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[Appointment, Reentry Council]

Motion appointing Ronald Sanders, term ending July 17, 2011, to the Reentry Council.

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby appoint the hereinafter designated person to serve as member of the Reentry Council, pursuant to the provisions in the San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 5.1-1 through 5.1-6, for the term specified:

~~Ronald Sanders, seat 1, must be a former inmate in the San Francisco County Jail, a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility and/or a United States Bureau of Prison facility, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending July 17, 2011.~~



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Print Application

Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Re-entry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable):

Enter your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided.

Do you authorize release of your private/personal information? Yes No

Name: Ronald Sanders

Home Address: 79 Crane Street, San Francisco Ca 94124

Home Phone: 415-933-4403

Occupation: Community Health Worker

Work Phone: 415-671-7000

Employer: Transitions Re-entry Clinic

Business Address: 2401 Keith Street

Zip: 94124

E-Mail Address: rnsnd4@aol.com

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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)

I am currently a community health worker for recently released prisoners with chronic diseases at San Francisco's first and innovative clinic for previously incarcerated adults, the Transitions Clinic.

Education:

City College San Francisco, completed 3 certificates (Community Health Worker, Drug and Alcohol, HIV/AIDS)

University of San Francisco, currently enrolled

Business and/or professional experience:

Drug Alcohol Counselor, 4 years

Community Health Worker for previously incarcerated adults, 2 years

Civic Activities:

Member of the San Francisco Safe Communities Re-entry Council

Ethnicity: (optional) African American (optional) M F

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: 4/28/10 Applicant's Signature: (required) Ronald Sanders

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

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4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

yes no If yes, please describe: As a drug and alcohol counselor for 4 years, I worked mainly with individuals recently released from prison or with a history of incarceration. Additionally, I am a community health worker for recently released prisoners with chronic diseases. I work at the Transitions clinic, which is the first and only clinic of its kind in San Francisco that provides targeted health services to patients within the first two weeks of their release from prison. At the Transitions Clinic, I help chronically ill patients navigate the healthcare system in addition to assisting patients with other re-entry needs such as housing, substance abuse treatment, job training and placement and mental health services. I have been employed at Transitions clinic for over 2 years and have served over 400 clients.

What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers? Very scary and hopeless. What helped me was an organization called Northern California Service League. It was inspirational for me to meet other people who had been incarcerated and had successfully transitioned back into society. They also walked me through the steps of applying for a job with a record and taught me life skills I never developed being in and out of the prison system. The biggest barrier was being an ex-con with a record and finding that no one wanted to hire me. Housing and my addiction were the two other largest barriers I faced.

How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system? Because a lot of them are homeless with drug and alcohol problems, that don't get addressed in prison, they need services immediately when they parole. For instance, a program that could pick them up at the gate and set them up with medical care, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment and housing. In order to help people permanently exit the criminal justice system, all elements of re-entry need to be addressed and coordinated. People need to be active

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members in their re-entry, taught the skills needed to be self sufficient, and be empowered to take responsibility for their future.

What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve? __To bring the fragmented services available to parolees together to have a coordinated effort for re-entry in San Francisco. Existing services either are duplicated or leave holes that are not covered by anyone. An assessment of what services are needed in our community and a collaborative plan to address these needs. I hope the reentry council will also focus on strengthening the connections and communications between prisons/jails and the community. Successful re-entry needs to begin with planning *inside* the prison/jail *before* the person is released.

SFGate.com**Ron Sanders: Standing between parolees and prison**

Bernice Yeung

Sunday, March 30, 2008



On a Friday in December, Ron Sanders stationed himself in a small office in the rear of the Southeast Health Clinic in the Bayview. As the community health worker for a novel medical program for parolees called the Transitions Clinic, he hunkered down at his desk to await the barrage of phone calls that constantly light up the face of his cell phone.

As soon as he took a seat, there was a buzzing from his pocket. On the other line was a San Francisco General doctor who said he couldn't treat a Transitions Clinic patient for his dental problems because it wasn't an emergency. "So there's no way they can waive the cost?" Sanders asked. "He needs to be seen because his mouth is bothering him, but what you're saying is that because he don't got no money, you're not going to see him?"

Sanders listened to the doctor for a moment and then interjected, "The thing is, we give free medical care for parolees because they just got out of prison, and they don't have money or resources. And this patient has a lot of other medical problems, too. Every time, someone wants to charge him for something."

Sanders' clients, all parolees, frequently grapple with medical problems and addictions while struggling to find jobs and housing. He is an unlikely mix of social worker, cheerleader, big brother and minor miracle worker.

During a rare respite from his phone, Sanders made the rounds through the clinic's exam rooms, dispensing generous doses of encouragement. In the first room was an older client with emphysema and a heart condition. The client took the opportunity to tell Sanders that he was getting off parole in a few months and planning to return to Baton Rouge to be closer to his grandchildren.

"That's a good thing," Sanders said. He paused.

"It's gonna make me cry," Sanders confessed. "I better go!"

Back at his desk, Sanders explained that the client kept violating his parole every time he was released, because he'd leave San Francisco to see his grandchildren in Louisiana. "I love that old man in there," he said. "I'm so happy he's going home."

Clients such as the Baton Rouge native, who make relatively smooth transitions from prison to the community, are the hard-won re-entry success stories. On the other end are clients such as Donald Bachman, who Sanders says takes up the bulk of his time. "He calls me eight times a day," Sanders said. "He calls and says, 'Ron, can you make an appointment for this or that?' Or he just calls to talk."

Sanders' biggest challenge has been finding housing for Bachman, a 40-year-old who relies on a cane and hearing aids. When he was first paroled, he was placed in a Tenderloin shelter, but within a few days, Bachman, who has mental health issues, was kicked out after he had an argument with his roommate.

"He was looking real bad," Sanders recalled. "It was a Thursday, so I set him up to be seen here at the clinic the next day. An ex-co-worker of mine just opened a transitional house, and I got him in there for a little while."

~~When Bachman had overstayed his welcome at the transitional house, Sanders scrambled to get him into a drug-treatment program, even though Bachman doesn't have an addiction. For Sanders, such creative social-service engineering is all in a day's work. "It beats having him out in the rain and cold," Sanders said. "If he would have been out on the streets, that would have been it."~~

The Transitions Clinic was founded in January 2006 by Dr. Emily Wang and Dr. Clemens Hong, who were working at UCSF-S.F. General Hospital as internal medicine residents. After spending months trying to stem the chaos in the hospital's busy emergency room, they noticed a trend: Patients who had been released from prison were coming to the ER for things as basic as a medication refills and as severe as a coma from improperly treated diabetes.

By partnering with Southeast Health Center, a local, city-funded clinic for low-income residents, the doctors got Transitions Clinic up and running; the clinic donated its facilities and the doctors volunteered their time one day a week. It has seen more than 200 patients since it opened, and it is widely heralded as a model for California cities (nearly 137,478 people were paroled in California in 2007). Alameda County, the city of San Jose and Sonoma County, for example, are currently looking into or have created similar clinics. "Transitions is an example of the kind of clinic we needed to have here," says Michael Shaw of the Alameda Public Health Department, which has since incorporated aspects of Transitions into an Oakland health clinic. "It provides the kind of attention and services that we needed to direct toward reentry."

For the Transitions Clinic doctors, the motivation for starting the clinic has been practical as well as ethical. Studies show that 90 percent of parolees - who tend to have higher rates of HIV, hepatitis B and C, tuberculosis and mental illnesses than the general population - rely on ERs for medical care. In San Francisco, parolees frequently turn to the overburdened ER at S.F. General.

But ER care is one of the least cost-effective ways to provide health care. "With the clinic, we are

trying to shift health care utilization from something incredibly costly to something less costly, which is primary care," Wang explains.

The purpose of the clinic also goes beyond cost-savings. "These are extremely vulnerable populations," says Dr. Shira Shavit, another doctor at the clinic. "A recent study that shows people paroling from prison have a 12.7 percent higher rate of death. From a medical and ethical perspective, it makes sense to have continued medical care to address that issue. If we get people into care, we can prevent some of those deaths."

Shavit cites an anecdote that she says illustrates another reason to bridge medical care for parolees. One of Shavit's patients who had a respiratory problem was frequently paroled without enough oxygen, and from her conversations with him, she noted he was having a hard time complying with parole because of his medical condition. After Shavit was able to provide him access to oxygen in the community, he stopped returning to prison. "So it's not just about making sure we have good medical care on the outside," Shavit says. "I have also seen examples of it keeping people out of prison."

As the doctors began increasing their patient load, it became clear that the parolees' needs extended beyond prescriptions, routine medical exams or even access to oxygen tanks; housing and jobs were also in short order.

"They're subjected to criminal justice policies, such as not being able to obtain food stamps if they're felons or not being able to live in public housing. What that means to their health can't be underestimated," Wang says.

In 2006, when the clinic began receiving funding from groups such as the San Francisco Foundation, Catholic Healthcare West and the California Endowment, the doctors hired Sanders to fill in the gaps.

Sanders, a compact, spark plug of a man with steely eyes, can be both honest and shy. Alternately good humored and exasperated, Sanders was a good fit for the Transitions Clinic because, like his clients, he had once struggled with the revolving door of the criminal justice system.

"He has proven himself over and over to be an excellent guide to the health care system and an excellent liaison to our patients, because he has a deep understanding of what our patients are going through," Wang says.

Several times a week, Ron Sanders hits the streets to check on Transitions Clinic patients, and he knows exactly where to find them.

Strolling down Sixth Street with Sanders is akin to hitting the campaign trail with a presidential

candidate. He sees familiar faces every few steps, and gives a nod or a "hello" to nearly everyone. "I've stayed in every hotel down here," he says, pointing to the faded awnings and dilapidated signs on the sides of the buildings. "And I been kicked out of every last one of 'em. They're run down, ratty and full of roaches. Just a place to use dope in. You couldn't even sleep in them half the time."

Sanders grew up in Oakland, in a family where both parents had drinking problems and, after too much booze, his father would beat his mother.

Sanders, in turn, began drinking at 9 by helping himself to the leftover liquor once his parents had passed out. By middle school, he put brandy in his morning coffee before school.

Though he always earned good grades, and was a solid baseball player, he dropped out of school in 11th grade because he was drinking so much that he had hard time getting up in the morning. To fill the days, Sanders started robbing houses with his friends, as well as using and selling drugs.

~~A few weeks after his 18th birthday, Sanders was arrested for selling drugs, and he faced his first~~ trip to state prison. He was released after six months, and the next day, the police stopped him for riding a bike while drunk. When they did a background check, an arrest warrant for a weapons possession popped up. He was sent back.

"That started everything," Sanders says, "because then I got on parole. I'd go in and out for the majority of my 20s, just on drug-parole violations."

He decided to make a change in the mid-'90s when, after spending a year in prison on another drug-parole violation, he was re-arrested after four hours. "I tell people you have to do things in stages," he says. "My first stage was to stop going in and out."

The next time Sanders was released from prison, he got a job. He showed up at work high on crack every day, but he was no longer on the streets, vulnerable to re-arrest. He spent the bulk of every paycheck on dope, and he says he probably would have continued on that path if not for the birth of his son Isiah.

Sanders quickly realized that he couldn't get high and take care of an infant, so he checked himself into a treatment program. Sanders hated the rules, and he considered dropping out more than once. But Isiah gave him a reason to stick it out.

To fight the temptation, Sanders began carrying a picture of his son in his pocket. "Whenever I got the urge, I'd take his picture out," he says. "I had to. I'd ask myself: What am I doing this for? And then I'd take out his little picture."

As he made his rounds through city streets one afternoon, between buzzes of his cell phone, Sanders' mind wandered to his neediest client, Bachman, and his continued housing problems. A

couple days ago, Bachman called to say he needed new housing because his time was up at the shelter. Sanders tried to get Bachman into a transitional-housing program, but he was turned away because his criminal record includes convictions for assault and weapons possession.

"So now, where can I get him in?" Sanders mused. "I'm trying to find somewhere where I don't have to get those phone calls from him about housing. I might have to give him a tent in my backyard."

As he walked, Sanders scanned the streets for his clients, and continued to think about Bachman. "He calls me about everything, not just housing," Sanders said. "He wants me to make an appointment for his dental, make an appointment for his eyes, make an appointment for his hearing. He's been assaulted a lot, so his hearing is messed up, his leg is messed up, his arm is messed up. Some people at a transitional house stole his hearing aids and broke one of them. And he calls and calls and calls.

~~"I put him in five places and he's been kicked out. What else am I supposed to do? He's the one that busts my behind. But I got a soft spot for him."~~

As he neared Bachman's shelter, Sanders decided to give him a call. Bachman agreed to meet Sanders at the corner of Market and Sixth streets. From there he watched Bachman, who has an almost childlike demeanor, get off the bus and hobble over with a cane. Bachman smiled when he saw Sanders, and Sanders pretended to be nonchalant; their interactions, however, are reminiscent of an old slapstick comedy routine.

"He's helped me in so many ways, he's been more of a friend to me than anything," Bachman said. "If I have a problem I can call him and talk to him. I call him three or four times a day, and he'll moan and groan about it, but I know deep in his heart he doesn't mind."

"And if he doesn't call me, I'm like, 'What is wrong?'" Sanders responded.

"He likes me calling him," Bachman added.

Bachman heard about the Transitions Clinic through a mandatory parolee meeting, and he went to the clinic after he was mugged last September, an incident that reinjured an ankle and wrist that had been damaged in a previous assault. He said that the clinic fitted him with the wrist and ankle braces, and that doctors gave him refills for his psychiatric medications. Sanders was also helping him get new hearing aids.

Bachman said Sanders had been crucial to his success as a parolee. "In prison, everything's taken care of," Bachman said. "If Ron wasn't there to help me, I would have done something to get a violation and go back to prison, where everything is taken care of and I don't have to worry.

"The one thing Ron does that a lot of people don't do is he treats me and the others like a human being, not like some contagious disease because we're felons and we've been in prison. Ron, I thank you for that."

"You're welcome, Donald," Sanders replied.

Bachman added: "And I thank you for taking all of my phone calls, and I thank you for worrying about me when I don't call."

"I wouldn't know what to do, Donald," Sanders responded.

But Bachman, who had been on parole for five months already, pledged to never go back to prison. He announced that his birthday was in a few weeks, and it would be the first in nearly a decade that he would spend out of prison.

Bachman turned to leave. "Ron is the best person in the world," he called over his shoulder.

A few days later, as he was working on the computer, Sanders' phone buzzed. He glanced at the caller ID, which read unavailable. Sanders got a sinking feeling. Bachman was on the line, calling from the county jail. He had violated his parole by screaming and waving his cane at the shelter staff. When the police came, he resisted arrest. He had been booked at the county jail for assault and violating his parole.

A few days later, Sanders visited Bachman, and described the visit in an e-mail to Wang:

"[Donald] was so happy that I visited him. [...] His parole officer said he is not going to recommend any time [in prison], but he will tell them he was going to school, and never gave a dirty test, but also he has been kicked out of every place he has been in. I felt so bad for him. He is a good guy who has a problem - not a criminal. You know what I mean.

"That was the first time I have been on the seventh floor [jail] in about 15 years and it depressed me and I started flashing. Then I had to ensure myself, Hey I will be leaving this place. A couple of the deputies remembered me and one said, 'It has been a long time, Mr. Sanders,' and he was proud that I had changed my life. 'Few do,' he said, 'and especially ones like you who was so mad at the world.' I took that as a hell of a compliment.

"When I was leaving [Donald] thanked me over and over again for coming to see him. I told him I will be there for him when he gets out. Watching him made me wish I could have done more for him but I just couldn't. It hurt me, but I know these things are part of the job.

The day after his visit, Sanders gave a presentation for a City College of San Francisco class he was taking to earn a community health worker certificate. (Transitions Clinic will soon begin

sponsoring classes at City College for health workers interested in working with the formerly incarcerated.)

Sanders began by telling his classmates about his responsibilities. "The key thing is to keep them going," he said. "Give them hope. That's what I get phone calls about: This went wrong and this went wrong. I've been through the same thing they been through. Because with re-entry, a lot of doors are shut, and you got to learn how to deal with that. So they call me and one of my responsibilities is to just try to keep them out."

His teacher had asked him to describe typical client, and he said, "One of my clients, I put in a lot of work, five months, keeping him out," Sanders said. He paused and appeared to be willing away tears. "I get a little emotional. And I don't know if I didn't do enough or if I did too much. He calls me every day. He said the other day that without me, he would be back in the penitentiary - he would do something just to go back.

"But Tuesday night, I get a phone call. I answer it and it's the county jail. It's him. In a single minute, he snapped. There were some things he wasn't dealing with that I should have been on top of. I take the weight of a lot of things. I take my job personally."

Sanders, though, wasn't necessary surprised by the development: It's a simple fact that a number of his clients will cycle in and out of the system again and again. "If I haven't seen 'em in a while, then they're locked up," he likes to say.

And sometimes, things turn out worse: A few months ago, Sanders called to remind a 24-year-old patient about an upcoming surgery that the Transitions Clinic had arranged for him, only to learn that the client had been shot in the back in broad daylight. "It kinda messed me up for a while," he said.

Given the emotional turmoil that his job introduces to his life, I asked him why he chooses to do this work at all. "Because I love it," he responded. "I just like to help people. I see people and I'm like, I was a whole lot worse. So if I can change, it's in you. But you have to dig deep. See, a lot of times what happens is people give up hope. So if you have someone who's trying to give you some hope, then maybe you can do it."

Bernice Yeung is a San Francisco freelance journalist whose work has appeared in California Lawyer magazine, the Village Voice and the New York Times.

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

Name: Jamie Brewster

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Home Phone: 415- Occupation: Site Manager

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Business E-Mail: jbrewster@andnet.org Home E-Mail: @yahoo.com

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'm an Ex-Felon who has successfully discharged parole and gone on to live a productive life. I currently am the Site Mgr. of Asian Neighborhood Design's Construction Training Program.

Education:

Armijo High School, Fairfield Ca. 94533
Solano Community College as well as SFSU currently.

Business and/or professional experience:

I run a non profit working with at risk youth and the formerly incarcerated in SF. I understand the struggles it takes to regain a semblance of normalcy.

Civic Activities:

I currently sit on the WICAC. Volunteer Basketball Coach, Boys and Girls Club

Ethnicity: (optional) AA Sex: (optional) M F

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4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

yes no If yes, please describe: I started my social work career in 2001 @ Walden House. I currently run a Construction Training School for at risk youth & the formerly incarcerated.

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

I transitioned to Solano Co. Having a support system was paramount. The only barriers were my self.

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system?

Establishing proper pre-release plans, establish strong support system, ie: housing, mental health, job ref., substance abuse. Thorough case mgmt is needed.

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

I hope that alternatives to incarceration can be established. I want to see the reentry process improved to ensure a parolees success.

Thank you!

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Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

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

Name: Juanita Alvarado

Home Address: Exposition Zip: 94130

Home Phone: 415 Occupation: Community Health Worker

Work Phone: 415 730 5357 Employer: Doctor Straub, Emily Wang

Business Address: 2401 Keith St (Department of Public Health) Zip: 94124

Business E-Mail: Home E-Mail: @yahoo.com

Check All That Apply:

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

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction [X]

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

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Education: St. Pauls, CCSE

worked in the community for the past 10 years on many board with alot of experience w/ reentry for 2 years. Pac/CDC work side by side with all programs at risk youth

Business and/or professional experience: Transition Clinic, and parole office

Civic Activities: cps board, Treasure Island vice president for programs/Eds child abuse prevention board

Ethnicity: (optional) Sex: (optional) [] M [X] F

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

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Date: 4/28/10 Applicant's Signature: [Signature]

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Print Name: Juanita Alvarado

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Home Phone: (415) _____ Occupation: Community Health Worker

Work Phone: (415) 730 5357 Employer: Department of SHC

Business Address: 2401 Keith St Zip: 94124

E-mail Address: _____@yale.edu FAX#: (415) 822-3835 Yale University

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1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply):
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|--|--|-------------------------------|--|
| San Francisco County Jail? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | Did you serve multiple terms? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| United States Bureau of Prisons facility? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes. <u>in Hawaii over 12 years ago.</u> | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |

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2. If you were released from custody within the last two years, on what date were you released?
No

3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth?

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

Yes no If yes, please describe: I work w/ Department of Public Health Transition Clinic and all reentry program Yale University.

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

I came back from Hawaii, over 12 years ago. I had no pac. Everyone was against me. I felt labeled alone.

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system?

Have people who are successful help the inmates coming home in a non judgemental view.

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

Meeting people were there at with a non judgemental view with hope that people can change and make a different in this world by learning from our mistake and teaching lesson learned!



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Reentry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): #1

District:

Name: John Kevin Jefferson III

Home Address: 2nd avenue

Zip:

Home Phone:

Occupation: Contract Compliance

Work Phone: 510-435-8551

Employer: Economic Opportunity Council

Business Address: 1426 Fillmore Street

Zip: 94115

Business E-Mail:

Home E-Mail: @ehhcc.org

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)

Vocational Training Instructor, Vocational Counselor, Job Developer, contract Compliance, Personal Coach

Education:

Education and Psychology- Grambling State University

Business and/or professional experience:

Founder-Urban Voice(Vocational Opportunities in Computer Employment), Founder- Green America, Inc, Founder- Whizkids Enterprises

Civic Activities:

Vice President-SF Juneteenth Committee

Ethnicity: (optional) Native and Black

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: 04/12/2010 Applicant's Signature: (required)

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Print Name: John Kevin Jefferson III

Home Address: 2nd Avenue Zip: 94118

Home Phone: 510- _____ Occupation: Contract Compliance

Work Phone: 510-435-8551 Employer: EOC

Business Address: 1426 Fillmore Street Zip: 94115

E-mail Address: _____ @ehhcc.org FAX #: _____

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1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply):
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| San Francisco County Jail? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | Did you serve multiple terms? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| United States Bureau of Prisons facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |

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no

3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth? 09/07/1968

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

yes no If yes, please describe:

Career counselor-One Stop Career Center, Vocational Instructional-Regional Occupation Program, Founder-vocational training program, founder-green jobs program

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

I was able to complete the expungement process which alleviated some employer worries.

How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system?

Education to opportunities, utilizing the huge support system here in san Francisco, cleaning up their records, taking advantage of federal programs and a lot of patience and mentoring

What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

Continued opportunities, more advocacy for the population and more supportive services



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Application for Appointment to: San Francisco Reentry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1

District:

Name: Kathleen Marie Culhane

Home Address:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Occupation: Bakery

Work Phone: 415-456-4093

Employer: Arizmendi Bakery

Business Address: 1002 Fourth Street San Rafael, CA

Zip: 94901

Business E-Mail:

Home E-Mail: _____

@ymail.com

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): Pebkama, CA * Temporary; Please see attached

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Please see supplemental sheet, attached.

Education:

Please see supplemental sheet, attached.

Business and/or professional experience:

Please see supplemental sheet, attached.

Civic Activities:

Please see supplemental sheet, attached.

Ethnicity: (optional) white

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: Apr 8 2010 Applicant's Signature: (required) Kathleen Marie Culhane

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Board of Supervisors Application for Seat on Reentry Council - Supplemental Sheet
Applicant Kathleen Culhane
April 8, 2010

Additional Information about Residency:

Although I am temporarily not a resident of San Francisco due to parole and housing issues, I plan to move back to San Francisco as soon as I am able.

Please state your qualifications:

I am a former prisoner who was incarcerated in a State Prison for one multi-year term. I was released less than one year ago. I also have worked for years researching issues related to prisoners, and am currently serve on the Reentry Council's Subcommittee on Health and Wellbeing of Current and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals.

Education: I have a high school diploma, Bachelor's degree in Spanish from Columbia University and law degree from St. Mary's University. I am currently pursuing graduate studies related to the health effects of incarceration.

Business and/or professional experience: I currently work full-time at a worker-owned bakery in the Bay Area. I have worked in the past as an investigator on death penalty cases, as an immigrant rights advocate, and as a human rights researcher for non-governmental entities in the United States and abroad.

Civic Activities: My current activities include: as mentioned above, serving on the San Francisco Reentry Council's Subcommittee on Health and Wellbeing of Current and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals; as well as volunteering at the Women's Community Clinic of San Francisco, which provides free reproductive and gynecological care exclusively to women who have no insurance. I currently volunteer there eight hours a week. Half of my time is spent in the clinic assisting patients, and I spend the other hours doing harm-reduction outreach with other volunteers in the Mission District, where we provide hygiene kits, safer drug use kits, and condoms to women who live in single residence occupancy hotels, many of whom are formerly incarcerated.

I additionally volunteer at a local soup kitchen once a week. I am also preparing to undertake graduate studies in order to research the health effects of mass incarceration on women and communities.

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Print Name: Kathleen Marie Culhane
Home Address: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Occupation: Baker
Work Phone: 415-456-4093 Employer: Arizmendi Bakery
Business Address: 1002 Fourth St. San Rafael, CA Zip: 94901
E-mail Address: ' — @ymail.com

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1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply):
- | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|--|
| San Francisco County Jail? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | Did you serve multiple terms? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| United States Bureau of Prisons facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |

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2. If you were released from custody within the last two years, on what date were you released?
June 19, 2009 _____
3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth? _____

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?
 yes no If yes, please describe: Please see supplemental sheet, attached. _____

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers? Please see supplemental sheet, attached.

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system? Please see supplemental sheet, attached. _____

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve? Please see supplemental sheet, attached. _____

**Supplemental Application to the Reentry Council by applicant Kathleen Culhane:
Supplemental Answers to Questions 4 through 7 of the Application.**

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

Yes. I am fortunate to have gained years of experience working within communities to help prisoners and families of prisoners seek out the resources they need. As a law student I assisted many formerly detained prisoners to navigate government agencies, and seek housing and employment upon release from federal detention facilities. Later, as an investigator on death penalty cases, I frequently assisted families of condemned prisoners in seeking out the services and community support they required. Finally, as a prisoner myself, I spent much time "inside" advocating for women who could not advocate for themselves and assert their basic rights for parole and family re-unification. In all of these contexts, I gained valuable insight into the problems and barriers that prisoners face in prison and in reentry.

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

Like many other prisoners, my experience transitioning back to San Francisco has been difficult. I have experienced barriers daily, but I also have been more fortunate than others in many ways. The principal barriers for me have been securing stable housing and employment. In addition, I have struggled with dealing with the stigma of my incarceration and felony record in my community.

A long-time San Francisco resident, I found no available housing options for me in San Francisco. I therefore had to make the decision to change my parole to a county outside of San Francisco in order to stay with family. Unfortunately, the burden of frequent parole department visits to the home became upsetting to my family. Not wanting to burden them further, in late 2009 I sought housing in a shelter in San Francisco where I stayed for a period. Since that time, I have again moved back in with family, and am very fortunate because of that. But seeking shelter in San Francisco was a very hard experience. It gave me valuable insight into the acute dearth of housing for the formerly incarcerated in San Francisco.

After my release from prison, I struggled for nine months to find steady employment. I was very honest and forthright in job interviews about my criminal convictions, and unfortunately could not obtain a job. Very recently, I finally secured full-time employment in a bakery. I feel extremely fortunate to have finally found this job, which is one of the first steps toward rebuilding my life.

Throughout this transition, I have consistently sought out opportunities to be of service to my community in San Francisco. I have been extremely fortunate to have served on the San Francisco Reentry Council's Subcommittee on Health and Well-being of Current and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. It has been a fantastic and empowering experience so far to be part of such a dedicated and skilled group of stakeholders, all of whom are striving to improve accessibility of resources to prisoners re-entering San Francisco. One particular issue I am very happy about as Subcommittee member is bringing to the Subcommittee's attention pending state legislation, AB 1900, which prohibits shackling of all pregnant women who are incarcerated.

Since August of 2009 I have also volunteered at the Women's Community Clinic of San Francisco which provides free reproductive and gynecological care exclusively to women who have no insurance. I currently volunteer there eight hours a week. Half of my time is spent in the clinic assisting patients, and I spend the other hours doing harm-reduction outreach with other volunteers in the Mission District, where we provide hygiene kits, safer drug use kits, and condoms to women who live in single residence occupancy hotels. Many of the women we serve have been incarcerated and I feel very fortunate to be of service in a public health capacity to a community that I definitely consider myself part of.

I believe the barriers I have personally confronted so far have commonalities with those of many other former prisoners, and women prisoners in particular. I truly believe I am a better advocate having personally struggled with such obstacles. I am committed to advocating for women prisoners and I aim to eventually undertake graduate studies to effectively research the health effects of mass incarceration on women and communities.

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system?

I think we need to recognize, primarily, that we are living in a time of mass incarceration when more people in our community are forcibly detained than ever before. Regardless of one's point of view about the increased incarceration, it is uncontroverted that this current mass incarceration has a profound effect on our whole community, especially those communities of the poor and of people of color.

While individual responsibility is important and necessary, recidivism occurs at such an overwhelming rate and to such a high degree in California that we have to ask what are the systemic problems that contribute to people returning to jails and prisons? Through my own experience with prisoners, and as a prisoner myself, have seen that the biggest problems for former prisoners are ineffective sentencing laws and parole policies, together with a frequent lack of community and familial support, as well as systemic barriers to employment, stable housing, and civic and educational participation.

Because these problems of prisoner re-entry are so multi-faceted and sometimes complex, and because prisoners themselves are a diverse group, there has to be a joint and

coordinated response by many different and distinct stake-holders. We need to involve communities affected from the ground up, so that their voices and their capacity for proposal can be developed, heard, and put into action.

As a prisoner I have seen how well-meaning attempts by non-profit and government agencies to address the needs of former prisoners, can often fail. Common problems are fractured and isolated responses, as well as a complete disconnect with the realities of prison and reentry such that attempted solutions completely fail to accurately address the prisoners' needs.

After so many years of fractured and isolated efforts, I truly believe that an aggressive, well-coordinated response that encourages analysis, innovation and investment by all those impacted to accurately address the problems of the formerly incarcerated is needed.

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

I am very excited about the Reentry Council because of its aggressive, innovatively coordinated approach to reentry. I hope the Reentry Council will thoughtfully and thoroughly assess who the formerly incarcerated presently are in San Francisco, what needs this population has and how or whether those needs are being met. If they are not being met, we need to carefully re-examine how community, non-profit and government resources can be developed, buttressed, and coordinated to better respond to successful and permanent reentry.

Critical to this effort is engaging victims, former prisoners, service-providers, local residents, and correctional and law-enforcement authorities in a consistent, constructive and productive dialogue to gain awareness and a capacity of proposal to developing new and innovative responses to a dysfunctional incarceration model. We know from years of fracture efforts that a truly democratic method that engages those most affected will produce the most effective community response to prisoner reentry.

In particular, I hope the Council will calibrate its approach to reentry to particularly focus on those prisoner populations who have been most maligned and slighted in reentry programs heretofore: women, transgendered people, juveniles, people of color, and those most vulnerable in reentry due to their crimes or conditions of incarceration including sex-offenders and those who have been detained in isolation. I hope the Council will continually strive to include these populations in the decision-making process.

I also hope that the San Francisco Reentry Council will be a model for other counties around California. There is a stark difference between San Francisco's Re-entry policies and programs and those of most other counties in California. It is crucial to share our information and collaborate with other counties in California so that all communities can address issues of post-incarceration re-entry. I hope our Council in San Francisco will dedicate itself to implementing methods of sharing information and methodology so that other counties can easily draw on our experiences and knowledge.



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Application for Appointment to: Reentry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Seat 1

BY [Signature] District: 12

Name: Malakkar Vohryzek

Home Address: — Turk Street, #1022

Zip: 94102

Home Phone: 415- —

Occupation: Law Student

Work Phone: n/a

Employer: Golden Gate University, School of Law

Business Address: 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

Zip: 94101

Business E-Mail:

Home E-Mail: — @gmail.com

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)

Please refer to supplemental sheet. I was convicted on January 6, 2000 for Conspiracy to Distribute LSD, and on April 6, 2000 was sentenced to 10 years of incarceration and 5 years of supervised release.

Education:

Ohio University, B.S.S. English, Psychology and Sociology, 1L at Golden Gate University, School of Law

Business and/or professional experience:

Worked as both IT and Administrative Professional for the University of California at Davis until 12/1999, and more recently worked in same capacity for Drug Policy Alliance in New York prior to starting law school.

Civic Activities:

ACLU Member at GGU, Board Member - Director of Finance, NLG Drug Policy Coordinator, legal observation training and participation as such for March 4th protests, as well as March 18th sanctuary city protests legal observation.

Ethnicity: (optional) White, Jewish/Irish heritage. 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: 4/8/2010 Applicant's Signature: (required) [Signature]

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

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Print Name: Malakkar Vohryzek
Home Address: — Turk Street, #1022, San Francisco, CA Zip: 94102
Home Phone: 415 — Occupation: Student, Law
Work Phone: n/a Employer: None
Business Address: 536 Mission St, S.F., CA Zip: 94101
E-mail Address: — @gmail.com FAX #: n/a

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| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| United States Bureau of Prisons facility? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |

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2. If you were released from custody within the last two years, on what date were you released?
Custody, 3/23/2008, Supervised Release Terminated 6/10/2009.
3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth? n/a

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

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4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?
 yes no If yes, please describe: Regularly assisted other prisoners in filling out forms, putting together resumes, getting them in touch with outreaches services like Exponents in New York, and other post-custody re-entry programs that provide legal and/or logistical support (clothing, essential skill development, etc.).
5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers? I initially transitioned back to New York, only moving to San Francisco after having been accepted to Law School and having defeated continued supervised release. Obstacles to my transitioning back were mainly the Supervised Release Officer, who thought that going to law school was something I did not deserve, and so actively tried to prevent me from both touring potential law schools, to actively preventing my attempts to move back to California to attend law school. The judge was helpful in terminating my supervised release, my family's adopted brother, gabriel, was also essential in providing the necessities such as a place to stay, and a drug policy reform organization, the Drug Policy Alliance, was essential by giving me both the trust and work necessary for me to develop a sense of worth and purpose that meant I would push that much harder in ensuring that I not return to prison. Though no longer an employee, their local office has been extremely supportive, including informing me about this position.
6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system? People need more buy-in, more opportunities to use their experiences in a productive manner. They need reasons to not re-offend. They need to feel valued above and beyond just being another member of the workforce. Validation for their experiences, not judgment.
7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve? A way to give insight to the Board of Supervisors as to how they can develop new policies that can turn back California's dismal recidivism rate, at least in terms of the municipality of San Francisco. A way to both protect the public, while ensuring that those punished see a light at the end of the tunnel, a place where they can affirmatively state that they have served their sentence, and again are considered a valued member of society. So long as we continue to treat ex-offenders with the equivalence of "the mark of Cain," we can expect ex-offenders to feel like they have no place in society. Without any buy-in, reoffending is almost a guarantee.



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: San Francisco Reentry Council
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Formerly Incarcerated District: _____

Name: Mark K. Thomas

Home Address: Thermal St. Zip: 941605

Home Phone: (510) _____ Occupation: Adult Education Instructor

Work Phone: (415) 487-3793 Employer: Episcopal Community Services

Business Address: 165 8th Street, San Francisco Zip: 94103

Business E-Mail: mthomas@ecs-sf.org Home E-Mail: @transformingpower.com

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): Oakland

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)
Over 20 years of experience/work in the field of reentry. Please see supplemental sheets.

Education:
M.A. Psychology. Focus: Solutions to crime and violence.

Business and/or professional experience:
Instructor for 3 years with 5 Keys Charter School teaching SF. County Jails.
Instructor for nearly 3 years with ECS teaching homeless, very low income and formerly incarcerated.

Civic Activities:
Current Chair of the Self-Sufficiency Subcommittee of the SF Reentry Council
conducting Alternatives to Violence Project workshops in SF Co. Jails as a volunteer.

Ethnicity: (optional) mixed 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: 4/6/2010 Applicant's Signature: (required) Mark K Thomas

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Print Name: MARK K. THOMAS
Home Address: THERMAL ST., OAKLAND, CA, Zip: 94605
Home Phone: 510- Occupation: ADULT ED. INSTRUCTOR
Work Phone: 510-604-9204 Employer: Episcopal Community Services
Business Address: 165 EIGHTH STREET Zip: 94103
Business E-mail Address: mthomas@ecs-sf.org Business FAX #: 415-487-3330

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- 1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply): Did you serve multiple terms?
San Francisco County Jail? NO NO
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility? NO NO
United States Bureau of Prisons facility? YES YES, I served multiple terms.

*California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) operates the facilities previously operated by the California Department of Corrections (CDC) and the California Youth Authority (CYA).

- 2. If you were released from custody within the last two years, on what date were you released? N/A
3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth? N/A

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

Yes. If yes, please describe: While in prison for many years, I developed and participated in many programs geared toward helping the incarcerated develop the skills and strengths necessary for successful reentry to society. As an Alternatives to Violence Project workshop facilitator for 18 years, inside and outside of prison; as a teacher and a staff member of the SFSD's Five Keys Charter School for three years; and as a current instructor at The Skills Center, I have provided training that helps to give those strengths and skills to the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated.

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

A week after being released from prison in 1994, I was living and working in Oakland, and attending the California Institute of Integral Studies as a graduate student in San Francisco. The support of family (a place to live), friends (one who gave me a job), and colleagues (at graduate school I was around people of similar interest) helped me. Having these things arranged before release made the transition easy for me? Later, in 2003, when I returned from living in Oklahoma -- where it was very hard to find work in my chosen profession of teaching because of my felony record, I found the situation in San Francisco more accommodating and got a job teaching with the SF Sheriff's Department's Five Keys Charter School.

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help?

We can give them job, education, life skills before they are released from incarceration; and, we can give the same and more support afterward, especially in regard to housing and employment. Nevertheless, being prepared and equipped to deal with normal society before one is released from incarceration is what I believe is the most critical factor in make a successful transition from incarceration.

To help people permanently exit the criminal justice system, we must provide them external support and opportunity. However, they will need resilience and a commitment to legitimate or lawful lifestyle, and these are internal possessions, resilience and commitment, to which we only point towards.

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

I hope it will help change or eliminate the attitudes, structures, policies in society that make it unnecessarily difficult for the formerly incarcerated to return successfully to normal society, and I hope it will help put into place those structure and policies that will make it easier.



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: S.F. RE-ENTRY COUNCIL
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1 to complete the term of removed formerly incarcerated member District:

Name: MATHEW MARTENYI

Home Address: P.O. BOX Zip: 94147

Home Phone: (415) Occupation: CONSULTANT

Work Phone: (415) 516-7754 Employer: SELF-EMPLOYED

Business Address: P.O. BOX 475364 Zip: 94147

Business E-Mail: mmartenyi@hotmail.com Home E-Mail: hotmail.com

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 have worked with Legal Services for Prisoners With Children and All Of Us Or None for nearly two years. They are both prisoner rights and community organizations involved with issues of the incarcerated.

Education:

B.A. from S.F. State University w/ majors in sociology and political science. J.D. from Hastings College of the Law

Business and/or professional experience:

Self-employed consultant since release from prison in 1996. Prior to incarceration, I practiced law in San Francisco since 1978.

Civic Activities:

Volunteer for nearly 10 years with the Marine Mammal Center; volunteer consultant to Jack McCloskey Post of Am-Vets (formerly the Jack Ertola Post); election inspector for the Dept. of Elections (pct 3223)

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: April 26 2010 Applicant's Signature: (required) [Signature]
Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Print Name: MATHEW MARTENYI

Home Address: P.O. Box _____ Zip: 94147

Home Phone: (415) _____ Occupation: Consultant

Work Phone: (415) 673-4044 Employer: Self-employed

Business Address: P.O. Box 475364 Zip: 94147

E-mail Address _____ @hotmail.com FAX #: _____ n/a

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1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply):

San Francisco County Jail?

yes

Did you serve multiple terms?

yes, I served multiple terms.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility?

yes

yes, I served multiple terms.

United States Bureau of Prisons facility?

yes

yes, I served multiple terms.

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2. If you were released from custody within the last two years, on what date were you released?
_____ n/a _____

3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth? _____ n/a _____

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

yes no If yes, please describe: I have worked with some veterans who have been involved with the criminal justice system when I consulted for the Jack McCloskey Post of Am-Vets in San Francisco.

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers? see attached

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system? See attached

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve? See attached

Attachment to Mathew Martenyi's Application to the Reentry Council

Question 5.) What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

I returned, after serving three years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, to the City that I have lived in most of my life and benefited from the support of family members, friends and colleagues in my former profession as a lawyer. I was privileged compared to most of my half-way house residents and probationers who lacked such support.

The challenges and barriers faced by all convicted felons, even despite the large and diverse social support system that exists in San Francisco, include: the reunification of family ties severed as a result of the offense and incarceration; the challenges of obtaining work and housing; and developing the will/courage to resist returning to past patterns involving bad choices around issues such as substance abuse, criminal behavior and associates.

The biggest obstacles/barriers involve the ability to secure work and housing which are a threshold issue for survival and, when achieved, lead to a path of assimilation and self-respect.

Question 6.) How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system?

As soon as the release date and locale are known it would be helpful for the inmate to become aware of the agencies and referral sources in existence and the way to access their services while still incarcerated. This type of "outreach" would go to the inmate while still in custody and allow for better knowledge/utilization of the existing resources whether or irrespective of the length of the half-way house transitional living situation.

I think a permanent exit from the criminal justice system requires direct help not just for the released but also for their families. The families (be they spouses, partners, parents, siblings or children) should have access for help to know ways to spot and understand the signs of their own as well as the recently released persons distress and confusion and how to communicate effectively with the released person.

The fewer family and friends in the locale, the more intense the effort should be to attempt to network the released into affinity groups within the community.

Question 7.) What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

I hope the Reentry Council can achieve the goal of identifying the challenges confronted by the recently released and facilitate a dialogue among all interested parties to work together to secure the best possible outcome for the person who has completed the punishment and seeks to live a productive life.

Beyond this initial triage, I would hope the Reentry Council can become the clearinghouse for the existing agencies---be they law enforcement, social service or custodial---and coordinate the delivery of their respective areas of responsibilities to achieve maximum impact and effectiveness.

Every successful outcome from the efforts of the Reentry Council benefits the individual released, the family of the released, and the community within which they/we all live.



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Reentry Council BY AK
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): _____ District: _____

Name: Natalie Genn

Home Address: Gate 6 1/2 rd. Sausalito, Ca. Zip: 94965

Home Phone: 415 Occupation: Manager / Tourism

Work Phone: 415 202-8888 Employer: Blazing Saddles.

Business Address: 2715 Hyde St. SF. Zip: 94109

Business E-Mail: _____ Home E-Mail: _____

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): Sausalito, Ca.

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Formally incarcerated multiple times

Education: CCSF Drug and Alcohol Studies (expected completion 12/11)

Business and/or professional experience:
Intern at SAGE (Standing Against Global Exploitation) 9 months.

Civic Activities:

Ethnicity: (optional) white 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: 4/22/10 Applicant's Signature: (required) Natalie Genn
Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Enter your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided. Because this form is a document available for public review, you may provide a business or office address, telephone number and e-mail address instead of your home address or other personal contact information.

Print Name: Natalie Genn
Home Address: — Mission St. Zip: 94103
Home Phone: 415 — Occupation: Intern.
Work Phone: 415 905 5050 Employer: SAGE
Business Address: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail Address: — 3ymail.com FAX #: _____

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1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply):
- | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|--|
| San Francisco County Jail? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | Did you serve multiple terms? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |
| United States Bureau of Prisons facility? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, I served multiple terms. |

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she was incarcerated under the alias name of Stephanie Moore.



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: SF REENTRY COUNCIL

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

BY _____

Seat # or Category (If applicable): ONE

District:

Name: Nicholas Gregoratos

Home Address — Cortland, 101, SF CA 94110 (Mailing Address)

Zip:

Home Phone: 415- _____

Occupation: Attorney/Director Prisoner Legal Services

Work Phone: 415-575-4365

Employer: CCSF/SFSD

Business Address: 555 Seventh Street, 201 SF CA 94103

Zip:

Business E-Mail: nick.gregoratos@sfgov.org

Home E-Mail: _____@hotmail.com

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)

Ex-offender, recovering addict with 23 years sobriety, father, educator, attorney and advocate for those less fortunate than myself. (See attached letter.)

Education:

JD- USF School of Law (1999) , Special Education Certificate, San Francisco State University (1996), BS Education/Theatre Arts, UMASS Boston (1999) - (See attached resumé)

Business and/or professional experience:

(See resumé attached)

Civic Activities:

Get out the Vote, worked various local campaigns, Volunteer Legal Services, PTA Fundraising, United Educators of San Francisco Executive Board Member, SF Reentry Council Subcommittee on Alternatives to Incarceration, etc.

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: 4/8/10 Applicant's Signature: (required) _____

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Enter your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided. Because this form is a document available for public review, you may provide a business or office address, telephone number and e-mail address instead of your home address or other personal contact information.

Print Name: NICHOLAS GREGORATOS

Home Address: CORTLAND, 101 SF CA Zip: 94110

Home Phone: 415- — — Occupation: ATTORNEY/DIR. PRISONER LEGAL SERV.

Work Phone: 415-575-4365 Employer: CCSF/SFSD

Business Address: 555 SEVENTH STREET, 201 Zip: 94110

E-mail Address: NICK.GREGORATOS@SFGOV.ORG FAX #: 415-558-2490

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1. Have you been an inmate of (check all that apply):
San Francisco County Jail? yes no Did you serve multiple terms?
 yes, I served multiple terms.

2. If you were released from custody within the last two years, on what date were you released?

N/A

3. If you are 24 years old or younger, what is your date of birth? N/A

If necessary, please attach supplemental sheet(s) and/or attachments.

4. Do you have experience or expertise in providing services to individuals exiting the criminal justice system?

yes no If yes, please describe:

I have over 12 years experience providing direct legal advocacy, in-custody and reentry services to currently and formerly incarcerated individuals, and their family members and victims. These direct services include but are not limited to: challenging conditions of confinement, modifying commitments, correcting release date miscalculations, clearing up warrants, holds and detainers, modifying sentences to allow inmates to enter community based programs and other alternatives to incarceration. In addition I have extensive experience clearing up child support arrearages, driver license issues, custody and visitation issues and cleaning up criminal

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histories/expungements. I also work closely with other agencies including Adult Probation, District Attorney's Office, Office of the Public Defender, the Courts, Department of Elections, etc. in order to service our populations.

Additionally, I have experience in policy review and writing legislation which directly and indirectly affects our client base.

As an ex-offender who has been clean and sober going on 23 year this month, I also have extensive personal experience working with individuals who are battling their addictions and the system to get their lives together.

5. What was your experience transitioning back to San Francisco after having been incarcerated? What helped you? What were the barriers?

The number one barrier I had was a 16 plus year substance abuse problem, culminating in a 10 year heroin addiction which I was able to overcome though participating in self help groups as well as other community based programs. I was also in serious debt, had a suspended drivers license, and no education. The help of the 12 Step groups was essential to just get me to a place where I was willing to reach out for other available assistance such as community counseling centers and educational opportunities, financial aid, and free legal assistance.

6. How can we help other people transition from prisons and jails more successfully? How can we help people permanently exit the criminal justice system?

While the need is extensive and the list of things we could to help is never ending, if we start with the following, we would make significant strides.

1) Provide intensive treatment-focused alternatives to incarceration for individuals currently in custody, as well as the same services for those who are being released into the community.

2). Increase educational, vocational, and employment opportunities and funding to currently and formerly incarcerated individuals.

3) Provide probation and parole with the resources to effectively recruit and train staff to properly supervise case loads and supply services that are appropriate and effective in dealing with mental health issues, addiction, homelessness, illiteracy and basic educational needs.

7. What do you hope that the Reentry Council will achieve?

In a perfect world, the reentry council would be able to convince the Board of Supervisors to fund reentry programs that focus on changing exoffenders cognitive process by providing extensive, mental heath and substance abuse treatment as needed, as well as educational opportunities. This would be followed by providing housing and employment services to assist in removing the client from the high risk environments that contributed to the underlying incarceration.

EDUCATION

University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, California

Juris Doctor, 1999

Honors: Honor Student, Top 15% of Class, CALI Award for Excellence – Children's Rights & Family Law

Activities: Moot Court, Trial Practice, Criminal Law Clinic, Mediation Clinic, Investigation Clinic, Maritime Law Journal

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California

K-8 Teaching Certificate, Special Education

University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, Elementary Education/Theatre Arts, 1991

Massachusetts Elementary Teaching Credential

Honors: First Annual Playwrights Award, Christa MacAuliffe Teacher Incentive Grant, John H. Eastburn

Scholarship, FINE Grant, Massachusetts State Scholarship

Activities: Produced Play "See Jane Run", 1991

EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Sheriff's Office, Prisoner Legal Services

1997 - Present

Intern/Program Coordinator/Staff Attorney/Director

Provide legal information to inmates incarcerated in San Francisco on a wide variety of topics including probation and parole, alternative programs, drug treatment programs, court schedules and timelines, bail schedules, sentencing schemes, local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Organize and update county jail law libraries and provide on-site assistance to inmates conducting legal research. Monitor the City's provision of services to inmates for compliance with applicable laws. Facilitate communication between inmates and sworn staff, probation and parole officers. Advocate for inmates in disciplinary hearings. Respond to requests from inmates for a vast array of direct services including negotiation in landlord/tenant disputes, assistance with child support and custody issues, parole and probation conditions and court orders, and with obtaining resolution of holds, release date problems, and outstanding criminal and traffic violations in other jurisdictions.

Law Offices of Nicholas Gregoratos

Sole Practitioner

2000 - Present

Represent parolees at parole revocation hearings. Represent clients in out-of-county criminal and family law matters.

San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco, California

Credentialed Teacher

1991 - 1996

Taught fourth and fifth grades at Fairmount and Cesar Chavez Elementary Schools, Ben Franklin Middle School and Cabrillo School. Designed and implemented upper grade integration model. Researched and wrote bilingual technology grant. Mentored teachers and staff in the Optimal Learning Environment curriculum. Acted as health advocate, student study team representative, technology coordinator, union building representative, and school site council member. Advocated for and wrote numerous educational and technological grants. Coordinated Project 2061 implementation meetings between district and staff. Chaired general staff meetings. Organized teacher trainings. Wrote and implemented learning experiences for National Science Project. Served on Restructuring Council.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING: Bar Association of San Francisco – Dependency Training Program, 2001, California Public Defenders Association – DUI Defense Seminar, 2002, McGeorge Law School - Parole Advocacy Training Program, 2005,

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: California Public Defenders Association, Member

California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Member

Alameda County Bar Association, Member

California Deuce Defenders, Member 2000-2005

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: SF Reentry Council Vacancy

Dear Rules Committee:

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant seat on the San Francisco Reentry Council. As a former inmate of the San Francisco county jails and the current Directing Attorney of Prisoner Legal Services, a recovering addict with 23 years sobriety, an educator and a father, I believe I have the qualifications and experience needed to make a valuable contribution to the council.

In 1984, due to years of addiction and criminal behavior, I was sentenced to serve a term in the San Francisco county jail in San Bruno. Upon my release I had trouble finding any resources to me to help me deal with my addiction or lack of education. As a result, I spent the next few years engaging in the same destructive behavior. Finally, in 1987, with the help of Twelve Step Groups and various community-based programs, I was finally able to overcome a 16 plus year substance abuse problem which culminated in 10-plus year heroin addiction and start on the road to recovery.

I eventually entered college, obtained a teaching credential, and taught elementary school in the San Francisco Unified School District for five years. In 1996 I entered Law School hoping to learn how to be an advocate for people struggling as I had. I have been working with prisoners and parolees ever since and am proud to have had a hand in helping some of them along their own road to reentry.

While surely the most serious barrier to my successful reentry was overcoming my drug addiction, I faced many other obstacles on the journey simply because of my status as an ex-offender. I had a 12-month struggle with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing over my fitness to be a teacher. I had to undergo a heightened review process for my fitness to become a member of the bar. And as recently as 2009, I finally prevailed in a two-year struggle with the California Secretary of State in order to receive a notary commission. I have a singular understanding of the barriers that face someone solely because of their criminal history. Growing up, I was always told that doing drugs and getting arrested would ruin one's life. While I see the wisdom and truth in this statement--it was exactly the path I had to take to get to where I am today. I was initially hired at Prisoner Legal Services by the late Nate Harrington--an ex-offender himself--due, at least in part, to my history as an ex-offender and recovering addict. My struggles with incarceration and addiction have made me a better advocate and will make me a valuable member of the Council.

Over the past 10 years I have dedicated my life to representing indigent criminal defendants and parolees at revocation hearings. I have handled family law, dependency and other civil matters for indigent ex-offenders and find a certain satisfaction in watching and being part of an ex-offender's transformation into a respectable law abiding citizen. I am committed to continuing and expanding my role in effecting this type of change, and believe that I am qualified to help the reentry council effect long term, meaningful, and systemic change in how San Francisco helps ex-offenders reenter our community as contributing law abiding citizens.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Gregoratos', written in a cursive style.

Nick Gregoratos

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Date Established: September 19, 2008

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Fax: (415) 553-9646

Email: jessica.flintoft@sfireentry.com

Authority:

San Francisco Administrative Code, Sections 5.1-1 through 5.1-6; Ordinance No. 215-08. Ordinance No. 26-09.

Board Qualifications:

Modified by Ordinance 26-09 to add a fourth seat that the Board of Supervisors can appoint and to exempt all members of the Reentry Council from the requirement that they be electors of the City and County.

The Reentry Council is created to coordinate local efforts to support adults exiting San Francisco County Jail, San Francisco Juvenile Justice System out-of-home placements, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Facilities, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prison facilities.

The Council shall provide the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, the public, and any other appropriate agency with accurate and comprehensive information about programs that serve this population, barriers faced by this population, best practices to meet the needs of this population, and funding sources for programs and practices that address the needs of this population.

The Council shall coordinate information sharing, planning, and engagement among all interested private and public stakeholders to the extent permissible under federal and state law.

The council shall consist of 21 members, seven of whom shall be former inmates in the San Francisco County Jail, a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility and/or a United States Bureau of Prison facility.

The Mayor, or his designee, shall serve as a member, and shall also appoint three of the members.

The Board of Supervisors shall appoint four members.

At least two of these seven members shall have expertise in providing services to individuals

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exiting the criminal justice system. At least one of these seven members must have been released from custody within two years of his or her appointment; at least one must have served multiple terms; and at least one must be between the ages of 18 to 24 at the time of appointment. The following City departments or agencies shall appoint one member each to the Council: Public Defender's Office; District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department; Police Department; Adult Probation Department; Juvenile Probation Department; Department of Economic and Workforce Development; Human Services Agency and the Department of Public Health. In addition, co-chairs shall invite the San Francisco Superior Court; Department of Child Support Services, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Adult Parole Operations; and the United States Probation and Pretrial Services System to appoint one member each to the Council. If any of these four agencies does not appoint a representative, the Council co-chairs shall appoint an additional member.

Members shall serve two-year terms and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Members may serve multiple terms. If any Council member misses two regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve-month period without prior notice, the Council shall certify that fact in writing to appointing authority and the member shall be deemed to have resigned.

Seven members of the Council shall constitute a quorum and the Council shall have the authority to act on the vote of the majority of the quorum.

The three members appointed by the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff's Department, respectively, as well as the Mayor or the Mayor's representative, shall co-chair the Council.

The Council may establish subcommittees. The Council shall meet in full at least three times per year.

Reports: At least once a year, the Council shall prepare and submit a report that shall include but not be limited to information identifying funding streams; programs serving individuals exiting the criminal justice system; needs of reentry population; and barriers to safe and successful reentry. City departments shall respond within 30 days, if mentioned in report. Reports shall be provided to the Mayor; Board of Supervisors; City departments in report and the public.

The Council shall be staffed, subject to fiscal and budgetary provisions of the Charter, by the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's and the Mayor's Office designating one staff member each.

Sunset: June 1, 2011, unless the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance continuing its existence.

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