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Completed by: Alisa Somera Date March 6, 2015

Completed by: Alisa Somera Date March 16, 2015

1 [Appointments, Veterans Affairs Commission - Brendan Rogers, Kevin Miller, Stephen
2 Noetzel, and Regalado Baldonado]

3 **Motion appointing Brendan Rogers, Kevin Miller, Stephen Noetzel, Regalado**
4 **Baldonado, terms ending January 31, 2019, to the Veterans Affairs Commission.**

5
6 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does
7 hereby appoint the hereinafter designated persons to serve as members of the Veterans
8 Affairs Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Code, Sections 5.100, et
9 seq., for the terms specified:

10 Brendan Rogers, seat 4, succeeding John Caldera, term expired, must be an at-large
11 appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

12 Kevin Miller, seat 7, succeeding Edwin Wilkerson, term expired, must be a person who
13 served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and who have a physical
14 disability arising from that service, in accordance with the definitions applied in such cases by
15 the Veterans' Administration, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31,
16 2019.

17 Stephen Noetzel, seat 8, succeeding himself, term expired, must be an at-large
18 appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

19 Regalado Baldonado, seat 11, succeeding himself, term expired, must be an at-large
20 appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.



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Print Application

Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: **VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): All available seats

Name: SCOTT D. JOINER

Home Address: CLIPPER TERRACE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Zip: 94114

Home Phone: 415-

Occupation: ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Work Phone: 415-436-7200

Employer: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Business Address: 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, 11TH FL, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Zip: 94102

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Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco Yes: No: (Place of Residence):

sdjoiner@

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

SEE ATTACHED

Education:

SEE ATTACHED

Business and/or professional experience:

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Civic Activities:

SEE ATTACHED

Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex (optional) M F

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

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Date: 2/25/15 Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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SCOTT D. JOINER

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION

I. Qualifications

I am a native San Franciscan and attorney who left private practice in 2004 to serve on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Throughout my service in the Marine Corps, I spent a considerable amount of time advising individual service members on a wide variety of civil and criminal legal matters. After successfully completing Officer Candidates School ("OCS") and six months of infantry platoon commander's training at the Marine Corps Basic School, I was assigned to a litigation billet as a judge advocate in Twentynine Palms, California. Between 2005 and the spring of 2007, I handled a wide variety of criminal cases including narcotics (both use and distribution) and sexual misconduct offenses.

I also gained valuable experience working in non-traditional legal roles in the high-pressure and often ambiguous environment of combat operations. In 2007 I was assigned to an infantry battalion and deployed to Ramadi, Iraq. In Ramadi, the criminal courts had previously ground to a halt amid widespread lawlessness and violence against police officers and judges. In support of the battalion's counterinsurgency operations, I worked with Iraqi Police investigators and judges to build their cases and help reestablish a functioning criminal justice system in the city. At the same time, I prepared cases with our own intelligence assets for eventual prosecution at the Central Criminal Court of Iraq ("CCCI") in Baghdad. By the time our battalion returned home, the first criminal trials in Ramadi were just beginning again, and we left behind a strong reputation for successfully prosecuting members of Al Qaeda and related groups at CCCI. After returning from deployment, I was honorably discharged in February 2008 and returned to private practice with Cooley LLP in March 2008.

I believe this experience, combined with my professional background and long-standing ties to San Francisco, have provided me with the qualifications necessary to be of service to the Veterans' Affairs Commission.

II. Education

J.D. 2002 Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2002

B.A. 1999 B.A. 1999 University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), magna cum laude, June 1999

III. Professional Experience

My legal career began when I joined Cooley LLP as a litigation associate in the fall of 2002. I returned to the firm in 2008. My practice at Cooley focused on complex civil litigation and white collar and regulatory defense matters. In September 2014, I left Cooley to become a federal prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco. I am currently assigned to the General Crimes unit which is responsible for prosecuting a broad spectrum of federal offenses including: child exploitation, firearms and violent crime, and narcotics.

IV. Civic Activities

My recent civic activities include:

San Francisco Bar Association – Department of Defense Task Force (2014)
Pro bono clinic work – Swords to Plowshares (2014)

SCOTT D. JOINER

EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present **U. S. Attorney's Office**, San Francisco, CA, *Assistant United States Attorney*
General Crimes Unit
- Prosecutor representing the United States in a wide range of criminal matters, including: firearms, narcotics trafficking, and child exploitation offenses
- 2008-2014
2002-2004 **Cooley LLP**, San Francisco, CA, *Senior Litigation Associate*
- Represented corporations and individuals in complex commercial, antitrust and securities litigation
- 2004-2008 **United States Marine Corps**, *Captain*
Awards: Bronze Star Medal; Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal
- 2007 *Battalion Judge Advocate 3d Battalion, 7th Marines*
Ramadi, Iraq
- Worked closely with Iraqi Police and judges to facilitate rule of law, helping reestablish functioning court system in provincial capital
 - Coordinated with intelligence assets to target and prepare cases against members of Al-Qaeda and affiliates for successful prosecution at Central Criminal Court of Iraq
 - Advised command on operational law matters, including Rules of Engagement and compliance with Geneva Conventions
- 2005-2007 *Defense Counsel, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate*
Twentynine Palms, CA
- Served as trial counsel for Marine defendants at courts-martial

EDUCATION

- J.D. 2002 **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2002
- Honors: Dean's List; 2001 Mid-Atlantic Regional Champion: Jessup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition; Georgetown Law Journal Meritorious Service Award; CALI Award for Excellence in the Study of Torts
- Activities: Georgetown Law Journal; Moot Court; Georgetown Appellate Litigation Clinic
- B.A. 1999 **University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), *magna cum laude*, June 1999
- Honors: Dean's List, College Honors
- Study Abroad: Universidad de Salamanca, Spain (Spring 1998)
Universidad de Sevilla, Spain (Fall 1997)

St. Ignatius College Preparatory, San Francisco, CA

LANGUAGE Proficient in oral and written Spanish



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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): #1, 4, 8, 11 District: 1

Name: Sam Pandey

Home Address: 4th Avenue Zip: 94118

Home Phone: 408- [redacted] Occupation: Fellow, Project Manager

Work Phone: _____ Employer: Coro Nor-Cal, Military Mental Health Project

Business Address: 601 Montgomery Street Zip: 94118

Business E-Mail: Spandey@coronorcal.org Home E-Mail: sampandey117@ [redacted]

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

Check All That Apply:

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

Resident of San Francisco Yes No If No, place of residence: _____

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

→ I am a current soldier in the California Army National Guard
→ I have extensive background working with current soldiers facing difficulties related to mental health, employment, and housing.
→ I am currently a project manager for the Military Mental Health Project. My project has been to facilitate an outreach program to track homeless veterans and put them in contact with active units.

Business and/or professional experience:

- Project Manager - Military Mental Health Project
- Commissioner - University of California, Education Policy
- Army Reservist, 1113th Transportation Company.
- Coro Fellow / NLC Fellow

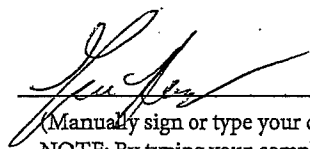
Civic Activities:

- Community Organizing → Homeless & Community Safety Advocacy.
- Project Facilitation and Management
- Grant Research
- SPUR Member

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

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

Date: 1/16/15 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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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Veterans' Affair Commission
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1-4, 6, 8-11

Name: Matthew Scott Gabe

Home Address: Crestmont Drive gabemattthew@ _____ Zip: 94131

Home Phone: 415- _____ Occupation: Attorney

Work Phone: 415-677-9600 Employer: Jewish National Fund

Business Address: 315 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA Zip: 94103

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco Yes: No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary).

I served 4 years on active duty in the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, and I am currently a member of the Navy Reserves where I serve as a Commanding Officer of a legal unit. In 2007, I served in Iraq.

Education:

I have a BA from the University of Michigan and I have a JD from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Business and/or professional experience:

I have practiced law for more than 20 years with the Navy, the State of Nevada, and with private law firms. In addition, I have extensive experience in development.

Civic Activities:

I am a member of the local Jewish War Veterans post and of the Naval Order of the United States. Also, I have provided legal services to homeless veterans.

Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex (optional) M F

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

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Date: 27 JAN 15 Applicant's Signature: (required) Matthew Gabe
Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: MATTHEW GABE <gabematt@...>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Cc: Stephen Noetzel
Subject: Application for VAC
Attachments: VAC Application.pdf

Dear Ms. Somera,

I have attached my Application for a vacant seat on the Veterans' Affair Commission for your consideration. Thank you.

Best,

Matthew Gabe



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Print Application

Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Veteran Affairs Commission

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1-4, 6-11

Name: Kevin C. Miller

Home Address: 23rd Avenue

kmiller@

Zip: 94116

Home Phone:

Occupation: Strategic Partnership Associate

Work Phone: 559-681-3679

Employer: Swords to Plowshares

Business Address: 1060 Howard Street

Zip: 94103

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco Yes: No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

www.linkedin.com/in/millerkevinc

Education:

B.A. Liberal Studies: Recreation Administration with Minor Field of Study in Business Administration

Business and/or professional experience:

Disabled Iraq Combat Veteran, AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary National Service Leader & CA State Service Leader with Swords to Plowshares, & Strategic Partnership Associate at Swords to Plowshares

Civic Activities:

Veteran Policy Advocate, Development & Communications Association, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

Ethnicity: (optional) BI-Racial (Latino)

Sex (optional) M F

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

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Date: 1/27/2015 Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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To: Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco
From: Kevin C. Miller

Fax: 415-554-7714 **Pages:** 2

Phone: 415-554-5184 **Date:** 1/27/2014

Re: **CC:**

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Kevin Miller's application to the Veterans Affairs Commission

The San Francisco chapter of Team Red, White & Blue would like to take this opportunity to express our support for teammate Keyin Miller. Kevin embodies the spirit of teamwork, and every event he attends is made better by his presence. He has shown to be a tough, fair competitor, with a sense of humor, and immense spirit of camaraderie. In conversations with him, his passion for veteran support is most apparent, and his eagerness to share information with any veteran in need, using his extensive contacts in the veteran support arena, is something we appreciate and can count on. Kevin's personal and professional background in veteran support is very much aligned with the mission of Team Red, White & Blue, which is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

Team Red, White & Blue Leadership Team:

Miguel Hundelt,
Chapter Captain
650-450-0239
miguel.hundelt@teamrwb.org

Kris Lord, Veteran
Veteran Outreach Director
510-914-0491
kris.lord@teamrwb.org

Ken Frickle
Community Outreach Director
408-440-6223
ken.frickle@teamrwb.org

Bernadette Champine
Athletic Director
978-930-5155
bernadette.champine@teamrwb.org

Scott Cruickshank
Social Activity Director
415-577-0710
scott.cruickshank@teamrwb.org



March 9, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Kevin C. Miller's appointment for the San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors Veterans Affairs Commission. As an AmeriCorps VISTA in 2013, Kevin helped reduce unemployment among veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout California with Swords to Plowshares and the members of the California Association of Veteran Service. During his service, he helped improve the infrastructure for matching veterans with jobs.

This past September, AmeriCorps Alums (the only national organization representing the nearly one million alumni of all AmeriCorps programs) was proud to honor Kevin for the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps with an AmeriCorps Alums National Leadership Award. He also received a California state service reward in recognition of his commitment to a lifetime of service.

Since September, Kevin has continued to serve as a spokesman, advocate, and resource for AmeriCorps Alums and other military veterans willing to engage in civilian service. In a piece written for a [Huffington Post blog](#), "Veteran: A Word That Means a Lot and More Than You Think," he shared how his work and national service programs support the efforts to end veteran homelessness. His blog also discussed the need to provide social services for all veterans regardless of their discharge status.

This May, Kevin will volunteer his time and talent to the alumni community by attending the AmeriCorps Alums Leadership Forum, supported by the Annie E Casey Foundation and the Ford Foundation. With fellow national leaders, Kevin will talk about harnessing the power of the national service alumni network to have a positive impact on the most pressing challenges facing communities, including those affecting veterans.

Kevin is a strong advocate for veterans and national service, and I believe he will be a great asset to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have additional questions. I can be reached at mary@americorpsalums.org or 617.610.9903.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Bruce".

Mary Bruce
AmeriCorps Alums Co-Executive Director



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March 11, 2015

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors District Office
City and County of San Francisco, Boards and Commissions
Veterans Affairs Commission
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Letter of Support for Kevin C. Miller

Dear Angela Calvillo,

My name is Michael Blecker and I am Executive Director of Swords to Plowshares, a community based not-for-profit providing a continuum of care to veterans in San Francisco. This letter is a record of my wholehearted support of Kevin C. Miller's appointment for the San Francisco City and County Veterans Affairs Commission.

Combat Veteran. AmeriCorps VISTA National Leader. Veteran Advocate. Compassionate San Francisco Resident. All of these titles and affiliations describe Kevin's character.

There is no better role than as a Veterans Affairs Commissioner for him to continue his dedication to public service.

Mr. Miller, a former Marine Infantryman, has served combat tours in Iraq, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Djibouti. After returning to civilian life, he started his journey towards helping heal the wounds of war for our country's servicemembers with his positions through AmeriCorps and subsequently engaging in policy and outreach as a staff member at Swords to Plowshares. I have no doubt he will continue his path on the Commission and have the absolute faith in his skills to influence how we better the livelihoods of veterans in San Francisco.

Kevin is a tireless and successful advocate for his peers who works to ensure they have access to the best opportunities and resources. As with many veterans, Kevin's journey has not been without challenges and missteps. But that's what makes him a great advocate for his peers, not despite the obstacles he has faced, but because of them.

Sincerely,

Michael Blecker
Executive Director



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March 9, 2015

Dear Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,

I write to recommend Kevin Miller for a position on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

I have worked with Mr. Miller for almost two years at Swords to Plowshares while he has been employed as the Strategic Partnerships Associate. Mr. Miller has taken on this new position and shown tremendous initiative and dedication to working on behalf of veterans and their families. Mr. Miller has an extremely analytic mind and is able to decipher and translate legislation and regulatory rulings related to veterans. He is an excellent writer and has applied his firsthand knowledge of veteran experiences and issues to advocate for meaningful care and support.

He has created relationships in the veteran community and is very approachable and engaging. He has spoken on behalf of veteran issues in panels and presentations and continues to dedicate himself to the cause. I have no doubt that Mr. Miller would be an excellent commissioner and would represent the interest and needs of veterans in his position.

I'm happy to speak more if you have any questions related to his qualifications.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Zottarelli", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Megan Zottarelli
Senior Policy Analyst

Swords to Plowshares

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March 9, 2015

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Rules Committee Members Avalos, Tang and Cohen,

I write to give my highest recommendation of Kevin C. Miller as a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I am the Director of Policy for Swords to Plowshares which provides housing, employment and training, mental health and legal services to San Francisco veterans. Kevin is a perfect candidate for this position, having demonstrated his commitment to service as a Marine, as a student leader, and AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer.

I have known Mr. Miller since the spring of 2013, when I selected him as our AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. His experience and commitment to assisting his fellow veterans was clear at the time and has grown since. Well before the end of Kevin's service year, we had made the decision to hire him full time the minute he was free of those obligations. Prior to his time at Swords to Plowshares, Kevin was a leader in veteran support and advocacy at Humboldt State University. When a key program for veterans lost its funding, he stepped in to ensure its survival through community-based fundraising.

At Swords, Kevin works diligently to ensure that the systems of care for veterans is responsive to ever-changing needs. He is thoroughly up to date on veterans issues, from local resources to changes in state and local entities which impact veterans. He has reached out and created partnerships in San Francisco to improve local support for Swords-specific departments and in the broader community.

Kevin is also a joy to work with, conscientious and a true team player. In short, he is a perfect candidate and will be an active member and make a substantive contribution to the well being of San Francisco's veterans.

Regards,

Amy N. Fairweather, J.D.
Institute for Veteran Policy Director

Swords to Plowshares



March 9, 2015

Letter of Support for Kevin C. Miller

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors District Office
City and County of San Francisco, Boards and Commissions
Veterans Affairs Commission

It is my pleasure to write a recommendation letter for Kevin C. Miller to become a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I have known Kevin for nearly two years and I am particularly impressed by Kevin's ability to think outside the box, his good judgment, and common sense. He has a warm personality and has the ability to handle his own life experiences with honesty and integrity.

I do not need to look at Kevin's numerous certificates of achievement nor his list of accomplishments to know that he would be an outstanding member of the Commission. Kevin has the maturity, and self-management skills to serve as a member of your commission as he has done through the years standing up for our veterans. He has a diverse background supporting veterans including student veterans and outdoor recreational programming. Kevin is a tireless advocate for his peers to ensure they have access to the best opportunities and resources.

As an Army Veteran and Commissioner on the Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission, I feel well qualified to comment on Kevin's character and abilities to hold a position on the commission. In short, Kevin C. Miller has my unreserved recommendation and I feel Kevin would be an asset to serve as an outstanding Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Starlyn Lara
U.S. Army Veteran
California Women Veteran Leader of the Year
Commissioner on the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission



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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1-6, 7, 8-12 District: Request Residency Waiver

Name: Latoria M. Dixon

Home Address: Poncetta Drive Zip: 94015

Home Phone: (415) _____ Occupation: R.N. Commander American Legion, AMVETS

Work Phone: (415) 890-4535 Employer: Disabled Veteran Charter President SF Veterans Lion Club

Business Address: 205 13th street suite 3300 Zip: 94103

Business E-Mail: lionlatoria@gmail.com Home E-Mail: ashun45@_____

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

Check All That Apply:

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

Resident of San Francisco: Yes No If No, place of residence: _____

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

I am the 1st African American woman veteran to become the commander of the SF American Legion Bob Barker Post 315. As the commander, created Sunday honoring African American Veterans such as the Plaskagee Armen. T
 In addition, I organized artistic events for veterans and non-veterans of the S.F. Bay Area on the 4th July.
 Moreover, I organized with other veteran organizations International Day of Peace with sponsors from the WNA and Living Club. Lastly, I organized with both women organizations Take Back the Night.

Business and/or professional experience:

Commander, Bob Baker Post 315 American Legion 2013-present
District 4 Commander, Team AMVETS District 4 2014-present
Charter President, San Francisco Veterans Lions Club 2014-present
Honor Society 2014 American Legion, 2014-present
Director of Veterans Arts Events 2012-present
Registered Nurse 1993-present (retired)

Civic Activities:

July 4 Art Event for Veterans, "I Have A Dream" Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
International Day of Peace -
Take Back the Night, Healing Arts Festival
Bikes 4 Vets
Warm Hands and Clothes for Vets and Women
Men Organization (such as Solutions for Women) Donation

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

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

Date: Jan 22, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required)

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

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

Latonia M. Dixon

Cell (415) _____

email: oshun45@_____

Education

New College of California, San Francisco, CA. *M.F.A. in Creative Inquiry with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Studies*, May 2007.

California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA. *M.A. in Philosophy and Religion with a concentration in Women's Spirituality*, December 2005.

California State University Chico, Chico, CA., *B.A. in Multicultural Gender Studies with a concentration in Women's Studies*, May 2001.

Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, CA. *A.S. in Registered Nursing*, June 1993.

Professional Affiliations and Certifications

Charter President of the San Francisco Veterans Lions Club

Commander, Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion (First African American Woman Commander in San Francisco)

SF United Nations Association, Member

Team AMVETS District 4 Commander

Sound Voice Music and Healing Practitioner, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA, June 2011 Certificate.

Certified Spiritual Counselor, Aesclepiion Healing Center, San Rafael, CA October 2004.

Certified Reiki Master, Full Circle Reiki, Chico, CA, March 1999.

Academic and Teaching Experience Related to Humanities, Women Health, and Spirituality

Painting from the Heart Art classes using acrylic paint, shells, beads, glitter, dirt, and cloth that the students used on a canvas. I used guided meditation, music and a relaxing safe atmosphere to allow the students to get into their artwork. Each student as well as staff stated they enjoyed the class and will return for more classes. The students were of various ages 18-50 and diverse backgrounds. Catholic Charities, Treasure Island, CA. 2009.

Adjunct Faculty *Philosophy of Religion* one of the classes that I taught at Napa Valley College. In the *Philosophy of Religion* classes I included various philosophers from around the world, as well as various religions. These diverse philosophers include people of color, women, and diverse sexual orientations 2006-2007.

Adjunct Faculty *Comparative Religion* consists of various religions from around the world. In both classes students were given a test on their knowledge of various religions and then were assigned to do two projects. The first project consisted of the students

interviewing someone of a different philosophy and/or religion and comparing it to the readings of another philosophy and/or religion, presenting their results and turning in a three page paper. The second project was a group project, which consisted of the students creating a philosophy or religion that incorporated diversity, compassion, and empowerment. In both class I was amazed by the creativity the students showed during their presentations. Several students produced DVD's for their presentations, while others created collages. I started teaching at Napa Valley College in Spring 2006-fall 2007.

Adjunct Faculty *Women's Ethnic Heritage* consists of diverse women and their heritages. In my *Women's Ethnic Heritage* class women, as well as men were taught about various women from around the world. Each student is required to do a mother line, so that they can have a deeper and richer value and respect of the matrilineal side of their family. In addition, by doing this research it also helped the students to learn more about their ancestors. Moreover, in this class students learned to understand and honor other peoples' heritage. Lastly, the students' final is a group project, which consist of the students creating a women's organization, club, or business that incorporates empowerment, compassion, and diversity 2007.

Women and Health Seminar I taught a one hour seminar on women and health, focusing on women of color and the high risks diseases: heart disease, diabetes, and hypertension at Napa Valley College. In the class I had the students validate that women are powerful and very creative. I taught them how to prevent from acquiring the diseases. In addition, I had the women to do a brief meditation on their reproductive system, as well as saying hello to the rest of their body. Lastly, space was allowed for questions 2007.

Women's Workshop Instructor *Women's Empowerment Workshops* "Discovering the Goddess Within" were taught at my business, *Daughter of Isis*, Chico, CA and also at California State University Chico, through the Women's Student Union. These workshops consisted of the history and stories of various goddesses. It also consisted of a group of women participating in drawing of themselves, answering questions about themselves, and a short ritual at the end, 2000-2001.

Women and Poetry An *Art History* class student presentation on women poets from around the world. In this class I taught students about women poets both famous and unknown. I also had the students to create a poem and lastly read out loud a poem about women and their struggles. Each student stated that the stanza they read was significant to them. New College of San Francisco, CA. 2007.

Women's Center, CSU Chico I participated and assisted in organizing the various events, to include "Take Back the Night," 1999-2001.

Astrology Instructor. "Astro Basics," a beginner's course on astrology co-taught with Annette Williams at *Belladonna's*, Berkeley, CA, spring 2005.

Reiki Master Instructor "Reiki," an Asian and Egyptian type of hands on healing technique that was taught through my business *Daughter of Isis* in Chico, CA, 1999-2001.

Meditation Instructor. "Meditation for Awareness" focused on having awareness of yourself and your surroundings in present time. Being in present time allows a person to ground, relax, and focus. This class was taught through my business *Daughter of Isis* and at *California State University Chico*, 2000-2001.

Holistic Health Provider- Through my business, *Daughter of Isis* I performed hands on healing techniques on clients, as well as taught them how they could also heal them selves with this technique. I taught classes on tapping into your consciousness, unconsciousness and the awareness of the energy that surrounds everybody's physical body at *California State University Chico, Chico, CA*, at my business *Daughter of Isis, Chico, CA*, 2000-2001, and at *Napa Valley College* in my Humanities classes, 2006- present.

Health Services Instructor and Facilitator Experience

Registered Nurse I have been a registered nurse for over 21 years working as a staff nurse, as well as a team-leader, charge nurse, preceptor, nurse facilitator, and diabetic educator on Medical/Surgical, I.C.U., Burn, Psychiatric, Oncology, Spine, Plastics, Post-partum, and Gynecology. I have done patient care, I.V.'s to include chemotherapy, blood products, and T.P.N. , charting, blood draws, and transcribed doctors verbal orders. I have worked in places such as Stanford, Colusa, Alta Bates, Summit, Enloe, and I am currently working at California Pacific Medical Center.

Nursing Instructor. Women's History Month "Women's Health Day," STI reduction, stress reduction, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer prevention in African American women taught through the Black Student Union at Napa Valley College.

Nursing Instructor. "High Risks Diseases in African Americans: Heart Disease, Diabetes, and Cancer," taught through the Black Student Union at California State University Chico, spring 2001.

Diabetic Instructor: "The Risks of Diabetes," and "The Signs and Symptoms of Diabetes," taught to certified nurse assistants, licensed vocational nurses, and registered nurses in 2000-2001 at Colusa Hospital, Colusa, CA, and Stanford Hospital 1997- 2001. I have taught all of my diabetic patients the signs and symptoms of hyperglycemia, hypoglycemia, how to use their insulin, how to use their needles and glucometers since 1993.

Co-teaching with ATU nursing instructor for a class on "Vascular Access Devices," 1995, Stanford Hospital, Stanford, CA.

Nursing Preceptor I have been a nursing preceptor for new graduates and nursing students at various hospitals on Medical Surgical and Psychiatric units. I taught, observed, and evaluated the new graduate nurses and nursing students' performance, skills, communication, and charting. Furthermore, I assisted nursing students with medication administration, patient care, interventions, patient education, signs and symptoms and complications of various diseases as well as infection, since 1994-2008 at various hospitals

throughout the Bay Area and Butte County.

Nursing Council Facilitator I was the nursing facilitator for one year at Stanford Hospital. I created with a team of nurses on a Medical Surgical unit, goals, innovative ways to increase moral and team-work, educational in-services, and brainstorming to address ways to problem-solve issues that may arise on the unit.

Academic Student Teaching and Presentations

Art Aesthetics I did my Aesthetics class focusing on Suzi Gablik's book *The Re-Enchantment of Art*. Gablik writes about how artists can once again become creative, open, embrace the feminine, and honor their art work. She also talks about connecting with the environment and using objects that compliment the environment instead destroying the environment. Taught in the fall 2006.

Surrealism Student Teaching The surrealism class consisted of the history, the war that many surrealist artists protested through their medium. In addition, in this class we explored the psychological connection each artist expressed through various mediums, which included the paintings, photography, poetry, and film. I also included Sigmund Freud's impact on surrealism. Lastly, we discussed who the women in surrealism and why so many were not included. My intention is to teach a 15 week college level surrealism class. Taught in the spring 2007.

Sacred Geometry Student Teaching Sacred Geometry is all around us. Sacred Geometry exists and thrives in our bodies, in the ocean, trees, flowers and plants, buildings, and in the galaxy. In the Sacred Geometry class I started with the history, followed by various pictures of plants, trees, parts of the human body, buildings, and the galaxy using power point. In the second half of the class I demonstrated to the class how to create the vesica piscis and then had them create the vesica piscis. After creating the vesica piscis, I had them use colored pencils to finish their creation. Moreover I had them finish their creation and do a brief meditation on where this symbol they created was located in their body. Furthermore, I had the class re-create the symbol they drew while they were meditating and to see, when was the first time they ever saw it. It was amazing how some people including men saw the birth canal. Lastly, I had them to allow that energy to go into that symbol and destroy it. I am interested in teaching a 15 week college level class through the arts and/or math to show how in sacred geometry math, science, and art all are connected.

Professional and Academic Performances

October 10, 2014, Take Back the Night Healing Arts Festival, Art Exhibit, Workshops, and Performances, Veterans and the San Francisco Community, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

September 21, 2014, International Day of Peace, Art Exhibit, Guest Speakers of the San Francisco United Nation Association, Veterans For Peace Chapter 69, San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, Non-Violence Campaign, and Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion, and Performers, at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

March 22, 2014, Team AMVETS Women Veterans Committee, Women Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon, Networking, Meet and Greet, Lunch, Guest and Keynote Speakers, Certificate and Awards Ceremony, Ebernezer/Church Lutheran, 678 Portola Drive, San Francisco, CA.

February 16, 2014, Sankofa Sunday, Art Exhibit, Dinner, Guest Speakers, and presentations of awards and certificates.

October 26, 2013, Take Back the Night, Healing Arts Festival, Art Exhibit, Guest and Keynote Speaker(s), Performance, rally and walk, California Institute of Integral Studies, 1453 Mission street, San Francisco, CA.

September 21, 2013, International Day of Peace, Art Exhibit, Guest Speakers of the San Francisco United Nation Association, Veterans For Peace Chapter 69, and Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion, and Performers, Veterans Community Media Center, 1720 Market street.

July 4, 2013, Grand Opening of the Veterans Community Media Center, Officers Installation, Art Exhibit, Workshops, and Performance, 1720 Market street, San Francisco, CA.

February 10, 2013, Sankofa Sunday, Honoring African American Veterans, Art Exhibit, Workshops, and Speakers, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA. February 16, 2014, Sankofa Sunday, Honoring African American Veterans, Art Exhibit, Workshops, Awards Ceremony, Dinner, and Speakers.

October 13, 2012, Take Back the Night Healing Arts Festival, Art Exhibit, Workshops, and Performance, Veterans and the San Francisco Community, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA.

July 3, 2012, Veterans' July 4, Art Exhibit and Performance, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA.

March 2, 2012, Covenant Signing, Veterans' Art Exhibit over 40 veterans, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA

September 2009-2010, Painting from the Heart, Taught Workshops to over 20 non-veterans at Catholic Charities Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA.

Performances and Exhibitions

May 2014, Poetry and Art Exhibit, Veterans Community Media Center.

Oct-Nov, 2013 Santa Clara Art Exhibit.

29 July-3 August, 2013, Veterans Art Show (Poetry, Short Skit, and Art Exhibit), Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, San Francisco, CA.

March 2007, Poetry Performance "Women's History Month," Napa Valley College, Napa, CA.

March 2007, Poetry Performance, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, San Francisco, CA.

May 2007, Performance (Poetry, and Singing) and Art Exhibit, Minna Gallery, San Francisco, CA.

September 2006, Poetry Performance "Artists Against Rape," Brava Theater, San Francisco, CA.

An Art Happening I assisted the curator with the hanging of the various artist paintings, including my own painting of our final project at the Mina Dresden Art Gallery. I also performed two songs and six of my poems.

Artist Against Rape I performed my poem "Roses are Red" with a group of diverse women and artists at the Brava Theatre to over 500 people in San Francisco, CA. in the spring of 2007.

Poetry at the Mission Cultural Center I was invited by Dr. Judy Grahn to perform my poetry at the Mission Cultural Center. On this particular night I performed five poems about women and their struggles, relationships, sexual power, and the empowerment, transformation and healing after being abused. This event was about honoring women and celebrating women's history month.

Poetry at Club Deluxe Every Tuesday night is poetry with jazz in the Haight. A diverse group of poets perform their poetry accompanied with and some times without jazz. I have performed frequently at this jazz club.

Poetry at Café Prague Every Sunday at 3:30pm poets and singers perform at this café including myself.

Poetry at Club Dalva Every 2nd and 4th Thursday nights is poetry and a guest performer.

Poetry Express I have performed at this restaurant with various poets and performers. Once a month there is a theme that each person has to connect there poetry. Berkeley,

Robert Basker Post 315 Officers Installations. Installed as commander of Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion by Supervisor Mahlia Cohen, September 21, 2013.

Outstanding Club Advisor Certificate. Black Student Union Advisor Napa Valley College, Napa, California. Award: Spring 2007.

Maggie Award California State University Chico. Women's Outstanding Leadership Award, 2001.

Pinnacle Honor Society Award California State University Chico, 2001.

Award Diversity Scholarship and Graduate Diversity Scholarship. California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, California. Award: Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2005, (Graduate Diversity Scholarship) Spring 2006.

Black Students Union Award, California State University Chico, Chico, CA. 2001.

Dean's List California State University Chico, 2000.

Relevant Interests

Pursuits Exploring Women's Studies, Art, Health, and Spirituality, using creative ways in learning to heal myself and teaching others to do the same, and creative ways in learning more empowerment tools for myself and other women.

Traveling Interested in exploring and possibly creating a class on how I can best utilize my academic tours to *Egypt, Cuba, Brasil, Costa Rica, and Spain*, which consisted exploring different cultures, artwork, and religions, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005.

Photography Creating a goddess calendar with women and using some of the proceeds for women who have been abused, present.

Poetry Continue to create poetry that is innovative, inspiring, and empowering. I also wish to teach poetry that will help a person to transcend, heal, and transform there life. Moreover, I would like to teach poetry so that it is fun.

Paintings Creating paintings of the sacred, tree of life, sunflowers, mermaids, abstract, sacred geometry, and butterflies to illustrate the beauty in everything, 2004-present.

Volunteer Experience

Greeter Passed out flyers and greeted all the customers at various events at the *Women's Building*. The *Women's Building* is a place where women of either low income, women with children, women of domestic violence, and/or women of sexual abuse go to for help. The *Women's Building* is located in San Francisco, CA, 2004.

Usher Participated in organizing the *Marija Gimbuta's Gala*. Marija Gimbuta was a scholar in archaeology, who study the different pieces of goddess figurines that were dug up in Old Europe. The Gala was at Ft. Mason, CA.

Chapbook- Mirror, Mirror and Roses are Red, 2007.

Presentations

Dixon, Latonia M. *A Sacred Journey to Wholeness*. Thesis defense on April 19, 2005 at California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA.

Open House *A Sacred Journey to Wholeness* a section out of my thesis on *Sacred Geometry*, Fall 2005 at California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA.

Alternative Health *Introduction to Reiki*: a two hour class on the significance, history, the function of Reiki and the effects it has on the body. Group participation and questions during the second part of the class. California State University Chico, Chico, CA.

Honors and Awards

Certificate of Appreciation. The International Associations of Lions Clubs, Lions Clubs International- District 4-C4 awarded to the SF Veterans Lions Club for Outstanding Participation in the International Food Fair 2014. best Food Category Contest 2014, presented by Districted Governor Stephen "Steve" Picchi, May 17, 2014.

Certificate of Appreciation. Robert Basker Post 315 of American Legion receiving 100% on membership goal for the 2014 membership year, Certificate given by National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger, April 28, 2014.

Certificate of Recognition of Charter President and of the San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, Presented by Senator Mark Leno, April 6, 2014.

Letter Nancy Pelosi. Congratulation letter from Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader on our charter installation night of the San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, April 5, 2014.

Proclamation March 18-24 2013 as "Women's Military History Week." Proclamation by Governor Jerry Brown and presented by Deputy Secretary Mirtha Villareal-Younger, March 22, 2014.

Certificate of Appreciation. Team AMVETS Women Veterans Committee, Celebrating Women Veterans throughout History. Certificate presented by Department 1st Vice Commander Greg Raffa and Commander Helen Wong, March 22, 2014.

Certificate of Honor Board of Supervisors. City and County of San Francisco, "Latonia M. Dixon, as the first African American Woman Commander of an American Legion in the City & County of San Francisco, you have created a profound legacy of service to our Veterans, while always reminding us that true Love conquers and cures all the ills that may afflict us. In celebration of Black History Month and on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I commend you." Supervisor London Breed, February 16, 2014.

Certificate of Honor Board of Supervisors. City and County of San Francisco, "Sankofa Sunday for celebrating and honoring our African American Veterans and reminding us of the symbolism and message of the Sankofa bird, taking from the past what is good and bringing that positive energy to the present for the benevolent use of humanity as a whole. In celebration of Black History Month and on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I commend you." Supervisor London Breed, February 16, 2014.

California 2007.

Presentation and Performance Open Mic Poetry performance at Napa Valley College, 2007.

Poetry at the Radio Café I have performed in the open mic at the creamery in the Mission in San Francisco, 2007.

KPFA radio station I performed my poetry as a new poet on KPFA, 2007.

Thesis

Dixon, Latonia M. *A Sacred Journey to Wholeness*, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, December 2005.

Leadership Experience

Charter President, San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, San Francisco, CA. March 12, 2014-present.

Commander, Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion, Veterans Building, San Francisco, CA. 2013-present.

Team AMVETS District 4 Commander, Veterans Building, San Francisco, CA. 2014-present.

Director of Veterans Art, Veterans Building, San Francisco, CA. 2011-2013

Charge Nurse, Stanford Hospital and Colusa Hospital, CA 1996-2001.

Nurse Facilitator, Nursing Council, Stanford Hospital, Stanford, CA 1995-1996.

Nursing Group Leader, California Pacific Medical Center Psychiatric Unit, San Francisco, CA., 2009-2011.

Student Project Manager, New College of California, San Francisco, CA. 2007

Business Owner, *Daughter of Isis*, Chico, CA. 1999-2001.

Workshop Instructor, *Daughter of Isis*, California State University Chico, Chico, CA. 1999-2001.

Logistics Coordinator, *Aesclepion*, San Rafael, CA. 2001-2008.

Organizer, *Alternative Health Day*, *Daughter of Isis*, Chico, CA. 1999-2001.

Black Student Union Advisor, *Napa Valley College*, Napa, CA. 2006-2007

Spiritual Adviser, *Aesclepion*, and at my Business, San Rafael, CA., *Daughter of Isis*, Chico, CA. and San Francisco, CA. 1999-2008

Publications

Poetry published, *Isis*, in *She is Everywhere!: An Anthology of Writing in Womanist/ feminist Spirituality*, gathered by author Dr. Lucia Birnbaum, 2005.

Usher I escorted many guest to the their seats, while working for Cirque du Soleil's show Corteo.

References

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Tia Madison, MFA Core Faculty in *Speech* at Napa Valley College 707-253-3000 or email tmadison@napavalley.edu" tmadison@napavalley.edu.

Dr. Judy Grahn, co-director of *Women's Spirituality* 415-575-6100 or email jgrahn@serpentina.com.

Ruby Goldberg, Social Worker of *CYO Catholic Charities* Treasure Island, California, 415-743-0059 ext.221.

Helen Wong, Commander, Team AmVets Post 34, San Francisco Golden Gate, San Francisco, 650-576-7875 or email wong_helen@sbcglobal.net.

Executive Department
State of California

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The first known woman soldier in the United States Armed Forces was Deborah Sampson of Massachusetts who, disguised as a man, served in the Revolutionary War. Throughout the history of our armed forces, women have been dedicated patriots, willing to put their lives in grave danger to protect our nation and the freedoms of its people.

The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 made women, who formerly served only as auxiliaries in times of war, a permanent part of our armed forces. Today, women can be found fulfilling nearly all of the duties that were once the exclusive domain of men in the American military. In 2008, Lieutenant General Ann E. Dunwoody became the first female four-star general in the United States Army. Her promotion highlights not only the great capacity that the skills and efforts of women add to our military, but also the tremendous strides we have made as a society toward the achievement of gender equality in all occupations.

Women's Military History Week is dedicated to the women who have sacrificed, and who continue to serve and sacrifice, in the nation's defense. We salute them for their courage.

NOW THEREFORE I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim March 18-24 2013, as "Women's Military History Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of March 2013.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Debra Bowen
DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State



Certificate of Honor

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The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues, and authorizes the execution of, this Certificate of Honor in appreciative public recognition of distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by:

San Francisco International Day of Peace

On the occasion of the Second Annual San Francisco International Day of Peace Celebration, the City and County of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors extends its highest commendation and appreciation. As a testament to International Day of Peace's incredible capacity to effect positive change in our community and the world at large through its dedication towards the advancement and promotion of peace, both locally and around the World, I commend you.



Supervisor London Breed

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

September 21st, 2014



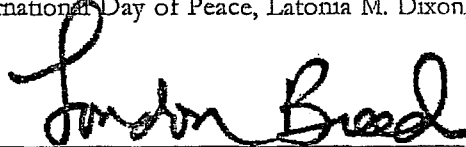
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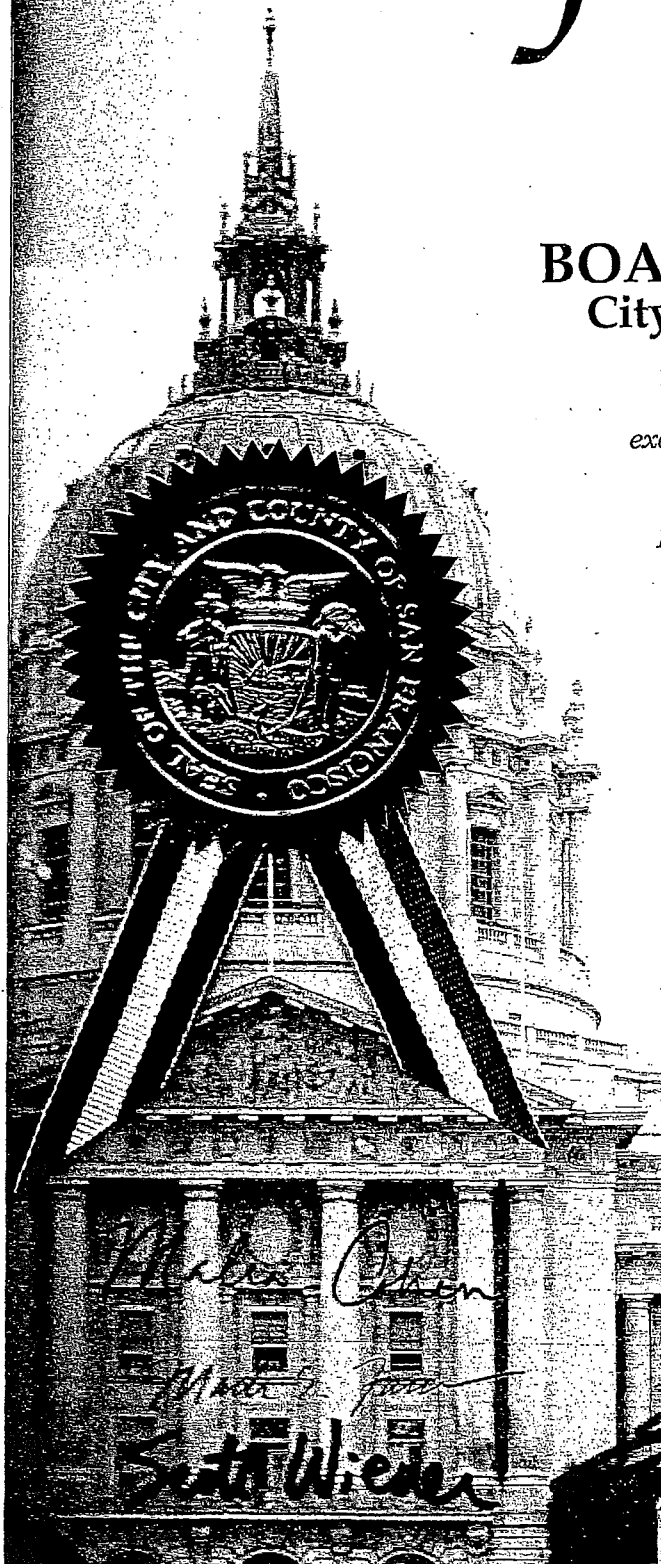
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Latonia M. Dixon

On the occasion of the San Francisco International Day of Peace Celebration, the City and County of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors extends its highest commendation and appreciation to Latonia M. Dixon. As the first African-American Female Commander of an American Legion Post within the City and County of San Francisco and the many hats you wear in service to our San Francisco Veterans as well as for hosting so many events dedicated to the pursuit of peace, as we celebrate this International Day of Peace, Latonia M. Dixon, I commend you.



Supervisor London Breed
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
September 21st, 2014



Michael O'Brien
Maria P. ...
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Latonia M. Dixon

Charter President - San Francisco Veterans Lions

In honor of taking the brave initiative in becoming the first chartered president of the newly formed San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, and in recognition of becoming the first African-American woman Commander of an American Legion in the City & County of San Francisco.

The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby extends their highest commendations and sends their best wishes to you on this special day.

Malia Cohen

SUPERVISOR MALIA COHEN

April 6, 2014

Andrew S. Fung

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Senate

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

San Francisco Veterans Lions Club

Congratulations on the occasion of your charter installation! I commend your extraordinary dedication to public service. Your efforts will positively impact the lives of individuals and families in our community. It is through the leadership of organizations such as yours that San Francisco becomes a brighter and more vibrant place for all. Congratulations and thank you!


MARK LENO
Senator, 11th District
April 6th, 2014

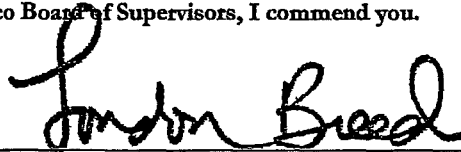
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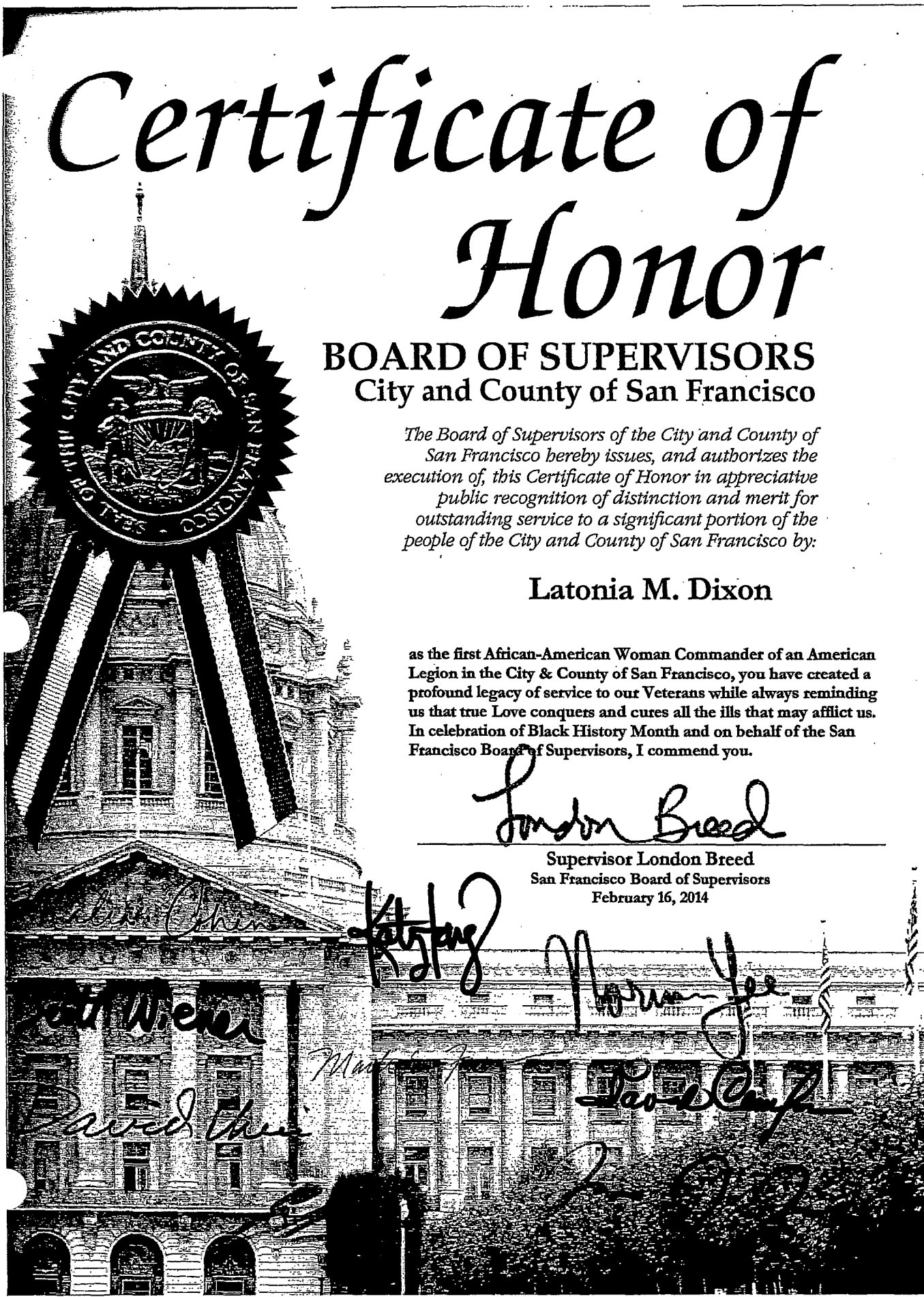
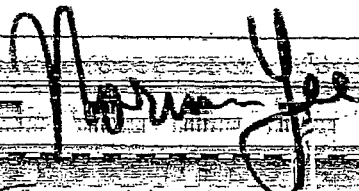
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Latonia M. Dixon

as the first African-American Woman Commander of an American Legion in the City & County of San Francisco, you have created a profound legacy of service to our Veterans while always reminding us that true Love conquers and cures all the ills that may afflict us. In celebration of Black History Month and on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I commend you.



Supervisor London Breed
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
February 16, 2014



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Bob Basker Post #315

as the only Congressionally Recognized & Chartered Post within the American Legion named after an openly gay WWII combat Veteran, your continued service to our San Francisco Veterans is a constant reminder that no Veteran should be forgotten but rather treated with respect and gratitude for their service to our Country.

In celebration of Black History Month and on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I commend you.

London Breed

Supervisor London Breed
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Katya

John Lee

David Chung

[Signature]

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Sankofa Sunday

for celebrating and honoring our African American Veterans and reminding us of the symbolism and message of the Sankofa bird, taking from the past what is good and bringing that positive energy to the present for the benevolent use of humanity as a whole. In celebration of Black History Month and on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I commend you.

London Breed

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Katy Jung

Nora Jee

David Louie

John Chen

Scott Wiener

David S. Lee

The American Legion



National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

**Latonia M. Dixon, Commander
Bob Basker Post 315
Department of California**

For your post successfully accomplishing 100 percent of its annual membership goal for the 2014 membership year, this is a sure sign that your leadership and member involvement at your post are greatly serving veterans and you appreciate the value of membership.

The National Commandant strongly believes that an effective membership program within each post is essential to the programs that are performed by the posts to ensure they are able to serve the membership. Thank you for doing your part in membership for 2014.

This certificate of appreciation is presented by the undersigned and duly authorized National Commander for the membership year of 2014.

Daniel M. Dellinger
National Commander

Daniel S. Wheeler
National Adjutant



GOLDEN GATE POST 34

205 - 13th St. Suite 3300

San Francisco, CA 94103

January 21, 2015

San Francisco City & County Board of Supervisors

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

City Hall

San Francisco, CA 94102

Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Ms. Latonia Dixon, an Army Veteran, as a candidate for a position on the SF City & County Veterans Affairs Commission. I have known her for several years and feel she has the qualities and experience for being on the Commission. Not only does she have the educational and military background, but she is also very active in the Veterans community as a leader in various Veterans Service Organizations. For example, she is the first African American American Legion woman commander elected in SF, and is in the Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion. She is an officer in the Team AMVETS Post 34 SF, and the Team AMVETS District 4 Commander. She is the Charter President of the San Francisco Veterans Lions Club, and has been awarded several Certificates of Appreciation by the International Association of Lions Clubs, and District 4C4 since the club was chartered in March 2014.

She is a Veteran with many interests and shares her knowledge with the community via her various projects and events, organizing and coordinating multiple years of Sankofa Sunday, Art Exhibit/Dinner/Speakers; Take Back the Night Healing Arts Festival; International Day of Peace, Art Exhibit/Speakers; Veterans July 4 Art Exhibit & Performance. Her current event is a Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have A Dream" Benefit.

I feel with her compassion for others, and her determination to have people from all walks of life work together to have fun, she would make a great Commissioner. Please consider her for a Board appointment. If you need further information, please contact me at 650-576-7875 cell. Thank you.

Respectfully,

HELEN L. WONG, TEAM AMVETS POST 34 COMMANDER



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
7305TH Medical Training Support Battalion
6270 Midway Street, Building 640
Sacramento, California 95828

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

20 January 2015

Board of Supervisors
SF Veterans Affairs Commission
City Hall, Room 053
1 Dr. Carl B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Latonia Dixon

1. The purpose of this letter is to recommend Latonia Dixon for selection as Commissioner for the SF Veterans Commission. Ms. Dixon has truly proven herself as a creative community and civic leader from an Army Veteran to a myriad of memberships to Veteran organizations and to her current position as Team AMVETS District 4 Commander.
2. Her expertise as a subject matter expert in holistic health, humanities and spirituality translates as a committed, compassionate, confident and caring professional. Her attention to detail, willingness to learn and esprit de corps is the foundation for our Army Warrior Ethos...she exemplifies these attributes of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage.
3. Ms. Dixon has shown passionate dedication and strong leadership; she inculcates the spirit of community service. I have had the honor to collaborate with Latonia on several Veteran programs that was inspirational and educational. I have no hesitation highly recommending Ms. Dixon as the new Commissioner for the SF Veterans Commission.
4. It is my sincere hope that you will consider Latonia. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have of me at 916-386-6455 or michele.m.spencer2.mil@mail.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele M. Spencer".

MICHELE M. SPENCER
LTC (P), MS, AGR
Executive Officer

Tony Pacheco
147 Santa Monica Ave.
Sanger, California 93657
tonypsanger@gmail.com

January 21, 2015

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place, Room 244
San Francisco, California 94102-4689

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Tony Pacheco, I am a City Councilman for the 3rd District, in Sanger, California, and a Director for the state of California American Veterans (AMVETS) Service Foundation. I am writing this letter in support of Latonia M. Dixon to fill the current vacancy for the Veterans Affairs Commissioner position.

As an elected city official and AMVETS Service Foundation board member I have had the privilege of working together with Commander Dixon and all she does for the Veteran Community. Her passion for Veterans issues is unwavering and steadfast.

It is with these attributes as a Veteran's Advocate and educated individual that her appointment as Veterans Affairs Commissioner would be advantageous to the community of San Francisco, California. I have known Commander Dixon a few years and I can attest that she is hard working, honest, has integrity and is passionate in being of service to the community of San Francisco, California.

I can be reached at (559) 876-6300 (City Hall) or at (559) 408-3343 cell number.

Respectfully Yours,



Tony Pacheco
Councilmember - District 3
Department of California Service Foundation, Director
USMC 1964-1968
Purple Heart Recipient, March 1967 Viet Nam
Presidential Unit Citation (2) I CO. 3rd BN. 1st Marine Div.



March 11, 2015

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, #244
1 Dr. Carl B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Latonia M. Dixon, R.N., M.A., M.F.A.

Honorable Supervisors:

As both a longtime community volunteer and elected official, I am always impressed when I come upon a new cause or meet an ambitious and caring person. Less than two years ago I had the pleasure of doing both when I was asked to assist in the formation of a new Lions club. This was to be a Lions club unlike others, where volunteering men and women aid a community. This club was being created to support and focus on the needs of veterans in the San Francisco area. A club made up of mostly veterans, but also of caring individuals whose passion was to assist those who had served our country.

One individual that immediately caught my attention was Latonia Dixon. She was clearly taking charge of this new group and lead the initial meetings with strong organization and effectiveness. It was quite clear that she was going to hold a major role in the success of this new club and possessed a strong sensitivity for those veterans amongst her. I soon learned of her background in the service and the many affiliations she had with other veterans organizations.

The San Francisco Veterans Lions Club is now an active and valued group of service-minded individuals who are continually working with the veterans community and partnering with many other veterans organizations - all to benefit those who have served in our armed forces. Lion Latonia Dixon is an integral part of the success of the club in her capacity as charter president since its inception in March 2014. She will continue to serve as president through 2016.

I can't think of a better individual to serve on the Commission of Veterans Affairs than Latonia Dixon. I know she has what it takes to work towards solving the many issues, needs and interests of veterans. Her proven background and ongoing involvement in the veterans community makes her a worthy candidate for the position. I strongly recommend her appointment.

Sincerely,

Ken Ibarra
Councilmember (since 1996)
Member, Lions Clubs International (since 1992)



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DISTRICT 4-C4

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Esther Lee, PDG

March 11, 2015

To: Whom It May Concern:

Fr: Lydia Taylor-Bellinger
President of San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions

Re: Latonia Dixon
Candidate for Commissioner
San Francisco Veterans Affairs

I have know Latonia Dixon for two years. Ms. Dixon is dedicated to her profession. She is enthusiastic, professional and systematic in assisting Veterans.

I believe that she is qualified and capable of serving as the Commissioner of San Francisco Veterans Affairs. Her military service and expertise in working with Veterans more than qualify her for this position. I believe that she will bring a great deal of clarity and professionalism to this position. The City of San Francisco will be greatly enhanced in having Latonia Dixon in this position.

Thank you,

Lion Lydia Taylor-Bellinger



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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 4 District: 5

Name: John Caldera

Home Address: — Scott St., —, SF. Zip: 94115

Home Phone: 415- — Occupation: Veteran & Civil Rights Activist

Work Phone: — Employer: —

Business Address: N/A Zip: —

Business E-Mail: — Home E-Mail: SFCommishCaldera@ —

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Check All That Apply:

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

Resident of San Francisco: Yes No If No, place of residence: —

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

As a Latino and openly Gay man, I am honored to be reconsidered for reappointment to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I love the city of San Francisco

Business and/or professional experience:

1st Vice-Commander, Bob Barker Post 315 of the American Legion
Service Officer, District 8 of the Department of CA
Vice-President, San Francisco Veterans For Peace

Legion

Civic Activities:

Board Member of San Francisco Pride
Co-ordinator of three veterans groups
in the 2014 SF Veterans Day Parade.

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

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

Date: 1/21/15

Applicant's Signature: (required)

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

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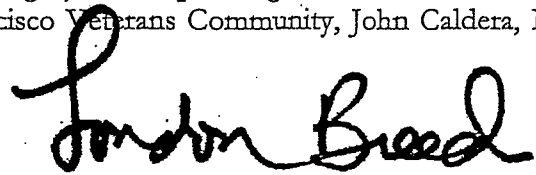
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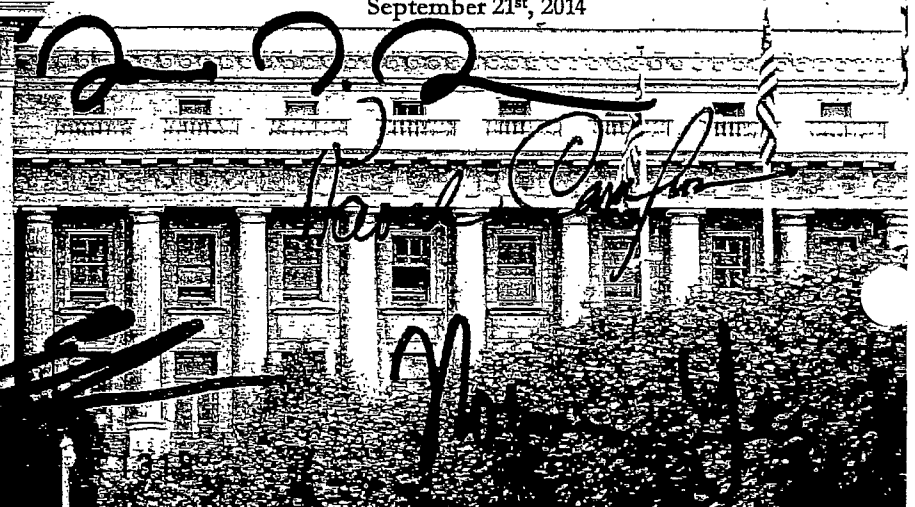
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John Caldera

On the occasion of the San Francisco International Day of Peace Celebration, the City and County of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors extends its highest commendation and appreciation to John Caldera. For your many years of unwavering service to the San Francisco Veterans' Affairs Commission, which are a testament to your incredible capacity to effect positive change in our community and the world at large, through your unique insight into the diverse needs of our San Francisco Veterans Community, John Caldera, I commend you.



Supervisor London Breed
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
September 21st, 2014



Malcolm Chen
Michelle S. Jones
Scott Wiener

The American Legion



Post 315 Past Commander Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded To

John Caldera

For The Years

2007-2013

In recognition of outstanding Leadership and Service as Commander of The American Legion benefiting our City, State, and Nation as well as for organizing innovative events that encouraged and recognized fellow Veterans.

Presented By
The Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion

On this Saturday of September 21, 2013

Attest:


COMMANDER, LATONIA M. DIXON, R.N., M.A., M.F.A.


DATE

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: John Caldera <sfcommishcaldera@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 12:31 PM
Subject: Fwd: Letter of Recommendation for John Caldera

1: michelle@swirlradio.com
Subject: Letter of Recommendation for John Caldera
Date: March 11, 2015 7:29:01 AM PDT
To: john.avalos@sfgov.org, katy.tang@sfgov.org, malia.cohen@sfgov.org

Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

I am writing to you on behalf SF Commissioner John Caldera and I support his reappointment to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

As a colleague of Mr. Caldera on the San Francisco Pride Board of Directors, I can speak to his commitment to our San Francisco Veterans as well as to people of color and others who are disenfranchised or marginalized.

Mr. Caldera has made it a priority to be inclusive of Veterans and people of color in his work at SF Pride. Without his contribution, the organization may not have been fully educated or aware of such issues that Mr. Caldera has made visible.

During my time we have served together, Mr. Caldera has supported me as a woman of color to be sent as a delegate to Interpride, a conference comprised of international Pride organizations. He felt it was dire and necessary for the organization to show the diversity of the community.

His commitment to the community, especially of Veterans, people of color, Women, and those who are marginalized is what makes a difference for us at San Francisco Pride and what will make a difference at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of John Caldera, it was my pleasure to send you a recommendation letter.

Best,

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Michelle Meow
Producer/Host: The Michelle Meow Show
Your A-Z, covering the LGBT, LMNOP, and everyone in between show.
Board Member, SF Pride
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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Sherri Maurin <smaurin@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Cc: Avalos, John (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)
Subject: John Caldera - reappointment to SF Veterans Affairs Commission

Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

I am writing to support the reappointment of SF Commissioner John Caldera to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

As an Associate Member of Veterans For Peace, Chapter 69, I can speak to his commitment to our San Francisco Veterans, as well as to people of color and others who are marginalized.

Mr. Caldera has made it a priority to be inclusive of Veterans, women, and people of color in his work at both SF Pride and Vets for Peace. He believes it is critically important for organizations to show the wide diversity of this City.

His commitment to the community, especially of Veterans, people of color, Women, is what makes a difference for us in San Francisco. I know, if reappointed, John will continue to make an important contribution at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of John Caldera.

Best,

Sherri Maurin
Associate Member
Veterans for Peace

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: bill creighton <billjcreighton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 7:10 AM
To: Avalos, John (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Subject: John Caldera, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

Dear Members and Clerk of the Rules Committee.

I write in support of the reappointment of Veteran John Caldera to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

I have worked with John on many Veteran events and issues. His tireless effort is an invaluable asset to the Commission. He knows how to weave Veterans issues into the benefit of the entire San Francisco Citizenry; often not an easy task.

As a member and Vice-President of our organization, Veterans for Peace, John has extended Veteran affairs far beyond the Veteran community. For example, John partnered us up with the Pride Parade Committee to manage the Parade Day grandstand. We have operated it for 6 years now. It has been an extraordinary success for all. As the San Francisco Pride Parade is a world-wide event, we have been able to broaden the importance and awareness of Veteran issues to a world wide Community.

San Francisco has one of the largest Veteran communities in the country. A huge number of young Veterans study at local Universities, Colleges and Vocational schools. John's efforts reach out to the entire Bay Area Veteran Community.

Personally speaking as a San Franciscan, and as President of the San Francisco Bay Area Veterans for Peace. I totally recommend the reappointment of John Caldera to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Veterans need his voice, his guidance and his leadership.

Thank You,
Bill Creighton, President
San Francisco Bay Area
Veterans for Peace

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: S.F. Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): VAC Seat #8 District: 9

Name: Stephen S. Noetzel

Home Address: 25th St., San Francisco CA Zip: 94110

Home Phone: 415 Occupation: Retired

Work Phone: 415.378.8214 Employer: n/a

Business Address: same as above Zip: _____

Business E-Mail: noetzelder@gmail.com Home E-Mail: noetzelder@

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Check All That Apply:

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

Resident of San Francisco Yes No If No, place of residence: _____

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

I currently serve as President of the VAC, and am nominated for re-election to that position. I feel that my service as Commission President, (and 2 years as Commission Secretary previous to that) has been instrumental in promoting and serving the needs of San Francisco veterans, and in elevating the SFVAC to a position of influence in advocacy for the veterans community of this city.

Previous to my 5-year tenure as a VAC Commissioner, I have some 40 years of volunteer experience, with many Veterans Organizations, as an advocate for justice and a Fair Deal for veterans.

I live in the Mission District of the city and many of my neighbors are veterans. I try my best to be of service, whenever possible.

Business and/or professional experience:

I am retired from San Francisco State University after a long and varied career in Construction and Facilities management.

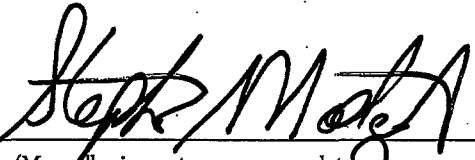
Civic Activities:

I am an active member of a number of Veterans Organizations, including Post 315 of the American Legion. I serve on the Board of Directors of Veterans for Peace in San Francisco.

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

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

Date: 12/29/14 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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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: S.F. Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Seat #11 District: 09

Name: Regalado Baldonado

Home Address: Capp St., San Francisco. CA Zip: 94110

Home Phone: 415- [redacted] Occupation: Retired

Work Phone: n/a Employer: n/a

Business Address: n/a Zip: n/a

Business E-Mail: n/a Home E-Mail: regalado.baldonado@ [redacted]

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Due to my initial (early 2007) appointment to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission, I currently serve as the senior member of the Commission - in age, as well as length of Commission service. During that time I have attended the vast majority of meetings and participated enthusiastically in all issues before the Commission. A particular Community of interest of mine has been in advocacy for fair and appropriate benefits for members of the Filipino/American veterans of service to the USA.

SPIRITUAL LEADER (JFAV) JUSTICE
FOR FILIPINO-AMERICAN VETERANS.
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Business and/or professional experience:

I am currently retired now, after a lengthy business acreeer.

- 1) PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
- 2) ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR - CITY OF MANILA
- 3) FOUNDER/INCORPORATOR - I²E²INC., INSTITUTE OF INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.
- 4) WORLD WAR II VETERAN.

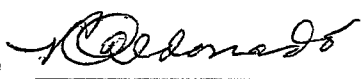
Civic Activities:

I perform volunteer work with several organizations in the Filipino/American community.

- 1) LIFE MEMBER/PAST COMMANDER - POST 1 AMERICAN LEGION.
- 2) LIFE MEMBER - VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.
- 3) BOARD MEMBER - VETERANS EQUITY CENTER.

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

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Date: 12/29/14 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

(Manually sign or type your complete name.
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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Veteran's Affairs Commission

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable):

Name: Alfred Kwok

Home Address: Pheasant Drive, Hercules CA

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Zip: 94547

Home Phone: 626- [redacted]

Occupation: Regional Director

Work Phone: 415-625-7670

Employer: U.S. Dept of Labor, Veterans' Employment & Training Serv

Business Address: 90.7th St, Suite 2-600, San Francisco

Zip: 94103

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Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco Yes: No: (Place of Residence): Hercules, CA

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

As a Regional Director with the U.S. Dept of Labor-VETS, I oversee our veterans program in the region to include: Jobs for Veterans State Grants, Competitive Grants Program, USERRA/VP investigations, Transition Assistance Program, and Employer Outreach.

Education:

Master of Business Administration, University of Michigan-Ross School of Business (in progress); Executive Program, Harvard University; Master in Management, National University; Bachelor in Business, Roger Williams University

Business and/or professional experience:

Regional Director-U.S. Dept of Labor-VETS; Branch Chief-U.S. Dept of Defense; Director of Operations-Seasons Healthcare; Operations Manager-Target Corp.-- Military Service: U.S. Army, Active Duty and Reserve (1998-2013)

Civic Activities:

Board of Directors, San Francisco Federal Executive Board; Mentor, GovLoop

Ethnicity: (optional) Chinese

Sex (optional) M F

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

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Date: 4/23/14 Applicant's Signature: (required) Alfred Kwok

Use Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Recipient Information
To: City and County of San Francisco
Fax #: 14155547714

Sender Information
From: Alfred Kwok
Email address: alfred.kwok9@ [REDACTED] (from 98.248.173.54)
Sent on: Wednesday, April 23 2014 at 3:53 PM EDT

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Any open seat District: N/A

Name: Brendan Rogers

Home Address: 10th St., San Francisco, CA Zip: 94103

Home Phone: (415) _____ Occupation: Training Officer

Work Phone: (415)557-4280 Employer: SF Public Library

Business Address: 100 Larkin St. 6th Floor Zip: 94103

Business E-Mail: brendan.rogers@sfpl.org Home E-Mail: brendancrogers@ _____

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

Check All That Apply:

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

Resident of San Francisco Yes No If No, place of residence: _____

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

17 years service US Coast Guard (Active and Reserve). MBA. Formerly homeless. Strong understanding of the difficulties veterans and reservists face in employment discrimination. Currently supporting the opening of a Veterans Resource Center in the SF Public Library to connect veterans (especially homeless veterans) to the benefits and services that they are entitled to. Currently leading departmental training initiatives to raise the level of Library service to the public at large and specifically traditionally marginalized communities such as our homeless, disabled, and transgender patrons.

Business and/or professional experience:

Commissioned Officer
U.S. Coast Guard (Reserve)
August 2013 – Present (1 year 5 months) San Francisco Bay Area

Training and Administration Support Officer for 130 person reserve deployable specialized forces (DSF) unit. Coordination of interdepartmental training programing, Administration of education service programs including administration of the enlisted advancement examinations.

Chief Maritime Enforcement Specialist (CPEC)
U.S. Coast Guard (Active and Reserve)
February 1988 – August 2013 (19 years 7 months) Global

Progressively responsible leadership roles including:

- Training Officer (TPO)
Managed training and certification program for a 24 person federal maritime law enforcement team. Implemented initial certification program for new law enforcement personnel. Managed a continuing education law enforcement recertification program. Coordinated interagency training courses. Subject matter expert in maritime law enforcement and security operations. Provided on the job training and coaching to Team Leaders in operational settings.
- Team Leader (TL)
Leader of 6 person law enforcement team conducting international and domestic law enforcement operations. Conducted field training of junior maritime enforcement officers. Conducted light law enforcement operations where Coast Guard resources were needed.

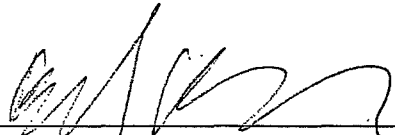
Civic Activities:

N/A

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Date: 17 Dec 2014 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.)

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 11:55 AM
Subject: Fwd: Brendan Rogers - Application for Veterans Affairs Commissioner

From: Lilith Wood <lilithjbw@gmail.com>
Date: January 31, 2015 10:30:06 PM PST
To: beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org
Subject: Brendan Rogers - Application for Veterans Affairs Commissioner

Dear Beth Rubenstein,

I am writing in support of Brendan Rogers and his application for Veterans Affairs Commissioner. I have known Brendan for over 25 years. In this time I have observed him to be a loyal and dedicated individual. Throughout his military service, he has been exemplary of both a serviceperson and a San Franciscan. He embodies the values of equality, service, and leadership. He has on many occasions advocated for his peers facing institutional discrimination within the military justice system at great risk to his own career. Without doubt, his greatest asset that he will bring to the Commission is his ability to build bridges between diverse positions to find common ground. He will represent the City of San Francisco exceptionally as a Commissioner. Please consider his application with gravity.

Sincerely,

Lilith Wood

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 11:56 AM
Subject: Fwd: Veterans Affairs Commissioner

From: Isaac Langford <6733153@gmail.com>
Date: January 28, 2015 9:20:05 AM PST
To: john.avalos@sfgov.org, jen.low@sfgov.org, jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org,
beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org, katy.tang@sfgov.org, malia.cohen@sfgov.org,
andrea.bruss@sfgov.org
Subject: **Veterans Affairs Commissioner**

It is my pleasure to nominate Brendan Rogers, Training Officer at **San Francisco Public Library**. **Has** exceptional performance. Brendan Rogers has worked with me for the past couple months, and I am impressed by the exceptional quality of service she provides to everyone who contacts his office.

Sincerely,

Isaac Langford, Chairman/C.E.O
Homeless Protection Network

www.nhpa101.webs.com



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Veterans Affairs Commission
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable):

Name: Alyana Vargas

Home Address: Golden Gate

Home Phone: (415)

Occupation: Student

Work Phone:

Employer:

Business Address:

Zip: 94102

Zip:

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Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco Yes: No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Satellite Tracking & Telecommunications Degree, Top Secret/Spec (Special Category Clearance), Outreach Coordinator for City College of San Francisco Veterans Alliance, assisting veterans transition into academia

Education:

City Collge of San Francisco, Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice Major

Business and/or professional experience:

Business Administration Management

Civic Activities:

American Legion Floyd Bennett Aviation Post 333, 2nd Vice Commander

Ethnicity: (optional) Black, White and Native American Sex (optional) M F

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

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Date: 8/26/14 Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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VACANCY NOTICE

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Replaces All Previous Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following vacancies:

Vacant seat 1, succeeding Eduardo Ramirez, term expiring on January 31, 2015, must be an at-large appointment, for a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

Vacant seat 4, succeeding John Caldera, term expiring on January 31, 2015, must be an at-large appointment, for a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

Vacant seat 7, succeeding Edwin Wilkerson, term expiring on January 31, 2015, must be a person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and has a physical disability arising from that service, in accordance with the definitions applied in such cases by the Veterans' Administration, for a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

Vacant seat 8, succeeding Stephen Noetzel, term expiring on January 31, 2015, must be an at-large appointment, for a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

Vacant seat 11, succeeding Regaldo Baldonado, term expiring on January 31, 2015, must be an at-large appointment, for a four-year term ending January 31, 2019.

Report: The Commission shall render an annual written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

Sunset Date: None.

Additional information relating to the Veterans Affairs Commission may be obtained by reviewing Administrative Code, Section 5.100, et seq., at <http://www.sfbos.org/sfmunicodes> or by visiting the Veterans Affairs Commission's website at <http://sfgov.org/vets/>.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors' website at http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application or from the Rules Committee Clerk, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated.

Next Steps: Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment(s) of the individual(s) who are recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, these vacancies may have already been filled. To determine if the vacancies for this Commission are still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-4447.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

DATED/POSTED: December 30, 2014

San Francisco
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Date Printed: February 18, 2015

Date Established: September 13, 1982

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Contact and Address:

Stephen Noetzel
3440 25th Street #705
San Francisco, CA 94110

Phone:

Fax:

Email: noetzelder@gmail.com

Authority:

Administrative Code, Section 5.100 et seq. (Added by Ord. 449-82, amended by Ordinance Nos. 33-94, 224-94, 97-97, and 245-09).

Board Qualifications:

The Veterans Affairs Commission consists of a total of seventeen (17) members, twelve (12) of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and five (5) of whom are appointed by the Mayor as follows:

- At least three (3) must be women veterans (at least two (2) members shall be appointed by the Board);
- Two (2) members who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who have a physical disability arising from that service (the Mayor and Board of Supervisors shall each appoint at least one (1) member), in accordance with the definitions applied in such cases by the Veterans' Administration; and
- All members shall reside in the City and County of San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors may only waive this requirement by Ordinance.

The term of each member of the Commission shall be four (4) years; provided, however, that the members first appointed shall, by lot, classify their terms so that three (3) members shall serve a one-year term, four (4) members shall serve a two-year term, four (4) members shall serve a three-year term and four (4) members shall serve a four-year term. On the expiration of these and all successive terms, their successors shall be appointed for a four-year term in a manner similar to that described for the initial members. In the event a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term of the office vacated in a manner similar to that described for the initial members.

"R Board Description" (Screen Print)

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The Commission shall directly advise the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on all matters affecting veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, on the problems, interests and needs of veterans who are residents of the City and County of San Francisco and on the coordination of economic development, health care, and social services programs as they relate to veterans who are residents of the City and County of San Francisco.

The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

- Hold hearings and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor regarding the problems, interests, and needs of veterans; and
- Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor concerning the coordination of economic development health care and social services programs as they relate to veterans who are residents of the City and County of San Francisco.

Reports: The Commission shall render an annual written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

Sunset Date: None referenced.

