabis License, 001, I confidently feel that I have a strong knowledge of the California Cannabis Industry; from taxation, retail landscape, security, labor employment, downturns in business due to the ever growing black market, competition, and unfair competition from delivery vendors not licensed in San Francisco. My experience in these areas is my value I may be able to contribute as a member of the Cannabis Oversight Committee.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I spent over 20 years as a Software Executive. In my career as an executive, I've held positions as World Wide Sales VP; Executive Sales VP and in these roles, I specialized in bringing their emerging markets to be acquired. During that time I went through many notable acquisitions with fortune 50 companies namely Microsoft and Adobe. I helped build an SF based small company to be acquired by Microsoft where I then spent 8 years with Microsoft and carried a 420m quota and had 220 people reporting to me. I also worked for a Utah based company to be their change agent and helped restructure their 138 person staff. That company was later acquired by Adobe for 1.5B. I used my skills, my proven track record to help myself understand the SF Cannabis industries big picture which I apply everyday in the two stores I own with my husband and our two equity partners. Since opening our stores; we have been profitable after our first year in business. Since a majority of Cannabis Retailers opened prior or during Covid several retailers in SF have struggled in this highly competitive market, closed due to market conditions or were forced to take investors with unfairly terms to survive. Both Eureka Sky and Seaweed SF show small profits but in today's climate we are profitable. This is a direct result of strong management skills and understanding of the changing and challenging cannabis retail market landscape.

I have a strong acumen to bring both both sides of the table together which is why I spent most of my career negotiating multi million dollar deals. When any scenario is complex, broken or strained you need to understand how did the scenario get to that point. Learn from what worked, understand what didn't work and then approach the scenario with a clear, agreed upon plan how to repair it, grow it and hopefully build a repeatable model.

Civic Activities:

I've been an active member of both the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association and the Castro Merchants Association. I served as the secretary on the Castro Merchant's Board as well as the fund raising chair for the "Friends of Harvey Milk". I'm on the Castro Retail Strategy committee as well as Save The Castro committee.

Friends of Harvey Milk is a non profit organization which is raising 24m to renovate the entry station on the corner of Castro and Market and create a tourist destination in memory of what Harvey Milk achieved. Save the Castro Committee is an organization where we're trying to help find homeless and ill individuals who live on the streets find permanent housing and mental/health care. Save the Castro is an orgazation trying to fill the empty store fronts with pop up shops and long term businesses.

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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Seat #9

Full Name: Adam Hayes

[Redacted] SF, CA Zip Code: 94117

[Redacted] Occupation: Chief Operations Officer

Work Phone: 415-650-6263 Employer: Grayson Group DBA Sense

Business Address: 215 Clara St, SF, CA Zip Code: 94107

Business Email: adam@sensegrown.com Home Email: [Redacted]

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My company is a very small company with five employees. When we are able to hire we are always reaching out within our surrounding neighborhoods for candidates. As people come and go I have hired 12 people total in my 7 years running this business in San Francisco and I am proud that half of those we have hired were San Francisco Natives; just like my 2 children.

Business and/or Professional Experience:


I have been a managing partner for the Grayson Group since 2016. I have been involved in running the company since we were operating under Prop 215 as a Mutual Benefit Non Profit Cannabis Collective. I have since worked with the city during the transition to the recreational cannabis regulations we are now under. I have a great understanding of what it takes to be a small, owner operated, cannabis cultivation business in San Francisco.

Civic Activities:

None

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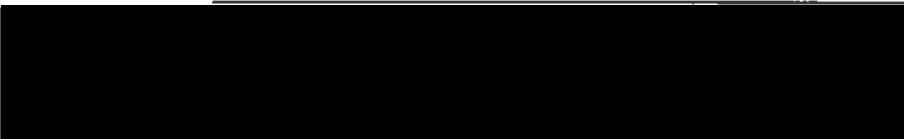
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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 11

Full Name: Apollo Wallace



Zip Code: 94080

Union Organizer/Business Agent

Work Phone: 415-716-7908 Employer: Teamsters Local 2785

Business Address: 1440 Southgate ave Daly City Zip Code: 94080

Business Email: Awallace@Teamsters2785.org Home Email:

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Covid-19 Vaccinated: Yes No

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I am born and raised in San Francisco's Lower Haight. I grew up surrounded by gentrification, and watching the lower income segments and minorities suffer inequity. As a UPS driver for 24 years I happily served communities rich in diversity. When I was offered an opportunity to transfer into the Teamsters Local 2785 as an Organizer/Business Agent I did not hesitate to put myself in a position to serve the lower income and minority communities that I grew up alongside. I am a proud parent of multiethnic children and a proud husband to a multiethnic wife, who serves the indigent community as a Private Defender in San Mateo County. Our family is committed to leveling the playing field.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

24 year UPS Driver. 1 year Union Organizer/Business Agent for Teamsters Local 2785 working on Amazon and cannabis.
Delegate for San Mateo and San Francisco Labor Councils.

Civic Activities:

I actively volunteer at the seniors food drive for the SF food bank. Also twice a month for the San Mateo Labor Council food drive. I support and attend most strikes throughout the SF Bay Area. I have also volunteered for various politicians and ballot initiatives.

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

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Date: 1/26/23 Applicant's Signature (required): Apollo Wallace
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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

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

Full Name: Perry Jones

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

Home Phone: [Redacted] Occupation: CEO/Cannabis Retail

Work Phone: 415 756-3084 Employer: MMD Shops SF

Business Address: 4835 Mission St Zip Code: 94112

Business Email: caliheals415@gmail.com Home Email: [Redacted]

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I'm now a Verified equity applicant and a life long SF resident with a back ground that can relate to the equity community and those extending support. I also have great experience when it comes to being equity and educated enough to make a deal and partnership based around the over all best interest of the community as a whole.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I have been a Business Man, and ~~Grad~~ Student and graduate of OATSDAM UNIV

Civic Activities:

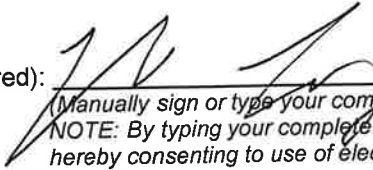
* I keep involved by offering education and Mentorship for other equity applicants and Business owners

* I have worked closely with the SF Success Center, and the O.O.C helping to push the agenda around safe access of Cannabis and also educating the community.

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

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Date: 5/17/23

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Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: _____

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): _____

Full Name: _____



Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____ Employer: _____

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Business and/or Professional Experience:

Civic Activities:

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

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Date: _____ Applicant's Signature (required): Wyatt Lin
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STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
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Lin Wyatt

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)
Cannabis Oversight Committee
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position
Cannabis Task Force Member Seat 12

► 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 Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
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3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Leaving Office: Date Left ____/____/_____
-or- The period covered is ____/____/_____, through (Check one circle.)
 Assuming Office: Date assumed ____/____/_____. The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of leaving office.
-or- The period covered is ____/____/_____, through the date of leaving office.
 Candidate: Date of Election _____ and office sought, if different than Part 1: _____

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► Total number of pages including this cover page: _____

Schedules attached

- Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached
- Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached
- Schedule B - Real Property - 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
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94131

I acknowledge 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 March 21, 2023
(month, day, year)

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

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

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

Full Name: David Nogales Talley

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94080
[Redacted] Sales Director

Work Phone: (949)527-8542 Employer: AFG Solutions

Business Address: 578 Washington Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA Zip Code: 90292

Business Email: david@afgsolutions.org Home E [Redacted]

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

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As the son of a second-generation Mexican immigrant, it was impressed upon us to have a deep appreciation for the contributions and challenges of immigrant communities, and a strong sense of responsibility to uplift those who are less fortunate. The cannabis industry has been an inclusive space that has allowed me to interact with individuals of different cultures, ethnic backgrounds, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds. Having lived in neighborhoods across San Francisco, I am dedicated to understanding the diverse communities that make up our city. From Ingleside to the Sunset District, from the Tenderloin to Golden Gate Heights, I have lived in and immersed myself in our neighborhoods, connecting with people from all walks of life. This firsthand exposure has allowed me to witness the distinct cultural traditions, struggles, and aspirations of different communities of our city. Volunteering for the SFSU Disabled Programs and Resource Center (DPRC) truly deepened my dedication to assisting my fellow students who were striving to advance their education despite facing challenges and helped alleviate my own PTSD. Attending cultural events, such as Carnaval, Die de Los Muertos, Filipino events at Kapwa Gardens, and essential community events like the Folsom Street Fair and Bay to Breakers, has allowed me to engage with and celebrate the cultural tapestry of our city.

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

Business and/or Professional Experience:

Coming from the S. California legacy market over 15 years ago, I've had the honor of working with a multitude of canna-businesses across the state. After I knew that the cannabis industry was where I belonged, I pursued higher education at SFSU, obtaining both a Bachelor's Degree and my MBA while working at Harvest (now Urbana) and later managing the Marina Apothecarium. These experiences provided me with a deep understanding of the operational aspects of the cannabis market. Over the past six years, I successfully transitioned from dispensary management to sales, working with a host of companies, from small equity brands like GoodTree to larger MSOs such as SERRA/Groundworks, Bhang chocolates, and Sherbinskis. I have actively sought opportunities for learning and sharing knowledge. I attended Oaksterdam to further increase my understanding of cannabis cultivation, regulations, and industry best practices. Additionally, I had the privilege of presenting to my peers for the SF Success Centers alongside Ms. Angela White, further contributing to the education and development of others in the field.

Having received so much from the city of San Francisco, I am eager to give back and

Civic Activities:

With such a history of activism in San Francisco, it has been an honor to contribute in any way I've been able to. I've had the privilege of being able to volunteer across the community by pulling invasive plants from our lovely SF beaches, volunteering for the DPRC (Disability Programs and Resource Center) to assist my fellow MBA peers, supporting the equity community at public hearings and committee meetings, and protesting at our Capital in Sacramento to improve operating conditions for CA cannabis businesses. Over the last 3 years, I've become much more involved in protests and actions attempting to change the systemic racial injustice in our country. Having attended dozens of protests to bring attention to the issue and donating time and money to causes that tackled these challenges head-on, I know our work has only begun and that each victory is only a step on the path to social justice. It is my hope that with my experience and knowledge, I can help promote the equitable growth of the cannabis industry; promoting the well-being of both businesses and the community. It would be an honor to leverage my expertise and dedication to serve on the oversight committee and give back to this city that has provided me with so many opportunities.

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

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Date: 5/10/2023

Applicant's Signature (required): David Nogales Talley

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Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

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

Full Name: Walter Redding, Jr.

[Redacted] an., CA Zip Code: 94115
Occupation: CEO & Business Owner

Work Phone: 415-240-1534 Employer: Gummyum LLC

Business Address: 83 Duboce Street, Unit B, San Fran. CA Zip Code: 94103

Business Email: 1.23.81r@gmail.com Home Email: [Redacted]

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Applicant Walter Redding, Jr. is a verified San Francisco Office of Cannabis Equity Owner (SF OOC ID # 101210682) and submits this application for the Cannabis Oversight Committee's Seat 13 vacancy held by an Equity Applicant as defined in Police Code Subsection 1604(b). Mr. Redding is founder and equity applicant/owner of Gummyum LLC, a Mission District cannabis retail, distribution, and manufacturing facility located at 83 Duboce Street and entering Phase 2 of permitting with the SF Office of Cannabis. The purpose of SF's Equity Program is to address the wrongs of the war on drugs including the inequitable and disproportionate rate of incarceration of African-Americans for low level cannabis-related crimes prior to passage Prop. 64 and the legalization of adult use of cannabis in California. As an African American entrepreneur and lifelong resident of San Francisco's Fillmore District, Mr. Redding has first hand experience with the negative impact of the war on drugs on his community. Prior to establishing his cannabis business through SF's equity program in 2020, Mr. Redding has had a long history as a community activist in the Fillmore and Western Addition neighborhoods as founder of community groups including a non-profit, Playground SF, to combat youth violence in the Fillmore and Western Addition neighborhoods through music education and other arts activities. As a qualified equity owner under Police Code Article 1604(b), community activist and victim of the war on drugs, Mr. Redding has the knowledge and experience necessary to effectively represent the voice and business interests of other equity applicants and owners in San Francisco as a Commissioner on the Cannabis Oversight Committee.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

Gummyum LLC is a Mission District cannabis venture founded and owned by Mr. Redding actively pursuing business opportunities with a focus on creating a unique retail experience through pop-ups and promotional events with its retail license. The company's distribution and manufacturing licenses will be deployed through white-labeling new products and leveraging the company's existing relationships with top industry cannabis brands and Mr. Redding's prior background in the music industry. As an accomplished recording artist, Mr. Redding uses his platform as a rap artist signed with Universal Records to raise awareness on street violence and prevention. As a member of both ASCAP and BMI, he has worked with over 200 artists in different states and produced 30 songs with Grammy Award Winning music producer Zaytoven.

As a company with a broader social purpose, Gummyum founder Mr. Redding is Executive Director and Co-Founder of Equity Defense Firm (EDF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2021. The mission of EDF is to remove barriers in the cannabis industry for individuals negatively impacted by the war on drugs by providing cannabis equity entrepreneurs access to vital technical support services including legal and management services. After his experience dealing with predatory and fraudulent investors in the cannabis industry, Mr. Redding decided to transform his negative experience into a positive platform for change by helping other equity owners and applicants remove barriers to entry in the legal cannabis industry in order to build generational wealth within their families and local communities.

Civic Activities:

Mr. Redding has served as a community leader and organizer in the Fillmore and Western Addition neighborhoods as Program Director and public speaker to SF youth on violence intervention and managing groups of boys and young men who are at risk of being victims of incarceration and violence. In coordination with community leaders such as Mayor London Breed, Mr. Redding has developed youth violence prevention programs at Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, African American Arts & Culture Center, and Community Response Network.

In 2022, in partnership with the New Community Leadership Foundation and sponsored by The Dream Keeper Initiative and the Office of Economic & Workforce Development, Mr. Redding created and developed "The Playground" music project. The Playground is an album featuring at risk youth artists from the Bay Area's under-served communities and born out of Mr. Redding's idea to give local rappers "fresh air," or a chance to experience togetherness through a common goal, an invaluable opportunity rarely afforded many in these communities. Mr. Redding has since founded a nonprofit, Playground SF, and established a music studio in San Francisco's Bayview/Hunter's Point neighborhood to provide music recording and educational opportunities to at-risk youth.

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

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Date: 5/16/23 Applicant's Signature (required): Walter Redding, Jr. Digitally signed by Walter Redding, Jr. Date: 2023.05.16 17:29:02 -07'00'

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Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Seats 8, 12, 13, or 14

Full Name: William Dolan

[Redacted] San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94122

Occupation: Attorney / Cannabis Business Owner

Work Phone: 415.935.4743 Employer: Self-Employed

Business Address: 2309 Noriega St., #1012, San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94122

Business Email: will@hyrba.com Home Email: [Redacted]

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I am a 17-year San Francisco resident, an Equity Applicant, an attorney, and a cannabis business owner with several retail stores under development locally (See www.hryba.com). I also suffer from a hearing disability, degenerative hearing loss, and cannot hear the upper 40% of sound frequencies. I have been a medical cannabis patient for over 21 years.

My first store, 4033 Judah, is located in the Outer Sunset and is nearing completion of construction; Judah is slated to open in February, 2023. I am also a resident of the Outer Sunset. My second store, 560 Valencia, is located in the Mission and recently started construction; Valencia is slated to open in fall 2023 with one of the first "full service" cannabis consumption bar and lounge in the country (providing a space for social consumption that is inclusive of smoking / vaping, and service of prepared cannabis edibles and beverages). Our business model is equity centered, and our stores will carry more equity trade certified products than any other cannabis retailer in the state.

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Business and/or Professional Experience:

I am a licensed attorney (since 2012) and licensed real estate broker (since 2014). I have extensive experience advising clients in the hospitality, retail, and cannabis industries, including the provision of technical assistance and pro bono legal services to current participants in San Francisco's Equity Program. My experience covers commercial real estate transactions (sales and leases), business sales, liquor license sales and transfers, land use and development, planning, zoning, and permitting / licensing / regulatory compliance (primarily for cannabis, food and beverage, and alcohol related uses) at the state and local level. I also have experience and expertise in the areas of contract, employment, and landlord-tenant law.

I have worked in almost every capacity in the hospitality and retail industries over the last 29 years, starting as a dishwasher and bus person, and ultimately working in a variety of management roles before becoming an attorney. After supporting myself through college and law school, I began advising a diverse set of clients in these industries, and have worked with a wide array of cannabis businesses over the last ten years, from small, local operators and Equity Applicants to regional companies and large scale multi-state operators. My skill set covers the full life cycle of opening and operating a cannabis business in San Francisco, from sourcing and securing the real estate, submitting the initial application, securing a CUA and building permit, engaging contractors and building out a store, securing local permits and state licenses, and advising on operational issues and regulatory compliance points.

Now that I have positioned myself to achieve my dream of starting a cannabis retail and hospitality company here in San Francisco, I am committed to leveraging my background and experience to create a more sustainable, diverse, and equitable cannabis industry for all San Franciscans, and I view my potential role on the Cannabis Oversight Committee as an opportunity to do just that.

Civic Activities:

I am an Equity Applicant, and committed to being an advocate for other Equity Applicants. I regularly provide pro bono advisory and legal services to Equity Applicants as to issues related to business formation (business structures, operating documents, etc.), sourcing and securing real estate, land use and development, commercial leasing, permitting, licensing, regulatory compliance, and general strategy as to how to successfully raise capital to fund and develop a sustainable, profitable small business in one of the most competitive cannabis markets in the country, San Francisco.

Thank you for your service to our community.

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

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Date: 11/30/2022 Applicant's Signature (required): William Dolan

*(Manually sign or type your complete name.
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April 18, 2021

Dear Supervisors Chan, Mandelman and Peskin,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Will Dolan to serve as a member of the San Francisco Cannabis Oversight Committee. I have come to know Will as a very thoughtful and caring individual, and a passionate and knowledgeable advocate for cannabis equity in our City. Over the past year, I have worked closely with Will in his pursuit to open a transformative cannabis equity marketplace and business incubator on Valencia Street (approved by the Planning Commission earlier this year); and now in providing technical assistance to Verified Equity Applicants (VEAs) in a contract with the Office of Cannabis.

For the past 20 years, Andrea Baker Consulting (ABC) has been working in the City of San Francisco in the areas of community, economic, and small business development through a racial and social equity lens. ABC's ongoing collaboration with community stakeholders has earned the firm the trust and support of City agencies, local businesses, and community members.

Will is a Verified Equity Applicant (VEA) who has overcome many hardships in his life to become an attorney, real estate broker, and cannabis business owner. When I first met Will, my firm was supporting him with community outreach to open the City's first cannabis equity marketplace—a marketplace that sought to create economic opportunities for dozens of other VEAs with a business incubator, fellowship and scholarship program, and a commitment to source more equity-owned products than any other dispensary in the state of California.

Over the course of ten months, we worked to develop a Community Benefits Agreement that offered first of its kind benefits for the equity community and retail workers, including comprehensive health care benefits, paid time off, and retirement plans. Throughout this process, I saw Will's genuine desire to be of service to the cannabis equity and broader community, his strong personal relationships with VEAs, and his penchant for collaborating with others.

When the opportunity arose for ABC to apply for a grant to provide technical assistance to VEAs in the cannabis permitting process, we asked Will if he would serve as a contractor on our team to help in the delivery of services given his immense knowledge in this area.

In the last few months since our contract began, Will's decade of experience at the intersection of real estate, cannabis, and law, have offered immense benefit to many of the more than 40 VEAs we've provided support to to-date.



What has become crystal clear to me in these few months of hearing personal accounts from our City's VEAs is just how extremely difficult the pathway to receive a cannabis permit is. If we want to actually see VEAs succeed, we need to offer them additional support services and/or restructure our existing equity program to lower the barriers to entry.

Will's firsthand experience of the challenges VEAs are facing, his knowledge of the Police and Planning codes, his creative nature, and his collaborative spirit will lend to thoughtful suggestions as a committee member that will improve our City's cannabis equity program and outcomes.

I offer my full support to Will's selection as a Cannabis Oversight Committee Member.

Thank you,

Andrea Baker
Andrea Baker

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

Full Name: Dr. Rubin Sorrell II

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94124
Occupation: Dentist

Work Phone: Employer: Bayview Health and Wellness

Business Address: 6301 3rd St, San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94124

Business Email: Home Email: [Redacted]

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Being a fourth generation San Francisco resident of District 10 and being educated in the SFUSD has allowed me to know the pulse and directly feel the wants and needs of the community. I was integral in the rise of the Bayview Hunter's Point YMCA (a staple in the community) receiving the Teen Volunteer of the Year in 2006 and Leadership Award in 2016 from this organization. I am the sibling to an older brother incarcerated for cannabis related crime and my family continues to feel the ramifications of the unjust "War on Drugs".

Business and/or Professional Experience:

Military Duties

Army National Guard Merced, CA Sept 12-Current
Current Rank: First Lieutenant

Logistics Officer

- 1 Develop strategies to successfully manage current and future tasks and opportunities for missions; create a tentative plan given the strategies.
- 2 Monitors and evaluates unit undertakings and budget expenditures, communicate with civilian companies, order supplies and certify fulfillment
- 3 Present ideas effectively to soldiers and deliver presentations appropriate to the characteristics and needs of the personnel.
- 4 Motivate and empower soldiers to achieve mission and to maintain military culture where soldiers feel ownership in tasks and duties.

Work Experience:

Children's Choice Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, San Francisco, October 2022 to Present

- 1. Work with children ages 2 months to 20 years to determine the need for any dental procedures
- 2. Examine teeth and gums for potential problems and encourage preventative dental care
- 3. Perform cavity fillings tooth extractions, SSC, and other dental procedures when necessary
- 4. Oversee dental assistants in basic cleaning and observations of teeth and gums
- 5. Work closely with orthodontist for children in need of braces or other corrections

SF Dental Power (Temporary Agency), Multiple locations, May 2022 to Present

- 1. Skilled in running multiple operatories and utilizing time efficiently while also being on call for emergency operations.
- 2. Strong working knowledge of dentistry, including orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, prosthodontics, and endodontics.
- 3. Instructed and delegated dental support staff on various procedures, including lab assistants, dental assistants, dental hygienists, and office manager.

UCSF School of Dentistry Predoctoral Clinic, San Francisco, CA, September 2017 to June 2021

- 1. 3rd and 4th year of dental school.
- 2. Provided treatment includes comprehensive exams with study models, emergency exams, oral hygiene instructions, proph, scaling and root planning, direct and indirect restorations, root canal therapy on anteriors and premolars, removable prosthodontics, simple extractions, crownlengthening, use of laser to remove gingival tissue for restoration margins and restoring screw retained Straumann implant.

Yolanda's Construction Admin. And Traffic Control San Francisco, CA Apr 13- Dec 15

East Bay Representative

- 1 Provided supervision to laborers on traffic control in San Francisco Bay Area (East Bay) projects
- 2 Distributed employees to balance workload. Coordinated substitute coverage of work in case of employee absence or equipment failure.
- 3 Supervised day-to-day operations. Carried out supervisory responsibilities together with the organization's policies and applicable laws.

Civic Activities:

Organization: Dental Robin Hood Project

This project was comprised of going to door to door and hand residents of socioeconomic disadvantaged communities' such as Bayview Hunter's Point in San Francisco, CA toothbrushes, toothpaste, and tips on brushing, flossing, and resources of free or reduced dental services in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

Organization: Anomaly Program

The concept of this program is to offer students the proper tools, resources, and exposure to follow an occupation in the field of dentistry (dental technician, dental hygienist, and dental assistant). The focus population of students were at-risk high school aged students from the socioeconomic disadvantaged community of Bayview Hunter's Point in San Francisco, CA.

Organization: Cut N Care Initiative

This initiative consisted going to Barbers and Beauticians primarily working in socioeconomic disadvantaged community of Bayview Hunter's Point in San Francisco, CA giving them information on possible findings, symptoms, and traits of oral cancer. The purpose of this is to put in effort raise awareness in the community of the importance of oral health.

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

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Date: 05/17/23

Applicant's Signature (required):

Rubin Sorrell

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 14

Full Name: Luis Alejandro Rodriguez

[Redacted] Oakland, CA Zip Code: 94609

[Redacted] Occupation: Law Professor

Work Phone: N/A Employer: GGU School of Law

Business Address: 536 Mission St, San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94105

Business Email: lurodriguez@ggu.edu Home Email: [Redacted]

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, CA

18 Years of Age or Older: Yes [x] 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:

Based on my experience as the Founder and Professor of Law at the Cannabis Law Clinic, I can demonstrate how my qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and diversity in San Francisco in the following ways:

Communities of Interest: My work at the Cannabis Law Clinic focuses on providing pro bono legal services to verified equity applicants across California. By partnering with the San Francisco Office of Cannabis and the Bar Association of San Francisco the clinic can assist individuals and communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs, we address the consequences of inequality and contribute to not just creating a more equitable and just cannabis industry but a more equitable and just society.

Ethnicity and Race: Through my role at the Cannabis Law Clinic, I have interacted with individuals from diverse ethnic, financial, and racial backgrounds who are seeking legal representation and support in the cannabis industry. This experience showcases my commitment to serving a diverse clientele and engaging with different communities.

Age: As an Adjunct Professor of Law, I have been involved in training law students in various aspects of cannabis law. This includes providing mentorship and guidance to young aspiring lawyers, contributing to the development of future legal professionals who will serve the community.

Sex, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity: My involvement in the cannabis industry and community outreach activities demonstrates my commitment to representing and advocating for individuals of all genders, sexual orientations, and gender identities. This inclusive approach ensures that diverse voices are heard and represented in the legal landscape.

Types of Disabilities: Although I do not have explicit involvement in supporting individuals with disabilities, it is important to note that the Cannabis Law Clinic's services may also benefit individuals with disabilities who are seeking legal assistance in the cannabis industry. My commitment to inclusivity and diversity would extend to individuals with disabilities as well.

Overall, my qualifications and experience in founding the Cannabis Law Clinic, providing pro bono legal services, and advocating for social equity demonstrate my dedication to representing and supporting diverse communities in San Francisco.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

EDUCATION:

Golden Gate University School of Law,
Doctor of Jurisprudence

University of Texas at El Paso,
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor of Religious Studies

EXPERIENCE:

Founder & Adjunct Professor of Law Cannabis Law Clinic, Golden Gate University School of Law.

Assistant General Counsel Regulatory Compliance and Business Law, Mirage Medicinal/NorCal

Genetics. Board of Directors, Students for Sensible Drug Policies.

In the process of opening my own cannabis consulting firm as well.

Civic Activities:


Cannabis Law Clinic for Social Equity and Entrepreneurship

Student for Sensible Drug Policies (SSDP)

Feed the Hood-The East Oakland Collective

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

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Date: 05/17/2023 Applicant's Signature (required): 

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 14

Full Name: Shay Aaron Gilmore

[Redacted] San Francisco Zip Code: 94114

[Redacted] Occupation: Attorney

Work Phone: 415-846-6397 Employer: The Law Office of Shay Aaron Gilmore

Business Address: 192 Douglass Street, San Francisco Zip Code: 94114

Business Email: shay@shaygilmorelaw.com Home Email: [Redacted]

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Resident of San Francisco: Yes [X] No [] If No, place of residence:
18 Years of Age or Older: Yes [X] No []

Pursuant to Mayoral Order, members of boards/commissions are required to be Covid-19 vaccinated and attend in-person meetings.

Covid-19 Vaccinated: Yes [X] 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:

My qualifications as an attorney and legal community leader represent the diverse demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco. I am an openly gay lawyer who has devoted a significant part of my legal career to advancing LGBTQ rights, including through my work recognized by the California State Bar in 2004 with the Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Service, my service as a Board Member of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), my service as a Board Member of Transgender Law Center, and my appellate advocacy in the state constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8.

Relevant to Seat No. 14 on the Cannabis Oversight Committee, for the past five years, I have devoted my solo law practice to serving the cannabis industry and movement and to expanding access to cannabis across the State of California in a safe, humane, environmentally respectful, and legally compliant way. In 2018, I co-founded the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) Cannabis Law Section and formed a panel of volunteer attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to social equity applicants verified through the Cannabis Equity Program of the San Francisco Office of Cannabis. With experience on legal education panels addressing cannabis social equity in northern California, as well as enforcement of California's cannabis regulations throughout the state, and as a cannabis reform advocate in the California Legislature, I have demonstrated subject matter expertise regarding the State of California's cannabis laws and regulations, and if appointed to Seat No. 14, I would put this subject matter expertise to work in service of the oversight committee's mission.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

*The Law Office of Shay Aaron Gilmore, Principal
San Francisco, CA; January 2018 – present
Outside General Counsel Services; Commercial, Corporate, and Regulatory Matters

* NORCAL Group, Legal Department, Senior Counsel
San Francisco, CA; 2015 – 2017

* Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, General Counsel's Office, Counsel
Novato, CA; 2011 – 2015

* Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP (n/k/a Squire Patton Boggs LLP), Associate
San Francisco, CA; 2006 – 2011

* Hancock, Rotherth & Bunshoft LLP (n/k/a Duane Morris LLP), Associate
San Francisco, CA; 2004 – 2005

* Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Associate
Los Angeles, CA; 2002 – 2004

Civic Activities:

* California Lawyers Association, Cannabis Industry Practitioners Group, Founder, 2022

* International Cannabis Bar Association, Board Member, 2019-present

* Bar Association of San Francisco Cannabis Law Section, Founder (2018), Chair (2020)

* California Cannabis Industry Association, Diversity Committee Member, 2020-present

* San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Cannabis Working Group, Member, 2019-2020

* National Cannabis Industry Association, Insurance Committee, Member, 2018-present

* Alameda County Bar Assoc. Cannabis & Hemp Law Section, Founder (2018), Chair (2022)

* State Bar of California, Judicial Nominees Evaluation Comm., Commissioner, 2015-2018

* Bar Association of San Francisco Judiciary Committee, Member, 2012-2014

* Bar Association of San Francisco LGBT Committee, Co-Chair, 2010-2011

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS:

* Los Angeles/San Francisco Daily Journal, Top 20 California Cannabis Lawyers, 2022

* Northern California Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, Cannabis Law 2021-2022

* Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, Professional of the Year Award, 2015

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: 12/03/2022 Applicant's Signature (required): Shay Aaron Gilmore
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Regulatory Compliance
- Corporate Governance
- Licensing and Permitting
- Commercial Contracts
- M&A Transactions
- Consumer Protection
- Risk Management
- Entity Formation
- Product Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Law Office of Shay Aaron Gilmore, Principal

San Francisco, CA; January 2018 – present

Law Firm Client Work

- **Outside General Counsel Services:** Provide general counsel services to cannabis investors, cultivators, manufacturers, distributors and retailers, and ancillary businesses in the cannabis industry, including advice and counsel regarding entity formation and governance, commercial cannabis licensing and permitting, state and local regulatory compliance, commercial contracts and other business law.
- **Commercial Contracts:** Support cannabis operators and others through all phases of negotiation, formation, and execution of commercial contracts at each point of the commercial cannabis supply chain, including distribution agreements, employment contracts, cannabis processing and cultivation contracts, lease agreements, and royalty-based intellectual property licensing contracts.
- **Corporate Transactions & Governance:** Organize and form businesses for cannabis investors and operators across the supply chain; advise investors and operator owners and senior executives on corporate governance; manage and direct clients' merger and acquisition activity, including reorganizations; draft employee stock option plans, profits interests agreements, and shareholder agreements; develop policies and procedures.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Advise cannabis investors and operators at all points along the supply chain regarding commercial compliance under California's Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) and that law's implementing regulations; develop procedures for cannabis operators to navigate regulatory changes; represent cannabis operators in front of regulatory agencies; perform compliance audits and implement recommended practices.
- **Commercial Licensing & Permitting:** Advise cannabis operators through each stage of obtaining local and state authorization for conducting commercial cannabis activity, from cannabis cultivators in Humboldt County to forward-concept cannabis retail lounges in West Hollywood; prepare regulatory responses relating to commercial cannabis licensing and permitting.

Legal Community Leadership

- **International Cannabis Bar Association:** Have served as Board of Directors Member since 2019; Appellations Rights Committee Member; Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee Member; develop and organize legal educational programming focused on the cannabis industry and movement; support expansion and improvement of legal services to cannabis industry.
- **California Lawyers Association Cannabis Practitioners Group:** Founded and now lead the California Lawyers Association group of attorneys serving the cannabis industry and movement; develop CLE programming for lawyers; facilitate forum for improving legal services to the cannabis industry and movement in California.
- **Bar Association of San Francisco Cannabis Law Section:** Co-founded and now serve as Immediate Past Chair of the Section; organize and develop educational programming for lawyers; helped develop the cannabis ethics position of the State Bar of California Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct.
- **City College of San Francisco Extension:** Develop and present "Cannabis Legal & Finance 101" for City College of San Francisco Extension Learning Program focused on basic business, corporate and finance laws and concepts relevant to successful operation of and investment in legally compliant commercial cannabis.
- **Other Activities:** Serve as Pro Bono Legal Services Project Coordinator for the San Francisco Office of Cannabis; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Cannabis Working Group Member; National Cannabis Industry Association Risk Management and Insurance Committee Member; Alameda County Bar Association Cannabis and Hemp Law Section Co-Founder and former Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair.

NORCAL Group, Senior Counsel, Legal Department

San Francisco, CA; 2015 – 2017; Managed all corporate litigation for the company and advised client teams regarding business dispute resolution, product development, regulatory issues, and government relations; supported M&A activity with acquisition of competing insurance company in Florida; conducted employee training regarding compliance and developed corporate policies and procedures.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Counsel, General Counsel's Office

Novato, CA; 2011 – 2015; Managed corporate litigations and resolved disputes pre-litigation; supported client teams with counsel for Internet privacy laws (e.g., ECPA, COPPA, FCRA, FTCA, USA Patriot Act and others) and consumer protection laws; developed and implemented internal complaint and audit procedures.

Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP (n/k/a Squire Patton Boggs LLP), Associate

San Francisco, CA; 2006 – 2011; Represented corporate entities in commercial disputes, including in responses to market conduct examinations and other regulatory inquiries.

Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft LLP (n/k/a Duane Morris LLP), Associate

San Francisco, CA; 2004 – 2005; Represented plaintiff at trial level in groundbreaking California litigation against major tech company in employment case that limited "stray remarks" doctrine for summary judgment.

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Associate

Los Angeles, CA; 2002 – 2004; Represented insurers in commercial disputes, including an insurance coverage dispute regarding the *James Bond* franchise.

EDUCATION, AWARDS, COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, PUBLICATIONS, & PRESENTATIONS

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2001; Austin, Texas

Rice University, B.A. in Economics, Spanish, and Policy Studies, 1998; Houston, Texas

The Los Angeles/San Francisco Daily Journal, The Top 20 California Cannabis Lawyers, 2022

Super Lawyers® Magazine, Super Lawyer in Business & Corporate Law and Cannabis Law, 2020-2022

The Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, Professional of the Year Award, 2015

Minority Bar Coalition of Northern California, Rising Star Award, 2009

State Bar of California, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Service Award, 2004

California Cannabis Industry Association, Diversity Inclusion Social Equity Committee, Member, 2020-present

State Bar of California, Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, Commissioner, 2015-2018

Bar Association of San Francisco, Judiciary Committee, 2012-2014; LGBT Committee Co-Chair, 2010-2011

Transgender Law Center, Board of Directors, 2009-2013; Board Secretary, 2010-2013

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), Board of Directors, 2007-2009

"Cannabis Social Equity in Northern California"

- Bar Association of San Francisco Continuing Legal Education Program, Moderator, 2022

"Cannabis Lounges: Coming to a City Near You?"

- National Cannabis Industry Association, Co-Author, 2022

"California Cannabis Industry Update"

- Santa Clara County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program, Panelist, 2021

"Navigating Cannabis: Practical Challenges and Lessons Learned from Experienced Practitioners"

- American Bar Association Business Law Section Spring Meeting, Panelist, 2021

"California Cannabis Enforcement"

- Bar Association of San Francisco Cannabis Conference, Moderator, 2020

"Cannabis Business Valuations and Exits"

- Alameda County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program, Moderator, 2019

"Making Sense of State and Local Insurance Regulations"

- National Cannabis Industry Association, Co-Author, 2019

"California Cannabis Insurance Regulations"

- International Cannabis Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program, Moderator, 2018

"Preparing the Organizational Witness"

- *The Recorder*, available at Law.com, Author, 2011

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

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California cannabis social equity provisions and the dormant commerce clause

By Shay Aaron Gilmore

As states are exploring the possibility of interstate commercial cannabis arrangements, a collision looms (see Tommy Tobin & Andrew Kline, *A Sleeping Giant: How the Dormant Commerce Clause Looms Over the Cannabis Marketplace*, Yale L. & Pol'y Rev. Inter Alia (Jan. 3, 2022)) between local and state cannabis social equity laws and the dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Oregon, for example, has enacted Senate Bill 582, which authorizes the Governor to enter into an "agreement with another state for ... coordination ... of marijuana-related businesses and cross-jurisdictional delivery of marijuana items" upon the occurrence of either one of two federal triggers: (a) federal law is amended to allow for the interstate transfer of marijuana items between authorized marijuana-related businesses; or (b) the USDOJ issues an opinion or memorandum allowing or tolerating the interstate transfer of marijuana items between authorized marijuana related businesses.

Last year, California enacted SB 1326, modeled after the Oregon bill, authorizing the Governor to enter into interstate cannabis agreements upon the occurrence of one of three federal trigger events or a state trigger. The three federal triggers in SB 1326 are: (1) federal law is amended to allow for the interstate transfer of cannabis or cannabis

products between authorized commercial cannabis businesses; (2) federal law is enacted that specifically prohibits the expenditure of federal funds to prevent the interstate transfer of cannabis or cannabis products between authorized commercial cannabis businesses; or (3) USDOJ issues an opinion or memorandum allowing or tolerating the interstate transfer of cannabis or cannabis products between authorized commercial cannabis businesses. The state trigger occurs if the California Attorney General issues an opinion that an interstate cannabis agreement will not result in significant legal risk to the State of California under the federal Controlled Substances Act. See Jan. 27, 2023 Letter from California Department of Cannabis Control to California Attorney General.

Washington state is considering HB 1159 authorizing the Governor to enter into interstate cannabis agreements upon the occurrence of federal trigger events, and New Jersey is looking at State Legislature Bill S3012 permitting the Governor to authorize interstate commercial cannabis activity under certain circumstances. As Oregon and California and possibly Washington and New Jersey and other states look toward interstate commerce for cannabis, the United States federal judiciary has sharpened its focus on the constitutionality of certain provisions of state and local administrative schemes for commercial cannabis.

In California, as well as in both Oregon and Washington, federal cases have been filed challenging cannabis social equity provisions on dormant Commerce Clause grounds. California, whose local cannabis regulations often include social equity provisions, is also attracting scrutiny under the dormant Commerce Clause, scrutiny that may disrupt the cannabis administrative schemes of local California governments and the state government under SB 1326 as California moves toward legislatively authorized interstate cannabis commerce between and among states.

The Commerce Clause is not only an affirmative grant of authority to Congress to regulate interstate commerce but also a negative, "self-executing limitation on the power of the [s]tates to enact laws [that place] substantial burdens on [interstate] commerce." *S.-Cent. Timber Dev., Inc. v. Wunnicke*, 467 U.S. 82, 87 (1984). This "dormant" Commerce Clause, enables the courts to protect interstate commerce from "the evils of 'economic isolation' and protectionism" under state regulation (*City of Philadelphia v. New Jersey*, 437 U.S. 617, 624 (1978)), even in the absence of congressional regulation, i.e., when Congress's exercise of its Commerce Clause power is dormant. (See *Dormant Commerce Power: Overview*, U.S. Constitution Annotated, Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School.)

The Supreme Court has adopted a two-tiered approach to determining whether a state statute violates

the dormant Commerce Clause. (*Brown-Forman Distillers Corp. v. N.Y. State Liquor Auth.*, 476 U.S. 573, 578-79 (1986); see also *Ass'n Des Eleveurs De Canards et D'Oies Du Quebec v. Harris*, 729 F.3d 937, 948 (9th Cir. 2013) (applying the Supreme Court's test in *Brown-Forman*)). First, if a state statute directly discriminates against interstate commerce, or when its effect is to favor in-state economic interests over out-of-state interests, the Supreme Court has generally struck down the statute without further inquiry. (See *City of Philadelphia v. New Jersey*, 437 U.S. 617, 624 (1978).) Plainly discriminatory laws fall into this category and are subject to an almost per se rule of invalidity. (See *Dep't of Revenue of Ky. v. Davis*, 553

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U.S. 328, 338 (2008); see also Robert A. Mikos, *Interstate Commerce in Cannabis*, 101 B.U. L. Rev. 857, 862-63 (2021).) Second, where a statute has only indirect effects on interstate commerce and otherwise regulates evenhandedly, the Supreme Court has examined whether the State's interest is legitimate and whether the burden on interstate commerce clearly exceeds the local benefits. (*Brown-Forman Distillers Corp. v. N.Y. State Liquor Auth.*, 476 U.S. at 579; see also *Pike v. Bruce Church, Inc.*, 397 U.S. 137, 142 (1970).)

In general, state statutes that discriminate in favor of in-state citizens and against citizens of other states have been found to violate the dormant Commerce Clause. (*Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers Association v. Thomas*, 139 S.Ct. 2449, 2476 (2019) (striking down statute requiring residency for licensure to participate in state's regulated alcohol distribution market).) More specifically, most federal district courts to consider the issue have held that residency requirements in cannabis state statutes and local ordinances violate or may violate the dormant Commerce Clause. See, e.g., *Variscite NY One, Inc. v. New York*, (N.D.N.Y. Nov. 10, 2022) (granting plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction after concluding that plaintiff was likely to succeed on its argument that certain of New York's cannabis licensing residency requirements violated the dormant Commerce Clause), *but see* Mar. 28, 2023 Order, Case No. 22-3128, (limiting injunction pending appeal); *Toigo v. Dep't of Health and Senior Servs.*, (W.D. Mo. 2021) (Missouri's cannabis licensing residency requirements); *Lowe v. City of Detroit*, 544 F. Supp. 3d 804 (E.D. Mich. 2021) (Detroit's cannabis licensing residency requirements); *Finch v. Treto*, No. 22 C 1508, (N.D. Ill. June 9, 2022) (Illinois cannabis licensing residency requirements); *Attitude Wellness, LLC v. Vill. of Pinckney*, (E.D. Mich. Apr. 7, 2022) (Village of Pinckney's cannabis licensing residency requirements). Similarly, the only federal Court of Appeals to consider the issue has held that Maine's cannabis residency requirements violated the dormant Commerce Clause. *Ne. Patients Grp. v. United Cannabis Patients & Caregivers of Me.*, 45 F.4th 542 (1st Cir. 2022). In that case, the First Circuit rejected Maine's argument that

because federal illegality of cannabis makes the cannabis market non-existent as a legal matter, the dormant Commerce Clause was inapplicable to cannabis commerce. Noting that both the U.S. Supreme Court – in *Gonzalez v. Raich*, 545 U.S. 1, 18 (2005) – and the U.S. Congress – in the Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment (H.Amdt.332 to H.R. 2578.) – have recognized the existence of a cannabis market despite the prohibitions of the Controlled Substances Act, the First Circuit found the dormant Commerce Clause prohibited protectionist laws like Maine's cannabis

plaintiff the equitable relief it seeks here would facilitate criminal activity (by allowing non-residents to have medical marijuana business licenses) more than would a denial of equitable relief.” (*Original Investments* at 1235.) And in *Brinkmeyer v. Wash. State Liquor & Cannabis Bd.*, C20-5661 BHS (W.D. Wash. Feb. 7, 2023), the district court concluded, contrary to the holding of the First Circuit, that the dormant Commerce Clause does not apply to Washington State's cannabis market due to the illegality of cannabis under federal law. In *Original Investments* and *Brinkmeyer*, the illegality of cannabis

‘As California moves toward interstate cannabis commerce, and courts grapple with whether cannabis social equity provisions can withstand scrutiny under the dormant Commerce Clause, the Ninth Circuit stands poised to render its opinion potentially calling into question the Constitutional viability of many California cannabis administrative schemes designed to emphasize social equity.’

state residency requirement. *Ne. Patients Grp.*, 45 F.4th at 547-548. This pragmatic approach taken by the First Circuit recalls the statement from Justice Clarence Thomas in the denial of certiorari in the *Standing Akimbo* case. (*Standing Akimbo, LLC v. United States*, 549 U.S. ___ (June 28, 2021) (Case No. 20–645).) Three federal district courts have taken a different path. In *Peridot Tree, Inc. v. City of Sacramento*, No. 2:22-cv-00289-KJMDB (E.D. Cal. Oct. 17, 2022), the district court refused to rule on the plaintiff's challenge to a local ordinance, and instead invoked abstention principles to require the plaintiff to pursue its claims in state court or in an “administrative venue.” In *Original Investments, LLC v. State of Oklahoma*, 542 F.Supp.3d 1230, 1235 (W.D. Okla. 2021), the district court dismissed the case, concluding that it could not grant relief that would effectively sanction violation of federal law, saying that “[g]ranting

under federal law was dispositive and resulted in the courts' finding that the dormant Commerce Clause did not apply to prevent enforcement of cannabis social equity laws. *Original Investments*, 542 F. Supp.3d 1230, 1235; *Brinkmeyer*, C20-5661 BHS. The *Peridot Tree* abstention decision now sits with the Ninth Circuit on appeal, and although the Ninth Circuit could in theory agree with the district courts in *Original Investments* and *Brinkmeyer* that the dormant Commerce Clause does not apply to cannabis residency requirements (allowing the undisrupted enforcement of the cannabis social equity requirements in Sacramento and throughout California), this would result in a split with the First Circuit and would be against the weight of federal judicial authority. Arguing against abstention, *Peridot Tree* says its case against the City of Sacramento would not disrupt California's administrative scheme for cannabis.

(Appellants' Opening Brief, *Peridot Tree, Inc. v. City of Sacramento* (9th Cir. Case No. 22-16783), filed Feb. 23, 2023, at 29-31.) It is worth observing, however, that at the same time the *Peridot Tree* plaintiff is challenging the City of Sacramento's cannabis social equity provisions, the same plaintiff is prosecuting a dormant Commerce Clause challenge to cannabis social equity regulations promulgated by the City of Los Angeles. (*Variscite v. City of Los Angeles*, Case No. 2:22-cv-08685-SPG-SK (C.D. Cal. Apr. 11, 2023).) And the City of Los Angeles is not the only California local jurisdiction with a cannabis administrative scheme featuring residency-based social equity requirements. Indeed, of the over a dozen cities and counties in California that have enacted cannabis social equity ordinances (Local Equity Ordinances, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, State of California), at least eight (8) of these local jurisdictions (City of Richmond, City of Long Beach, City of Oakland, City & County of San Francisco, City of San Jose, City of Los Angeles, City of Sacramento, and City of Watsonville) incorporate some type of geographic location-based residency or residency-like requirement within their cannabis administrative schemes. Given the findings in the equity studies conducted by these jurisdictions that included details of the harm suffered by residents of these jurisdictions, it is unsurprising that these jurisdictions' cannabis social equity provisions are worded in a way to attempt to address the harm suffered by these residents. (See, e.g., City of Sacramento Cannabis Equity Study (2018), City of Los Angeles Cannabis Social Equity Analysis Report (2017), City and County of San Francisco Cannabis Equity Report (2017), City of Oakland Equity Analysis (2017).) For example, the City of Oakland's administrative scheme for cannabis (Ordinance 13504, Oakland City Council) defines an “Equity Applicant” as an Applicant who: [i]s an Oakland resident; and ... Either (i) has lived in any combination of Oakland police beats ... for at least ten of the last twenty years or (ii) was arrested after November 5, 1996 and convicted of a cannabis crime committed in Oakland, California. (Oakland Municipal Code Section 5.80.010(I).) Similarly, under the City & County of San Francisco's

cannabis administrative scheme, an “Equity Applicant” must meet at least three of six criteria including having: experienced housing insecurity in San Francisco; attended a San Francisco Unified School District school; and lived in certain San Francisco census tracts. (San Francisco Police Code Section 1604.) Plainly, these cannabis social equity provisions include geographic residency requirements like the provisions challenged by the plaintiffs in *Peridot Tree* and are unlikely to survive if the Ninth Circuit agrees with the plaintiffs in *Peridot Tree*.

There are social equity provisions promulgated by other California jurisdictions that might present closer calls when scrutinized under the dormant Commerce Clause. For example, under the Cannabis Equity Program promulgated by the City of Santa Cruz, the eligibility criteria limit participation in the program to owners who can demonstrate support of the “community” without explicitly calling for residence within the Santa Cruz community as a requirement for participation. (City of Santa Cruz Cannabis Equity Program, Sec. 7.136.070.) Unlike the geographic residency requirements of other jurisdictions like Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento or Los Angeles, these other social equity provisions, which arguably do not on their face discriminate against out-of-state actors, might satisfy the balancing test articulated by the United States Supreme Court and thus survive

dormant Commerce Clause scrutiny. (See *Pike v. Bruce Church, Inc.*, 397 U.S. 137, 142 (1970).) Nonetheless, if the Ninth Circuit agrees with the plaintiffs in *Peridot Tree* that the dormant Commerce Clause applies to commercial cannabis, even these other administrative schemes could be forced to show in any challenge that the local benefits of their social equity provisions are not clearly outweighed by any burden on interstate commerce, passing the *Pike* Balancing Test, articulated by Justice Potter Stewart who said:

[w]here the statute regulates evenhandedly to effectuate a legitimate local public interest, and its effects on interstate commerce are only incidental, it will be upheld unless the burden imposed on such commerce is clearly excessive in relation to the putative local benefits. If a legitimate local purpose is found, then the question becomes one of degree. And the extent of the burden that will be tolerated will, of course, depend on the nature of the local interest involved, and on whether it could be promoted as well with a lesser impact on interstate activities.

(*Pike v. Bruce Church, Inc.*, 397 U.S. at 142.) If the Ninth Circuit agrees with the plaintiffs in *Peridot Tree*, then these other California jurisdictions will – in any dormant Commerce Clause challenge – at the very least need to show that the burden of their social equity provisions on interstate commerce

is not clearly excessive in relation to the local benefits of these provisions. (See *Pike*, 397 U.S. 137 at 142.)

At the state level, Senate Bill 1326 requires the California Governor to include in any interstate cannabis agreement “provisions... to promote the ... support of individuals and communities in the cannabis industry who are linked to populations or neighborhoods that were negatively or disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization.” (California Business and Professions Code Section 26305.) If the Ninth Circuit agrees with the plaintiffs in *Peridot Tree*, then this provision of Senate Bill 1326 – or the provisions it generates – could also face a dormant Commerce Clause challenge, restricting California’s ability to negotiate interstate cannabis agreements consistent with the intent behind SB 1326.

In addition to the Ninth Circuit’s decision in *Peridot Tree*, there is also an appeal pending in the Second Circuit from a district court decision based on the dormant Commerce Clause to enjoin the issuance of commercial cannabis licenses in an area of New York with residency-based regulations. (*Variscite NY One, Inc., v. State of New York, New York State Office of Cannabis*, Docket No: 22- 3128.) And a federal court in Oregon will soon consider a motion to dismiss a dormant Commerce Clause challenge to that state’s cannabis regulatory scheme. (*Jefferson Packing House, LLC v. Koteck et al*, Cause:

28:1331, CASE # 3:22-cv-01776-AR.) The briefing and decisions in these cases will come to the fore as the Ninth Circuit decides how to handle the plaintiffs’ appeal in *Peridot Tree* and whether California’s cannabis social equity efforts can withstand scrutiny under the dormant Commerce Clause.

Local California jurisdictions that have adopted cannabis social equity provisions as part of their administrative schemes for cannabis have done so after taking a hard look at the damage inflicted on their communities by the failed War on Drugs. These social equity provisions often include geographic residency provisions designed to support members of these communities who have suffered disproportionate damage, and even when the provisions do not on their face discriminate against out-of-state actors, local governments may be forced to demonstrate that the benefits of these social equity provisions are not clearly outweighed by any burden on interstate commerce. As California moves toward interstate cannabis commerce, and courts grapple with whether cannabis social equity provisions can withstand scrutiny under the dormant Commerce Clause, the Ninth Circuit stands poised to render its opinion potentially calling into question the Constitutional viability of many California cannabis administrative schemes and laws designed to promote social equity in commercial cannabis.

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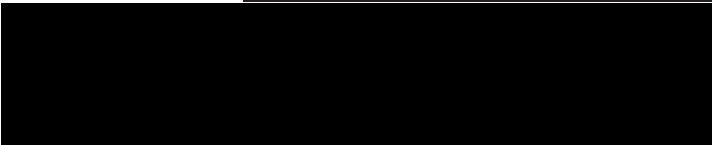
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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Cannabis Oversight Committee

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

Full Name: Antoinette Mobley



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Work Phone: Employer: Self Employed

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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 [X] No [] If No, place of residence:
18 Years of Age or Older: Yes [X] 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:

I am a 12-year resident in Bayview Hunters Point. I am female and of African descent. I represent all persons of color due to my cultural upbringing. I've always participated in efforts to ensure equity happens for all humans (i.e. Black Panthers, Black Life Matters). I support organizations (i.e. SF Black Wallstreet, Dream Keepers) who serve as our ("house speakers) and work consistently to ensure equity happens for all persons of color.

I've been a cannabis patient for several decades, therefore have experienced the positive effects of this medicinal herb. I also strongly believe that folks who have been criminalized in the past for possession of marijuana or even as minial as a joint, especially people of color, are innocent of these crimes and should be given some retribution for their arrests and the time they had to spend away from their families, unjustly. Although I've not been a victim of circumstances, many friends and family members have.

In closing I want to state that we need more cannabis retailers and here's why...Safety! Safety! Safety! I want to help change this landscape.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I am an independent videographer and serve as media director for two small local businesses in the eastbay. I earned certificates in Cinema Production at City College of San Francisco (CCSF) and really enjoy the work that I do. I retired in 2019 and began freelancing video and audio jobs in the local area which included Sonoma, Alameda and San Francisco counties.

I became a licensed esthetician in 2012. I really enjoy the spa community because it is my passion to make people look and feel good. I earned this degree at Marinello Beauty School here in downtown San Francisco.

Civic Activities:

Speaker at Board of Supervisor meetings discussing, legislative matters that affect communities of color, low-income and offering resolutions on behalf of the people being affected. Most recently I spoke at the SF Reparations meeting with the BOS to state why they should support this legislature which has now been advanced to the State level. Progress!

While attending school at CCSF, I was selected to serve on the R.I.S.E. Leadership Committee. Subsequently we were assigned to various sub-committees. As an Explore Team member, we started our work in 2018-2019 to map all degrees with GE courses, milestones, and student supports that can be used as a default or baseline map for students. In 2019-2020, we completed the program maps for all programs and built out the maps to include non-credit courses and programs that can be used as onramps or supports for students into and in credit programs. The Explore Team lead the work to continue to clarify and develop the career clusters to support student exploration and decision-making.

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: May 17, 2023 Applicant's Signature (required): _____

*(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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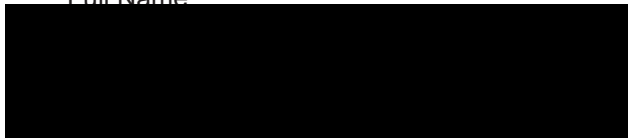
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I have been involved in Cannabis for over 50 years, as a consumer, a cannabis medical patient, a public advocate. I have lived in San Francisco, with a few breaks, since 1977, documenting much of the modern legal cannabis movement as a photojournalist. In the last 10 years, as cannabis legality loomed in 2018, I took a more direct advocacy position both individually and as Media Director of the SF Brownie Mary Democratic Club, which advocates for the rights of cannabis consumers & medical patients.
One major reason for me applying for a SFCOC seat is my belief that at least one seat on the SFCOC should be for a Cananbis Consumer, Cannabis medical patient with no ties to the Cannabis Industry, so they can advocate directly for consumers.
I have advocated vigorously for the cannabis consumer interests, feel that the community would be served by my advocacy on this committee.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

-BA, American University, MBA, UCLA

-Work Experience: Hewlett-Packard, American Cablesystems, Professional Photographer, Curator for local Art Gallery, Instructor in Digital Photography.

LinkedIn: @bramfoto

Civic Activities:

Media Director, Brownie Mary Democrat Club .. Took photographs for many Political candidates, many political causes.

Been involved in local SF politics for 49 years.

Run various social media advocacy sites:

Instagram: @bmsf415, @sfsc415

Twitter: @SFSC415

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: 5/16/23

Applicant's Signature (required):



(Manually sign or type your complete name.

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