

Application Form

Profile

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Which Boards would you like to apply for? Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission, Disability Advisory Committee, and Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board.

M. Hope

First Name

Aguilar

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

CA

State

90034

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years:

I am temporarily living in Palms while we rebuild our our Culver City home. We hope, optimistically, to move back in in mid-July.

Also, I owned a condo in Fox Hills from 1988 through 2006, so I am aware of the issues that concern residents in community associations.

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Self (semi-retired)

Employer

Attorney-at-law

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Community Service (List commissions, committees, boards and other organizations on which you have served or currently serve, are a member or have been a member and offices held and in what city those positions were or are held). Please feel free to include participation in community events. Please highlight Culver City community involvement.

In the past, work has prevented me from committing as I would like. Now, I want to commit my time to public service in Culver City, and this is my first step.

I served as a board member of the Heather Village HOA in Fox Hills from 2003 through 2005, where I served as board president from 2004-2005. The work was challenging and thankless, and I loved it.

When Barack Obama announced his candidacy for President, I immediately joined his campaign, and became the South L.A. Regional Field Organizer until an African-American leader agreed to take the helm (April 2008). As a continuing volunteer, I worked to get the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010 and I also worked as a Data Team Leader on the President's 2012 Campaign. I also worked on Eric

Employment. Please provide a minimum of 5 years' history and include titles and duties of current and past employment. Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing

this section:

I have worked with the same lawyer, Stewart Neuville, since 1996. See attached Resume.

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

I went to college at University of Southern California and I attended Loyola Law School.

My California Bar License Number is 123444. I am admitted to practice in the Southern, Northern, and Central Districts of California; and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Upload a Resume

Please list the reasons why you are seeking appointment to a City body. (When possible, please be specific to the body's role.)

I love Culver City and I want to contribute to its greatness. With my business degree and my law degree, I believe my skills are perfect for this endeavor. As a pro bono lawyer, I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in several life altering matters that, I have felt, should never have reached such a stage. I think I can be fair in landlord-tenant issues because I have represented tenants while, at the same time, I co-own a small seven-unit apartment building in Palms. I represented a disabled (completely deaf) child in Clark County, Nevada who had been incarcerated without the ability to communicate with anyone, including his father. At the DNC Convention in North Carolina, I became an advocate for disabled delegates who were unable to get around the city because a bus for the disabled was omitted from their route.

Demographics

The following information is optional and will be redacted.

Female

Gender

Date of Birth

Application Questions

Are you a Culver City business owner/operator?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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None.

Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances and/or relationships which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

I have not attended any as of late. I used to be more active and I intend to become a major participant in the community.

How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

As much as is needed.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

My service on the board (and as Board President) of the Heather Village on Green Valley Circle was much like serving a small city, where the interests of all 1280 residents needed to be respected, and dignity accorded to all points of view. I think I did that well, while overseeing the financial restructure of the HOA, and implementing a major billing change that affected every resident (we installed electric meters in every condo, and billed each resident for the electricity they used. It saved Heather Village \$thousands!) As an attorney, I also have skills in bringing parties to the table and negotiating fair compromises.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I plan to work with, rather than in opposition to, the members of the team so that the objectives of the City Council are achieved as quickly and as easily as needed.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior quesitons? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

Please let me know if you would like personal references.

See my resume, which is attached in the following pages.

Please upload a file to attach supplemental information, if desired

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OR

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OR

Via Email: city.clerk@culvercity.org

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Supplemental Questions (if applicable)

Question applies to Civil Service Commission.

A primary responsibility of the Civil Service Commission is to conduct hearings pertaining to disciplinary or grievance appeal matters. This can require multiple meetings in a month and may last late into the evening during the weekday and/or include weekend days at the Commission's discretion. Are you available to attend multiple meetings in a month including late evening and/or weekends?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Civil Service Commission.

If no, please explain:

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

How many meetings of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission have you watched on cable or via the internet in the last year? What was your impression of those meetings? What, if anything, would you change?

My husband and I have watched a few over the last few years. I don't know if there is anything that I would change. But I suspect I may change my mind, if you give me the opportunity to participate in a commission.

Question applies to Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.

Member at Large. I am not a tenant. I am a landlord of a small Palms area apartment building located two blocks West of Overland Avenue.

Please select the Category for which you are applying to the LandLord Tenant Mediation Board

Question applies to Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.

Please ensure you meet the below qualifications for the membership category(ies) for which you are applying.

For the Landlord and Tenant positions, please provide a copy of your rental agreement to confirm your eligibility. The rental agreement is for verification purposed only and shall remain confidential.

From the City Council approved "Organization and Implementation Guidelines for the Culver City Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board:"

Tenant Representative/Tenant Alternate: shall be tenants of residential rental property within the City of Culver City, and neither the applicant nor the applicant's spouse or dependents shall have any financial interest in residential income-producing property either in Culver City or elsewhere.

Landlord Representative/Landlord Alternate: shall either own, manage or have a residential income property interest within the City of Culver City, and shall preferably be residents of the City of Culver

City.

Members at-Large: shall neither be tenants nor shall they own or have an ownership interest in any residential income-producing property in Culver City. Furthermore, preferably, neither "member-at-large" applicants or their spouse or dependents

shall have any direct business or financial relationship with either landlords, property

managers or real estate professionals within the City of Culver City or elsewhere. "Member-at-large" applicants shall be residents of the City of Culver City.

Please call the Housing Division at (310) 253-5780 if you have any questions regarding eligibility for Landlord/Tenant Mediation Board positions.

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

What Parks, Recreation and/or Human Services experience would you bring to the PRCS Commission?

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What makes the PRCS Commission the commission that you want to be on, as opposed to being a member of any of the other Commissions Committees and Boards?

I have a keen interest in the PRCS since my home is directly "kitty-corner" with Vet's Park.

Question applies to Finance Advisory Committee.

Please check the category(ies) for which you are applying: *

- ☒ Resident Member
☐ Business Community Member

Question applies to Finance Advisory Committee.

Please ensure you meet the below qualifications for the membership category(ies) for which you are applying.

From the City Council approved "Finance Advisory Committee Bylaws:"

Resident Member: shall be qualified electors of the City.

Business Community Member: shall own or be the primary operator of a duly licensed business located within the City limits.

Please call the Finance Department at (310) 253-5865 if you have any questions regarding eligibility for Finance Advisory Committee positions.

Question applies to Committee on Homelessness, Disability Advisory Committee, Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.

Important note: The City Council will be asked to consider updated bylaws for the Committee on Homelessness, the Disability Advisory Committee, and the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board which may make changes to the number of members and/or qualifications of members. The City Clerk's Office encourages all interested persons to apply for all positions in which they have an interest!

M. HOPE AGUILAR

MISSION STATEMENT

To embrace President Obama's and Senator Elizabeth Warren's vision of public service, by combining my eight years as a corporate banker, twenty-nine years as a lawyer, and seven years as a community organizer into that of a dedicated community participant ensuring that the people of our cities are treated equally, fairly, and always with dignity.

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Highly accomplished professional with diverse banking, legal, and business experience in bankruptcy, financial reorganizations and insolvency.

- Proven ability to identify problems, recommend solutions and establish resourceful conclusions.
- In trial preparation, forensically analyze data and compare it to entities' conduct and business practices to identify discrepancies.
- Comprehensive knowledge of domestic and international contracts primarily involving business acquisitions and corporate and real estate loans.
- Proven record of saving employees' jobs by identifying creative means to sell businesses in financial difficulty.
- Strong advocate for people who lack equal bargaining power in the workplace and elsewhere.
- Powerful and persuasive communicator, verbal and written. Excellent presentation ability.
- Comprehensive knowledge of current and cutting edge digital technologies.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel, WordPerfect, Adobe Acrobat and Internet-based office and communication products. Able to travel nationwide.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Juris Doctorate 1985
LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL – Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Science: Finance and Business Economics 1979
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – Los Angeles, California

VOLUNTARY WORK AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

- Recruited over fifty attorneys to serve in *Protect the Vote* and/or *Election Protection* activities on Election Days in 2004, 2008 and 2012. Served as an Election Protection attorney on Election Day in California in 2004, and in Nevada in 2008 and 2012.
- Served as an Obama Campaign data team manager in Los Angeles throughout both the 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns. Also facilitated and provided general support for four Southern California *Camp Obamas*, training volunteers to become leaders of their own campaign teams.
- Regional Field Organizer for South Los Angeles and managed three phone bank locations where we made thousands of calls to voters in crucial battleground states.
- Served as a California Delegate At-Large at the 2008 and 2012 DNC Conventions.
- Served on the first *Get Out The Vote* canvassing teams in May 2007, where I trained teams on door-to-door conversations with residents and voter registrations.
- Provided assistance, training, and support to teams in Congressional Districts outside of my own whenever the need for my help arose.
- Phone Banked for (now Los Angeles Mayor) Eric Garcetti's 2014 Mayoral Campaign.

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VOLUNTARY WORK AS A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER 2003-2005

- Served as Board Member and, later, as Board President of The Heather Village Homeowners Association in the Fox Hills area of Culver City.
- To reduce the Association's overall utility bills, I instituted "The Great Walk-Through," where we entered all 404 condos for the purpose of identifying plumbing leaks in toilets, sinks and tubs; Stacci Botrus mold exposure; and broken windows.
- Spearheaded a major change in energy bill collection and payments by installing electricity meters in all condos and common areas, which curbed abuses and reduced the HOA's overall electric bill by \$ Thousands per month.
- Financially restructured the HOA, which had a negative reserve of over \$1 million and had two major construction projects only half completed (the Recreation Building and the earthquake retrofit of the rear garage.)
- Found an additional source of monthly income for the HOA by constructing a storage facility for residents out of one of the maintenance engineers' larger office locations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AS A LAWYER

LAW OFFICE OF STEWART J. NEUVILLE – Los Angeles, CA

1996 - Present

Represent small business and individual clients in business formations, financial and real estate transactions, restructuring, and liquidations.

- Defended *pro bono* the holder of a life estate in income property, against the remaindermen, so that he can continue to live in dignity on the income derived.
- Defended *pro bono* a woman at risk of losing her home to foreclosure by people who bought her legally uncollectible credit card debt from Bank of America.
- Defended at a very reduced rate an accountant falsely accused of the crime of embezzlement from her employer. Through the forensic analysis and tracking of the cash disbursed, I proved her innocence.
- On behalf of the son of the City of Torrance's Mayor, filed and won three anti-SLAPP motions on First Amendment grounds against sitting members of the Simi Valley City Council, when they tried to suppress negative ads produced by their opponent city council candidates prior to the 2014 elections.
- Represented 50 unpaid employees and 7 business creditors in involuntary bankruptcy proceedings prosecuted against SeaGull Entertainment, Inc.
- Successfully recovered over \$550,000 for 39 unpaid employees and 4 business creditors in involuntary bankruptcy case prosecuted against XF Enterprises, LLC.
- Acted as liquidation trustee of Station X Entertainment, Inc. Hosted Yahoo user group accessed by former employees and studio creditors, maintaining open communications to ensure the proper return of equipment to vendors, the receipt of contract receivables and the distribution of employees' 401k funds.
- Liquidated educational film library consisting of over 15,000 titles.
- Served as virtual "business affairs counsel" to film and entertainment companies, such as:

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK – Malibu, CA

US Olympics 1996

Head of Business and Legal Affairs

Coordinated the production of classic rock concerts in Atlanta for the 1996 U.S. Olympics, featuring famous rock stars from the 1960s through 1980s. Negotiated and drafted all rights clearances, singers' contracts, and a co-production agreement with Comcast Cable Channel.

HEMDALE COMMUNICATIONS – Los Angeles, CA 1995 to 1996

Head of Business and Legal Affairs

Negotiated and prepared settlement agreements, assignments of copyright, and film distribution agreements for Hemdale and its three subsidiaries; and managed over sixty lawsuits and arbitration actions against them. Also drafted and revised petitions and a joint plan of reorganization and disclosure statement after the companies filed for bankruptcy protection.

GIPSON, HOFFMAN & PANCIONE – Los Angeles, CA 1993 to 1995

Attorney

Provided counsel to entertainment and corporate real estate creditors, debtors and small banks. Handled corporate bankruptcies, loan restructuring documentation and financial workouts.

BROAD, SCHULZ, LARSON & WINEBERG – Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA 1990 to 1993

Attorney

Represented banks and corporate creditors in loan workout documentation and bankruptcy proceedings. Handled bankruptcies, documentation and workouts for banks and bankruptcy trustees. Represented the Resolution Trust Company in liquidation of debt formerly held by failed S&Ls.

PETILLON & DAVIDOFF – Los Angeles, CA 1987 to 1990

Attorney

Represented corporate debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. Also represented persons seeking to acquire business and real property in bankruptcy, on friendly and hostile bases.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AS A BANKER

CALIFORNIA FEDERAL – Santa Monica, CA 1985 to 1986

Assistant Vice President, Commercial Banking

Assisted the S&L in marketing and development of its new corporate banking division.

SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK – Los Angeles, CA 1983 to 1985

Assistant Vice President, Special Assets Division

Analyzed bank risk, and managed and restructured complex loans with troubled corporations, both inside and out of bankruptcy. Negotiated with corporate borrowers, attorneys, and creditors' committees.

Assistant Vice President, Entertainment Division 1980 to 1983

Managed corporate relationships with East and West Coast entertainment companies. Analyzed and negotiated lines of credit for film production with a portfolio in excess of \$130 million.

CITIBANK, N.A. – New York, NY 1979 to 1980

Foreign Currency Trader

Traded American and foreign currencies in \$5 million blocks through the international bank market.

BAR ADMISSIONS

I am admitted to the California State Bar, the U.S. District Courts in the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

LECTURE PANELS, ARTICLES

- "Creating Limited Liability Companies for Film Financing," Independent Feature Project West, June 16, 1997; I discussed the creation of the film production-based limited liability company.
- "Pre-Bankruptcy Leverage for Lenders," Gipson, Hoffman & Pancione Seminar for Bankers, October 1993; I discussed problem loan warning signs and strategic pre-loan workout agreements.
- "Innovative Financing In The 1990's," U.S.C. School of Accounting, May 3, 1990; I discussed the creditors' side of bankruptcy financing.
- "Avoiding Late Fees In Bankruptcy," published in Los Angeles Lawyer, Volume 13, No. 7, October 1990.
- "Sources of Funding For Independent Movie Production," UCLA Extension, February 14, 1987; I discussed bank financing of motion pictures.
- "Sources of Funding For Movie Production," UCLA Extension, March 15, 1986; I discussed bank financing of motion pictures.

APPLICATION FOR

COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS

(Please type or print legibly— or use the PDF fill-in form available at www.culvercity.org)

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CITY CLERK

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General Information:

1. Identify the Commission(s), Committee(s), and Board(s) to which appointment is desired. Please list all appointments for which you are applying:

Cultural Affairs Commission

2. Name: Amy Cherness Telephone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Business: N/A Telephone: N/A

Address: N/A Zip: N/A

E-mail address: [REDACTED]

3. Community Service (List commissions, committees, boards, and other organizations on which you have served or currently serve and offices held and in what city those positions were or are held.):

CULVER CITY Democratic Club - 2nd Vice president (ways and Means) 4yrs., Member of Democratic Club 15yrs.

PTA of Farragot Elementary School - Member

4. Employment (Include titles and duties of current and past employment):

Cherness & Associates - Business Finance Consultant
Analyzed data from clients

CULVER CITY YOUTH HEALTH CENTER - Administrative Assistant
Duties - prepared client database, assisted clients with questions.

Holman Professional Counseling Centers - Nursing Admissions Reviewer. Duties included reviewing and auditing charts, referring clients to out-pt services, determined admission and discharge criteria for in-pt treatment.

5. Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.):

A.A. Degree in Nursing (RN) L.A. Valley College

B.A. Social Work from Cal. State. Northridge University

6. Additional Information

a. Are you a Culver City resident?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Number of years: 13

b. Are you a Culver City business owner/operator?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Number of years: _____

c. Are you registered to vote in Culver City?

YES ☒ NO ☐

d. Have you ever been convicted, fined, imprisoned or placed on probation for a felony or a misdemeanor?

YES ☐ NO ☒

e. Have you ever worked for the City of Culver City?
(If yes, list dates of employment and names of departments.)

YES ☐ NO ☒

f. Are you related to any current City employees or appointed officials of the City of Culver City? (If yes, indicate name and relationship.)

YES ☒ NO ☐

Darryl Cherness-husband

g. Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

YES ☐ NO ☒

h. How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended in the last year? 1

i. How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment? 15-20 hours

7. Please list the reasons why you are seeking appointment to a City body. (When possible, please be specific to the body's role.)

I am looking forward to being on the Cultural Affairs Commission because I want to help Culver City. I feel passionately about ART in Culver City. I am seeking appointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission because I want my nine year old daughter to grow up in a community that values ART.

8. What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment?

I feel that I am well qualified to be on the Cultural Affairs Commission due to my great interest in ART in public places. My nine (9) year old daughter attends Farragut Elementary School, a school that is well known for its emphasis on the arts. I want my daughter to grow up in a community that focuses on culture and the arts. In regard to specific arts related activities that I have been involved in, I have volunteered many hours helping the art teacher in my daughter's art class at Farragut, and the Art Works Program.

9. How would you help the body perform its established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I would serve as a liason between the Cultural Affairs Commission and Farragut Elementary School. In that role, I could inform the school about what the city is doing to promote ART, while simultaneously informing the Cultural Affairs Commission about art related (ARTWORK) activities, undertaken by Farragut.

10. What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I will bring to the Commission my passion for promoting ART and Culture to the residents of Culver City.

In addition, I will bring to the Commission my experience as an active and dedicated volunteer, having devoted many hours assisting in the ART Program at Farragut Elementary School.

11. Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior questions? (You may attach supplemental information, if desired.)

No

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By checking this box ☒ or signing below, I hereby certify that the foregoing information is correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature: Amy Chernes Date: 5/04/15

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

LAX Area Advisory Committee, Planning Commission

Raul

First Name

Gonzalez

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Self

Employer

Legal Counsel

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Community Service (List commissions, committees, boards and other organizations on which you have served or currently serve, are a member or have been a member and offices held and in what city those positions were or are held). Please feel free to include participation in community events. Please highlight Culver City community involvement:

Bentley Avenue Committee against certain developments on Sepulveda Boulevard, between Venice Boulevard and Washington Place. Bentley Avenue Homeowners' Association Board President, 2004 -- 2013.

Employment. Please provide a minimum of 5 years' history and include titles and duties of current and past employment. Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

Self employed legal counsel (Jan. 2015 to present) Vice President, Legal Counsel at Univision Communications, Inc. (Oct. 2010 to Dec. 2014)

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

BA from UCLA in 1997 JD from Cornell Law School in 2002 Admitted to Practice Law in California Admitted to 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Admitted to Federal Central District of California

Upload a Resume

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I would like a voice in Culver City's growth and development. I am a long term resident in Culver City, property owner and now have one child in a Culver City elementary school. Another child will enroll in 2016, so it is important to me that I have a voice in Culver City's evolution.

Demographics

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[REDACTED]

Gender

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth

Application Questions

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☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

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How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

As needed for the project.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I earned a college degree and law degree. I am trained to analyze issues. As a business lawyer I am also skilled in negotiations and brokering complex agreements.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I envision my role as a member of a body of personnel focused on achieving the best interests of Culver City and its residents.

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State law has established regulations intended to ensure that a public official does not use his or her position for personal, financial benefit.

- The California Political Reform Act prohibits a public official (including any of the City's commission, committee, or board members) from participating in any decision or deliberation that might affect the official's own financial interests. In such a situation, the official must publicly disclose the potential conflict of interest, recuse himself or herself from the item being discussed, and leave the meeting room while the matter is considered.
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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Civil Service Commission, Committee on Homelessness, LAX Area Advisory Committee, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, Planning Commission

Marcus

First Name

Huntley

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

County Of Los Angeles

Employer

Deputy Public Defender III

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Challenger's Boys & Girls Club, Board of Directors, 2nd Vice Chair (Los Angeles, CA) Los Angeles County Black Public Defender's Association, Past President

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See attached resume

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

See attached resume

Marcus M Huntley Resume 2015.pdf

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Please list the reasons why you are seeking appointment to a City body. (When possible, please be specific to the body's role.)

Being a new resident to Culver City (since 2013) I want to be involved in improving my city and believe I can bring new ideas and oversight to the city's commissions and committees.

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Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances and/or relationships which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

None

How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

I am willing to allocate whatever time commitment is necessary to whichever body I am appointed.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

Some people might believe simply being an attorney would qualify me for the bodies to which I am seeking appointment. I disagree with that notion because that is just a minor part of who I am. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of Challengers Boys and Girls Club in Los Angeles. Over the last five months of serving on the Board I have been able to provide oversight that has been lacking in that organization. I was recently elected to be the 2nd Vice Chair and the Board has been able to make some great strides within the organization and the community. I am currently the Deputy-in-Charge of the Los Padrinos Juvenile Branch of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. In this position I have been tasked with overseeing all aspects of this branch including daily supervision of all employees, reviewing all cases that are filed and assigning such cases to the attorneys. I have fostered a great relationship between my office and the District Attorney's office. Although we are on opposite sides we are able to work together to obtain the best resolution (disposition or adjudication) for each minor who is charged with an offense. These, along with other experience have allowed me to be a very open minded person, I am able to relate to all types of people and since I have the desire to serve the City this provides me with a the experience and ability to serve.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I am definitely a goals oriented person. I set objectives and goals and seek to meet those objectives. I believe my role on any body would be to pursue and achieve goals, as I do in my everyday life, as they are established by the City Council. I am able to work well with others in order to find common ground to keep everyone engaged and involved in whichever process is best to achieve a common objective. I believe if everyone is heard and each person involved feels included in the process that would allow most to be proud of the result and would make achieving any set objectives and goals easier to achieve.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior quesitons? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

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Question applies to Civil Service Commission.

A primary responsibility of the Civil Service Commission is to conduct hearings pertaining to disciplinary or grievance appeal matters. This can require multiple meetings in a month and may last late into the evening during the weekday and/or include weekend days at the Commission's discretion. Are you available to attend multiple meetings in a month including late evening and/or weekends?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Civil Service Commission.

If no, please explain:

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

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What Parks, Recreation and/or Human Services experience would you bring to the PRCS Commission?

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What makes the PRCS Commission the commission that you want to be on, as opposed to being a member of any of the other Commissions Committees and Boards?

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Question applies to Committee on Homelessness.

Important note: Members of the Committee on Homelessness shall be residents of Culver City.

Marcus M. Huntley, Esq.

E-mail: [REDACTED]

EXPERIENCE

Mar 2003 - Present

Litigator / Trial Attorney

County of Los Angeles, Office of the Public Defender, Los Angeles, California

- Deputy-in-Charge, Los Padrinos Juvenile Branch. Supervise a staff of 5 attorneys and 6 support personnel. Responsible for assigning all cases. Determine if conflicts of interest arise and if such conflicts affect our ability to represent a client. Maintain a relationship with the District Attorney's office in order to resolve or adjudicate matters.
- Lead counsel for serious adult criminal felony matters. Tried 45 felony cases including five (5) murder trials to verdict and also tried numerous life cases to verdict. Litigate all issues relating to such adult matters. Handle adult matters from preliminary hearing to final conclusion of the matter, whether conclusion is a jury trial, disposition, or dismissal.
- Managed newly hired misdemeanor attorneys and trained them to manage a misdemeanor caseload, how to conduct misdemeanor trials and how to foster professional relationships with clients.
- Lead counsel for adult and juvenile criminal matters. Litigated misdemeanor and felony adult and juvenile matters. Managed a personal case load of over 250 cases. Conducted over 80 adult misdemeanor trials and juvenile adjudications.
- Draft and argue numerous motions including, but not limited to, demurrers, Pitchess motions, Serna/Doggett motions, PC 995 motion to set aside information, PC 1538.5 & WIC 700.1 suppression motions, motions to compel discovery.

Aug 2000 - Mar 2003

Attorney, Business and Legal Affairs

WorldWide Film Completion, Inc., Santa Monica, California

- Negotiated and drafted all pertinent documentation including, but not limited to, Completion Guaranties, Producer Completion Agreements, Inter-party Agreements, and Notices of Assignment and Acceptance and ultimately closing completion bonds for feature film projects with budgets that ranged from \$650,000 to \$40,000,000.
- Counseled reinsurance partners regarding delivery issues and claim exposure.
- Filed mortgages of copyright with the US Copyright office and UCC-1s with the appropriate Secretary of State. Reviewed chain-of-title.
- Monitored films through completion, delivery and release of the completion bond.
- Supervised and assisted outside counsel during AFMA arbitration proceedings and pending litigation.

Jan 2000 - Aug 2000

Director, Business Affairs

Bamflex!, Inc., Culver City, California

- Structured, negotiated, drafted and interpreted agreements including acquisition of rights, licensing, production, development, and content agreements.
- Created a database that enabled Bamflex to quickly reference major deal points, rights, option dates & followed up on the exploitation of Bamflex.com programming to ensure all uses fell within contractual parameters.
- Worked with producers to ensure that music and/or video uses conformed to existing record label agreements.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, May 1999

Honors: Student Ambassador; Resident Fellow

Organizations: Black Law Student Association (BLSA)

Loyola Law School, Visiting Student, Fall 1998 - Spring 1999

Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences, Ithaca, New York

Bachelor of Arts, Africana Studies, May 1996

Honors: Dean's List

BAR MEMBERSHIPS The State Bar of California, Bar# 207357

United States District Court, Central District of California

ACTIVITIES/ SKILLS Westlaw & Lexis/Nexis Proficiency • PC & MAC Proficiency • Food for the Homeless Program, Founder • Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador • Volunteers on Parole Youth Mentorship Program

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John

First Name

Larson

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Los Angeles Unified School District

Employer

Communications and Policy Director

Job Title

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Volunteer for Battleship IOWA restoration team, past experience working on municipal government issues from time spent working as a Field Deputy and Legislative Deputy to a member of the Los Angeles City

Council.

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John Larson Resume May 2014.pdf

Upload a Resume

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I have sufficient experience after a number of years to lend a credible voice and leadership role to any committee that I would have the honor to serve on.

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No

Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances and/or relationships which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

As much time as is needed thanks to workplace flexibility.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I have spent the past four years working in municipal government, as a field operative working at the ground level with residents and department staff, and later as a legislative aide working with commissioners and other elected officials and staff to direct funding based on priorities and needs.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I am a voracious reader of reports, I know how to read and follow agendas, I ask questions that are relevant and necessary to the topic at hand. My vision for my role would be to ensure that I am well read and ready to direct conversations and policy directives that will help improve the quality of life for Culver City residents.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior questions? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

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Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

How many meetings of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission have you watched on cable or via the internet in the last year? What was your impression of those meetings? What, if anything, would you change?

As is common during commission meetings of any sort, often times commissioners sometimes ask questions that are more statement of facts as opposed to asking actual questions.

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

What Parks, Recreation and/or Human Services experience would you bring to the PRCS Commission?

My past experiences working with City of LA Departments, commissioners, and elected officials to advance projects and help guide staff to direct funds in accordance with resident's needs.

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

What makes the PRCS Commission the commission that you want to be on, as opposed to being a member of any of the other Commissions Committees and Boards?

I have past experience addressing concerns related to recreation and parks department operations from a field and legislative perspective from my time spent serving as a Field Deputy and Legislative Deputy to a member of the Los Angeles City Council.

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Question applies to Committee on Homelessness.

Important note: Members of the Committee on Homelessness shall be residents of Culver City.

John Larson

O: [REDACTED]

C: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

OBJECTIVE

Experienced public policy professional seeking an opportunity to join the public policy staff of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
May 2005

Masters - Strategic Public Relations, George Washington University
August 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legislative Deputy/Policy Advisor, Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino, City of Los Angeles
January 2012 – Present.

Class Facilitator, George Washington University
October 2010 - Present

Campaign Coordinator, Joe Buscaino for City Council
July 2011 – October 2011.

Legislative Correspondent, Office of United States Senator Herb Kohl
December 2005 – October 2010

My professional duties have been as diverse as the locations I have worked. My work details have always involved a significant amount of research, but that role has expanded to providing advice and council to the elected official and staff. My various job tasks have included:

- Experience working with legislative bodies at the City, State, and Federal levels of government
- Issue identification and analysis
- Preparation of daily briefs and memos for the elected official
- Advance/Staffing the Councilman and the Senator at public events
- Attending meetings and policy briefs in place of the elected official
- Meeting with constituents in place of the elected officials
- Management of correspondents with advocacy groups and constituents
- Writing of speeches and talking points
- Assisting staff with production and editing of written materials
- Management of campaign volunteer structure
- Oversight of campaign call-time fundraising procedures
- Oversight of candidate's schedule
- Experience working with the Federal Appropriations process
- Experience working with the City of Los Angeles Budget process
- Tracking of City, State, and Federal Legislation
- General advisor to the Councilman

- General Researcher for the Senator
- Oversight of and management/project delegation to office interns
- Authoring and/or editing motions and resolution for introduction to the LA City Council
- Research and policy advisement on City of Los Angeles issues including but not limited to:
 - o Los Angeles World Airports - Redevelopment and Security
 - o Public Safety
 - o Department of Water and Power - Rate increases, infrastructure redevelopment and renewable energy mandates
 - o Labor-City Relations
 - o Public Safety
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 - o Approval and Construction of Farmers Field
 - o Audits and Government Efficiency
 - o State and City ballot initiatives
 - o Redevelopment of the Port of Los Angeles Waterfront
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 - o Defense
 - o Affordable Care Act
 - o Homeland Security
 - o Foreign Policy
 - o Judiciary
 - o Intellectual Property
 - o Executive-Congressional relations
- Development and oversight of comprehensive social media outreach
 - o Managing the official Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook pages
 - o Interacting with stakeholders via social media outlets as the elected official or as staff member
 - o Direction of constituent service requests identified from concerns listed by the community via Facebook and other sources

PUBLIC SERVICE

Volunteer, Operations Department, USS IOWA (BB-61)

October 2012 – Present.

- I serve as a volunteer member of the Operations Crew that is turning the retired Battleship Iowa into a permanent museum ship on the LA Waterfront. My duties include basic maintenance, repairs, and as-needed general labor of the ship as it is restored to its 1984 appearance following 20 years of inactive service.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Applications Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Mac iOS and OSX systems and applications
- Social Media oversight
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- Federal legislative research systems
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REFERENCES

Available upon request

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Landlord Tenant Mediation Board

Olga

First Name

Vaysberg

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

13.5

If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years.

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Kaiser Permanente

Employer

Sr. Consulting Data Analyst

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Community Service (List commissions, committees, boards and other organizations on which you have served or currently serve, are a member or have been a member and offices held and in what city those positions were or are held). Please feel free to include participation in community events. Please highlight Culver City community involvement:

I have served LTMB as a Landlord representative for the last several years. In addition I have been serving as a volunteer mediator for Los Angeles County Bar Association for about 3 years now.

Employment. Please provide a minimum of 5 years' history and include titles and duties of current and past employment. Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, CA 2/2015 - now Use data to tell a story and to provide insights into quality of care at Kaiser, WLA region by developing and maintaining strategic clinical and service goals score cards and reports. Project Manager 01/2010 – 2/2015 Advanced Computer Consulting Inc., Huntington Beach, CA Assumed a full ownership for maintenance of existing and development of new Web application projects in all stages of development lifecycle including initiation/approval, scoping, planning, designing, execution, closing and review stages. Throughout these stages, took the responsibility for the overall project delivery and associated artifacts that cover schedule, budget, tasks, issues, risks and status.

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

University of Economy, Odessa, Ukraine Bachelors degree in Statistics.

Upload a Resume

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I am seeking re-appointment to Landlord Tenant Mediation Board as a Member-at-Large representative. In the past I have served as Landlord representative as in the past I managed a rental condo for a friend, but I have not been managing that property since the beginning of the year. Since I do not have an ownership interest in any residential income-producing property in the City of Culver City nor have any direct business or financial relationship with either landlords, property managers or real estate professionals within the City of Culver City, I feel that Member-at-Large position would be a better fit.

Demographics

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Gender


Date of Birth

Application Questions

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances and/or relationships which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

2-8 hours a month, as needed.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I completed Brown Act training provided by the city of Culver City. I completed Mediation training course provided by the LA County Bar Association. I have many years of experience being a tenant. I have many years of experience being a landlord. At my day job, I manage large scale projects and deal with people from all walks of life and skilled at facilitating constructive conversations allowing people to bridge their differences to come up with common mutually-beneficial objectives. I bring many years of corporate experience as well as experience being a wife and a mother of two great kids.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I plan to attend the LTMB meetings and envision offering my time, skills and experience in helping reduce tensions and resolve conflicts between tenants and landlords in the city of Culver City.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior quesitons? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

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Member At-Large

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Committee on Homelessness, Landlord Tenant Mediation Board

Leonardo

First Name

Wilborn

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

42 years

If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Bellflower United Methodist Church

Employer

Pastor

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Community Service (List commissions, committees, boards and other organizations on which you have served or currently serve, are a member or have been a member and offices held and in what city those positions were or are held). Please feel free to include participation in community events. Please highlight Culver City community involvement:

Member-At-Large Culver City Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board 2010-2013. Between 1976-1980 participated in numerous programs and events in Culver City as a member of the Jr. High & High School orchestra, marching band, stage band and drama department. Clergy member of the Los Angeles

Transitional Age Youth Program to end homelessness among youth in the city. Between 2003 -2007 worked as a volunteer at the Lord's Lighthouse, a food program and ministry outreach of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Along with providing meals we worked to find shelter, medical, and social service solutions for the large transient population in Hollywood community. Vice-President Bellflower Ministerial Alliance. Past member of the Administration Council of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

Employment. Please provide a minimum of 5 years' history and include titles and duties of current and past employment. Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

Bellflower First United Methodist Church. Pastor in charge 2013 - present. Preaching, teaching, caring for community, visitations of sick and shut-in, counseling, structuring and organizing work of the parish. Holman United Methodist Church 2008 - 2010 Associate pastor of worship & evangelism. Selecting worship music, coordination with various performance ensembles, visitation of sick and shut-in, leading bible study, consolation with parishioners. 2010 - 2013 interim pastor in charge at Crenshaw UMC, First Compton UMC and Wesley UMC. 1997 - present owner, general manager of LV & LB Wilborn Real Estate Management. Family. Owned property management firm. Part of my job in the management company is to work with PATH, VASH, HACLA, HACola, Upward Bound and other agencies to provide housing for individuals.

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

Graduate Culver City High School 1980. Graduate Berkley College of Music 1985. Graduate El Camino College 1997 A.A. Real Estate professional. Graduate 2005 Fuller Theological Seminary, Masters of Divinity. Currently doctor of ministry candidate Fuller Theological Seminary.

Upload a Resume

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I believe the LTMB is offering the local community a good opportunity to address issues relating to the sometimes challenging landlord/tenant relationship. From past experience, the board has been able to listen to both the housing provider and the resident, provide opportunity for the housing provider and the resident to hear each other, and the board also assures that the current state of California guidelines are followed in regards to rent increases, habitability issues, or other issues that may arise between the housing provider and the resident from time to time.

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Date of Birth

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If yes, please explain:

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When member, all of the landlord tenant mediation board meetings, unless an emergency or unavoidable scheduling conflict.

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1 to 2 hours.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I have completed basic mediation training through the LA County Mediation Center. I have over 20 years experience working with both housing providers and residents. I have over 20 years experience interacting with the Los Angeles Housing Department & Rental Stabilization Ordinance. I have been a previous member and enjoyed the actual mediation sessions.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

My role is to be an impartial vehicle by which the community members can regain a sense of peace between each other. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of the task as outline in the city charter currently or to implement any changes or modifications the city council may wish to adopt at a future date.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior questions? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

As a long term resident of Culver City and a Culver High alumni, I feel the contribution I make is just a small way of saying 'thank you' to the city and community that has provided for my family.

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PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
~~LANDLORD-TENANT MEDIATION BOARD~~
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

First Name

Jay

Last Name

GAZALOUEA

Email Address

UNKNOWNMOTOR@HOTMAIL.COM

Street Address

[REDACTED]

Suite or Apt

City

[REDACTED]

State

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

17 YEARS

If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years.

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO/CHLM
Employer

Job Title

CORPORATE SECURITY
COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

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CITY OF CULVER CITY
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Interests & Experiences

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Employment. Please provide a minimum of 5 years' history and include titles and duties of current and past employment. Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing

this section:

2014 -
AMERICAN HONDA METALS, CURRENT COMETEC SUPERVISOR
INTEL SECURITY, 2013 - 2014, SECURITY OFFICER
CULVER CITY POLICE DEPT., 1998 - 2012, POLICE OFFICER

Education (include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

B.S. DEGREE FROM KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

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I WANT TO RE-INVENT MYSELF INTO OUR COMMUNITY. AS FAR AS EACH POSITION, I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN ALL. I HAVE PLAYED SOFTBALL IN C.C. FOR 20 YEARS AT VETS MEMORIAL PARKS. I MANAGE APARTMENT UNIT FOR YEARS IN LOS ANGELES, AND I UNDERSTAND THE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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MALE
Gender

[REDACTED]
Date of Birth

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1 YEAR

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1993 - 1997 CLPD - RESERVE OFFICER

1998 - 2012 CLPD - POLICE OFFICER

If you are related to any current City employees or appointed officials of the City of Culver City, please indicate name(s) and relationship(s).

N/A

Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances and/or relationships which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. I WAS TERMINATED FROM CCPD AND EXERCISED MY APPEAL RIGHTS THROUGH THE COMMISSION.

How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

ONLY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THREE TIMES.
IN 2012

How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

WHATEVER THE DEMAND OF THE POSITION CALLS FOR.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

I WORKED FOR THE CITY FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS, INCLUDING RESERVE TIME. I KNOW MANY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE

A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE CITY OPERATES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMITTEES THAT HELP MAKE CULVER CITY THE GREAT CITY THAT IT IS.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

KNOWING MOST OF THE MEMBERS ON THE CITY COUNCIL, MY TRANSITION INTO ONE OF THESE ROLES WOULD BE SMOOTH. I AM VERY WELL LIKED, EASY TO WORK WITH, AND A TEAM PLAYER. I WILL BE COMMITTED TO THE REGION AND THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY AND COMMUNITY BOTH.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior questions? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

PLEASE DO NOT LET MY SEPARATION FROM THE CITY DEFINE ME. I WAS, HOWEVER, OFFICER OF THE YEAR IN 2007. I HAVE A REAL PASSION WITH SEEING OUR CITY BE THE BEST IT CAN BE.

Please upload a file to attach supplemental information, if desired

You are invited to attach additional pages, enclose a copy of your resume and/or submit supplemental information which you feel may assist the appointing authority in its evaluation of your application.

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OR

By Fax: (310) 253.6010

OR

Via Email: city.clerk@culvercity.org

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Supplemental Questions (if applicable)

Question applies to Civil Service Commission.

A primary responsibility of the Civil Service Commission is to conduct hearings pertaining to disciplinary or grievance appeal matters. This can require multiple meetings in a month and may last late into the evening during the weekday and/or include weekend days at the Commission's discretion. Are you available to attend multiple meetings in a month including late evening and/or weekends?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to Civil Service Commission.

If no, please explain:

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

How many meetings of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission have you watched on cable or via the internet in the last year? What was your impression of those meetings? What, if anything, would you change?

NONE WITHIN THE LAST YEAR

Question applies to Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.

Please select the Category for which you are applying to the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board

Question applies to Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.

Please ensure you meet the below qualifications for the membership category(ies) for which you are applying.

For the Landlord and Tenant positions, please provide a copy of your rental agreement to confirm your eligibility. The rental agreement is for verification purposed only and shall remain confidential.

From the City Council approved "Organization and Implementation Guidelines for the Culver City Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board:"

Tenant Representative/Tenant Alternate: shall be tenants of residential rental property within the City of Culver City, and neither the applicant nor the applicant's spouse or dependents shall have any financial interest in residential income-producing property either in Culver City or elsewhere.

Landlord Representative/Landlord Alternate: shall either own, manage or have a residential income property interest within the City of Culver City, and shall preferably be residents of the City of Culver

City.

Members at-Large: shall neither be tenants nor shall they own or have an ownership interest in any residential income-producing property in Culver City. Furthermore, preferably, neither "member-at-large" applicants or their spouse or dependents

shall have any direct business or financial relationship with either landlords, property

managers or real estate professionals within the City of Culver City or elsewhere. "Member-at-large" applicants shall be residents of the City of Culver City.

Please call the Housing Division at (310) 253-5780 if you have any questions regarding eligibility for Landlord/Tenant Mediation Board positions.

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

What Parks, Recreation and/or Human Services experience would you bring to the PRCS Commission?

I HAVE PLAYED SOFTBALL IN CULVER CITY FOR 20 YEARS. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PARK

Question applies to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.

What makes the PRCS Commission the commission that you want to be on, as opposed to being a member of any of the other Commissions Committees and Boards?

I FEEL THAT I HAVE A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE CITIZENS EXPECT OF THE CITY AND THE PARKS

Question applies to Finance Advisory Committee.

Please check the category(ies) for which you are applying: *

- ☐ Resident Member
- ☐ Business Community Member

Question applies to Finance Advisory Committee.

Please ensure you meet the below qualifications for the membership category(ies) for which you are applying.

From the City Council approved "Finance Advisory Committee Bylaws:"

Resident Member: shall be qualified electors of the City.

Business Community Member: shall own or be the primary operator of a duly licensed business located within the City limits.

Please call the Finance Department at (310) 253-5865 if you have any questions regarding eligibility for Finance Advisory Committee positions.

Question applies to Committee on Homelessness, Disability Advisory Committee, Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.

Important note: The City Council will be asked to consider updated bylaws for the Committee on Homelessness, the Disability Advisory Committee, and the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board which may make changes to the number of members and/or qualifications of members. The City Clerk's Office encourages all interested persons to apply for all positions in which they have an interest!

Application FormStatus: submitted

Profile

Thank you for your interest in volunteering your time and expertise to the Culver City community. The information contained on this application is for use by the City in reviewing candidates to fill vacancies on City Commissions, Committees, and Boards. During consideration of applicants, the City may consider the information contained in this application, any required supplemental questionnaire, and any other publicly available information. An appointment to any Commission, Committee, or Board is at the discretion of the appointing authority.

Ethics and Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest

As a reflection of the residents of the community, Culver City prides itself on the high ethical standards adhered to by its municipal government. As a prospective applicant, we want you to be informed about potential limitations that state and local law impose on individuals who serve the community, especially where they may have a financial conflict of interest. Please consider this information before submitting an application and accepting an appointment. Further information and training regarding these limitations, as well as other legal and procedural requirements when serving on these bodies (i.e. Brown Act, ethics laws, etc.), will be provided in the event you are appointed to one of the City's commissions, committees, or boards.

State law has established regulations intended to ensure that a public official does not use his or her position for personal, financial benefit.

- The California Political Reform Act prohibits a public official (including any of the City's commission, committee, or board members) from participating in any decision or deliberation that might affect the official's own financial interests. In such a situation, the official must publicly disclose the potential conflict of interest, recuse himself or herself from the item being discussed, and leave the meeting room while the matter is considered.
- Government Code Section 1090 imposes an even stricter prohibition. It prohibits a local body from "making" a contract with one of its own members (even if the member has recused him or herself), which includes all aspects of contract formation, including such actions as influencing the contract's scope or the selection of a contractor.

A community member volunteering to sit on a City commission, committee, or board should be aware

of these restrictions and take them into consideration before applying for or accepting appointment to any of these bodies.

If you have questions about this information and how it may apply to your particular situation, please contact the City Attorney's Office at (310) 253-5660.

As you complete your application, please be aware of the following:

- You may attach a resume or other supplemental information. However, at a minimum, please ensure you submit this Application form by the applicable deadline.
- If you are applying for an office on the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board, you will be required to complete a supplementary questionnaire, which will be included at the end of the general application.

If appointed to a body, please be aware that:

- **Important:** Unless a specific exception is made by the City Council, generally individuals are eligible to be appointed to serve on only one body at a time.
- All appointees will be required to attend an Ethics and Brown Act training class, which will be offered through the City Attorney and City Clerk's Offices.
- State law and the City's Conflict of Interest Code may require you to file annual financial disclosure forms.
- Meeting dates and times of the various bodies are subject to change at the City Council's discretion, staff requirements and the availability of the meeting facilities.

Please be advised this document is a public record and information contained herein may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act and any other applicable law.

Important Note: All Commissions and certain committees and boards have a residency and/or voter registration requirement. If such requirement(s) apply, you will see a supplemental statement at the end of your online application informing you of the applicable requirements.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Disability Advisory Committee

Laurence

First Name

Hadjas

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Are you a Culver City resident?

☒ Yes ☐ No

7 years

If you are a resident of Culver City, please list how many years:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

UCLA Xtension Pathway program

Employer

Instructor

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Community Service (List commissions, committees, boards and other organizations on which you have served or currently serve, are a member or have been a member and offices held and in what city those positions were or are held). Please feel free to include participation in community events. Please highlight Culver City community involvement:

see resume

Employment. Please provide a minimum of 5 years' history and include titles and duties of current and past employment. Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

see resume

Education (Include professional or vocational licenses and certificates.) Please feel free to attach a resume or CV in lieu of completing this section:

see resume

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Upload a Resume

Please list the reasons why you are seeking appointment to a City body. (When possible, please be specific to the body's role.)

Using all points used on the website, I will address each below: A. Advise the City Council on all matters affecting persons with disabilities in the community. As a parent of a child (now a young adult living on her own) with a disability, I took upon myself to learn about all aspect of disability, from the educational standpoint all the way to figuring out a full-independent life style despite a disability. I have focused my work on cognitive disability, that would include autism and its spectrum. B. Review community policies, programs and actions which affect persons with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council. Based on my academic training as well as my work in Cambodia (with children and adult who deaf and/or blind) I have learn to navigate as well as proposing alternative to what has been done. In Cambodia, with Kroussar They (NGO) we were able to change the law in order to create a public school that would allow all students regardless of their abilities to enter public school. This experience has allowed to better understand and navigate the political demands as well the personal demand for each person and family. C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, to City departments and to private agencies on matters affecting persons with disabilities. Because of my role as a mother, and educational consultant I am familiar with many agencies such Regional centers, Dept. of specialized education as well as a number of private agencies such as Tierra Del Sol to name one in LA county. I have been able to support and guide some those in order to give them another point of view that would fulfill the notion of self-independence and self-advocacy for people with a disability. D. Identify the needs of persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in areas such as employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other needed areas. I am a huge proponent of equal competitive employment for people with disability as employment is one the major key to success to an independent life. Affordable housing, but not segregated as it seems to be the case in many instances. While we can see sign of accessibility sometime the language and the bureaucracy makes it difficult epically for

people with cognitive disabilities. E. Promote the total integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of community life. Total integration is the ultimate goal, as we moved forward, we can see that access is more and more obvious, but needs a little more of a push such as access to college, work, affordable housing, social and emotional options, platform to encourage people with disability to be part of the larger society. I believe in a city such as Culver city we can come with an innovative way of total inclusion where we could learn from and have other cities use as a model (ok, I am a dreamer but my whole life was lead with a concoction of dreams, actions and passion!) F. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by City Council. Key words for success: Collaboration, Flexibility and Open-mind! And if I am part of the committee I will do my best to become a true team player.

Demographics

The following information is optional and will be redacted.

[REDACTED]

Gender

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth

Application Questions

Are you a Culver City business owner/operator?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you are a Culver City business owner/operator, please list how many years.

Are you registered to vote in Culver City?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been convicted, fined, imprisoned or placed on probation for a felony or a misdemeanor?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please note: A conviction does not preclude your being considered for a commission, committee, or board appointment. Please provide any additional information that you would like to share.

N/A

Have you ever worked for the City of Culver City?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you have worked for the City of Culver City, please list dates of employment and names of departments.

N/A

If you are related to any current City employees or appointed officials of the City of Culver City, please indicate name(s) and relationship(s).

N/A

Have there been, or are there now, any circumstances and/or relationships which might reflect adversely on the propriety of your serving as a member of any body to which you might be appointed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

N/A

How many meetings of the Commission(s), Committee(s), or Board(s), to which you are interested in being appointed have you attended? Please indicate how often and when.

N/A- Unfortunaly, I have been aware only recently as I was doing some research on to best use my time and my passion about disability and integration that such a committee existed in our city.

How much time, on a monthly basis, do you anticipate spending on preparation for attendance at meetings of the body to which you desire appointment?

Based on the fact that I am no longer working full-time, I can foresee being able to spend up to 20/30 hours a month.

What is there specifically in your background, training, education or interests that qualifies you for appointment? What special qualities and/or qualifications can you bring to the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s)?

Please refer to my resume. I have an extensive background in special education as well as in disability study. Due to the fact that I spend much of my time researching the subject, I can bring an international view as well as a local one too. Aside from the fact that I am the parent of a young adult with a disability.

For the body(ies) to which you seek appointment(s) how do you envision your role in performing the established role, objectives, and/or goals, as established by the City Council?

I am very much interested to become a member of the disability comm. I would see my role as an advocate for the given population as well as to create a new political spaces to hear the voices of the voiceless.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that does not fit neatly into the answers to the prior quesitons? (You may attach supplemental information below.)

N/a

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Laurence Emmanuelle Hadias, Ph.D.

Education

University of Illinois- Chicago, IL

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction

July 2005

Dissertation Title: "What did my Child and I Learn Today?
The Struggle of a Parent of a Disabled Child."

Master of Education - Instructional Leadership

July 1999

English as a Second Language (Emphasis)

Cabrini College- Wayne, PA

Bachelor Degree in Education, Cum Laude

August 1998

Dual Major: Early and Elementary Education

Philadelphia City College, PA

AA.S Early Childhood Education with High Honors

May 1997

Lycée Hôtelier, Chamonix-France

Two-Year Degree, Food and Beverage Industry

June 1980

Lycée du Parc des Pins- Algiers, Algeria

High School

Sept. 1973 to June 1978

Illinois Certificates in Education

03 (Elementary), 04 (Early Childhood), ESL Endorsement & Special Education Approval

Professional Experience in Education

Antioch Los Angeles (Culver City)

First year teacher supervisor (Specialized Education)

April 2015 to present

UCLA Xtension Pathway Program

Instructor

Sep. 2013 to present

Pacific Oaks College and Children School

Program Director and Core Faculty School of Education
Emphasis on Specialized Education

August 2012 to June 2013

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Education Department, Teachers' Education Program

Sept. 2007 to July 2012

Daley College, City College of Chicago

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Child Development Department

Feb. 2006 to June 2007

<i>School of Education at the Art Institute, Chicago, IL</i> Part-Time Faculty, Art Education Department	Aug. 2005 to June 2007
<i>National-Louis University, Chicago IL</i> Adjunct Assistant-Professor, ESL Department	June 2004 to Dec. 2006
<i>William Ray Elementary School (Chicago Public Schools-CPS)</i> State Pre-K Teacher (09/03 to 06/06), ESL Teacher (09/02 to 06/03) Elementary Teacher (09/01 to 06/02), Resource Teacher (09/98 to 06/00)	Sept. 1998 to June 2006
<i>John F Kennedy Early Intervention Program (Philadelphia, PA)</i> Curriculum Development, Art-Based Program for Young Children with Autism	Sept. 1996 to June 1997
<i>Lycée International de Los Angeles, CA- Bilingual School</i> Substitute Teacher in French, English, Art and Physical Education	Sept. 1993 to Aug. 1996
<i>Association de Parrainage d'Enfants du Cambodge (ASPECA)</i> (Non-Governmental Organization for orphaned children, Phnom Penh, Cambodia) Supervisor, Accounting and Delivery of Donations to 15 orphanages	Jan. to Aug. 1993
<i>Centre de Nutrition</i> (State Municipal Orphanage for Infants and Toddlers, Phnom Penh, Cambodia) Instruction, Literacy Classes for Children and Adult Staff (French and English) Curriculum Development, Special Education Program for Infants and Children with Multiple Disabilities (physical and cognitive)	Jul. 1992 to Dec. 1992

Consulting & Previous Professional Experience

Pearson: TPA assessment training and scoring	Sept. to Dec. 2013
Tierra del Sol: <i>rewrote and developed training program</i> Coaches Training- Monthly meeting, review of training manual and discussing issues as it relates to people with disabilities	Sept. 2010 to June 2013
UCS: School of Education-Scoring PACT	May 2010 to June 2012
UCLA Extension - Professional Development LACOE for the Juvenile Court Schools: <i>Strengthen the Effectiveness of Teachers Teaching Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders(EBD) with an Emphasis on English Language Learners (ELL)</i> April: Response to Intervention-Evidence-Based Interventions (2 units) May: Collaborative Partnerships in the Education of Students with EBD (2 units) <i>Classes held on site and online.</i>	April & May 2010 March & April 2011

- Professional Development LACOE for the Juvenile Court Schools: *Strengthen the Effectiveness of Teachers Teaching Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (EBD) with an Emphasis on English Language Learners (ELL)*
- **March:** Response to Intervention-Evidence-Based Interventions (2 units)
- **April:** Collaborative Partnerships in the Education of Students with EBD (2 units)
Classes held on site and online. (blackboard)

Private Practice, Parent Advocacy

Sept. 2003 to Present

- *Title:* Laurence E. Hadjas, Ph.D. Educational Consultant -Focusing on IEP meeting and LRE Placement- Early and elementary education focus

KroussarTmey- non for profit organization- Cambodia

June 1992 to present

- Volunteer for many years (on average a month every two years) at different sites, especially in locations with deaf and blindness schools.

Erikson Institute, Chicago IL

April 2006 to June

2007

- Consultant, Aurora School District 131 Early-Elementary Childhood Program-ELL and Students with Special Needs. September 2006-June 2007
- Consultant, K-3 (CPS) Focus on Responsive Classroom (New School Project) April 2006 to June 2007

A combination of classroom visits and large group professional development (six hours per week)

Chicago Public Schools-Early Childhood Department-

Sept. 2004 to June 2006

- Member, Committee of 15 on Ways to Improve Inclusion in State P-K

Ligue Cambodgienne des Droits de l'Homme, LICADHO

July 1993

- (First Cambodian Human Rights Organization) Organization Delegate to a Conference (Bali, Indonesia) to Contribute to the Agenda of the 1994 International Conference on Children and Women's Welfare (Beijing, China)

United Nations Children Fund UNICEF

Jan. to June 1993

- (Cambodia's National Office, in collaboration with the Cambodian Ministry of Social Welfare)

Member, Working Group on Identifying Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (e.g. street children, children with disabilities, children prostitution, and child labor)

Fashion Industry- Los Angeles-CA

Aug. 1986

to Dec. 1992

- Various positions, started own Low-budget Label for Children in 1989

Food and Beverage Industry- Chamonix, France

July 1980

to July 1986

- Various positions, started own Restaurant, introducing low-calories menus, in 1982

Scholarships & Awards

Rochelle Lee Fund Award (Literacy in Urban Elementary Classroom)	June 2003
Ida B. Wells Award (Scholarship for Social Justice related project) <i>Writing workshop with Labeled Children: See I can Say! Kids Voices, Hey Listen!</i>	2001 & 2002
University of Illinois Scholarship for Doctoral Studies	Sept.1999 to June 2000
STEPS Award (Stipend and Scholarship for ESL Studies)	Sept.1998 to Aug. 1999
Cabrini College Scholarship (Wayne, PA)	Sept.1997 to Aug. 1998
Terry Lokoff Early Childhood Award , Philadelphia Community College	June 1997

Publications

'I dream to live on my own away from my family' From Dependence to Freedom: A shared dream by teens and young adults with cognitive disabilities (published in England Oct 2014)

Training Manual for adults with a cognitive disability- Tierra Del sol Jan 2011. to Sept. 2012
A manual comprised of four books each focusing on 12 weeks rotation

Documentary Producer: *"First year Teachers in an Age of cuts"* May 2009
A documentary that follows 11 first year -teachers in South Los Angeles.

Online: Stanford- CASBS-

"Finding the Best Possible School and/or Day-Care Setting around the CASBS," Study for Fellows of the *Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Science (CASBS)*, Stanford, CA.
Published on Fellows' Site at www.casbs.org
(Study focuses on early childhood and Special Education in the Stanford University Area, using NAEYC guidelines for early childhood and face to face meeting for special education locations)

Submitted for publication

"I dream to live on own away from my family" from Dependence to Freedom: A shared dream by teens and young adults with cognitive disabilities- Inter-Disciplinary.Net

"Communication Gaps between Home and School," Revise and Resubmit, *Educational Leadership ASCD*.

In Preparation

"Loving, Raising and Educating a Child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder," book project from revised and augmented doctoral dissertation.

"Raising and working with children diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder," self-help book for parents and teachers.

"From dependence to independence: tools to a successful road." Collection of lived life being gathered to better understand everyday life with a cognitive disability.

Seminars & Conference Presentations

- Presented: *"I dream of a Life on my own away from my family"* Lisbon May 2014
- Submitted and accepted: 5th Global Conference: Story Telling- May 2014 Lisbon, Portugal. *"An International Perspective on the Identification of Youth with Cognitive Disabilities: Narratives as a Tool for Empowerment & Knowledge."*
- Pacific Oaks presentation: *"looking beyond the grades"* group presentation organized by the Graduate Student Organization
- WASC Presentation- How to Evaluate an Academic Program based on Social Justice 2012
- *"Creating Positive Learning Emotional Spaces,"* paper accepted at the following: The 15th International Conference on Learning, The American Association of Behavioral and Social Science and The National Association for Bilingual Education during academic year 2008-09 (not attended due to scheduling conflict)
- *"Investigating Ways to Enhance Parent Teacher Communication," Opening Minds Conference (AEYC), Chicago, IL. January 2008.*
- *"Contextual and Emotional Influences on Special Education Children: The Family and the School Environment, Political and Power Struggles" California Educational Research Association (CERA) Conference. Dana Point, CA. Nov. 2007.*
- *"Labels and its Affective Impact on Families," AERA SIG Special Education (AERA), Chicago, IL. April 2007.*
- *"He Push Me" Classroom Management using Social Justice Strategies in the Early Childhood Classroom," Opening Minds Conference (AEYC), Chicago, IL. January 2007.*
- *"Parent-Teacher Relationships: Effect and Affect on all Partners," Living Progressive Education Conference, Francis Parker School, Chicago, IL, April 2006.*
- *"The Journey of a Graduate Student," AESA Conference, Mexico City, Mexico. Oct. 2003.*

Professional Activities

Institutional Service

- Pacific Oaks College- Partnerships with Pasadan School District Sept 2012 to June 13
- UCLA TEP participant: Education for Social Justice May 2011
- UCLA TEP Coordinator for the Accreditation Sept 2010
- LAUSD – IHE Consortium Research Member Jan 2010
- UCLA TEP Accreditation Committee: Special Education Jan 2010
- UCLA-TEP team member-Developing Special Education Program Sept 2009
- UCLA TEP Admission Committee member since 2008 to 2012
- UCLA Social Committee member 2008-2009
- UCLA TEP Co-Organizer of Community Event in Watts area for all TEP Candidates March 2009
- Daley College (Chicago) Student recruiter 2005 & 2006
- Daley College (Chicago) Facilitator for Students' work presentation at Chicago conference: Teacher for Social Justice. 2005 & 2006

Professional Service and Membership

- Member, Executive Board, Pathways Program at UCLA Extension, a two year transitional program for Young Adults with Cognitive Disabilities. Sept. 2008 to present
- Member, Executive Board, Blue Palm, dance Company focusing on linking dance and curriculum using state standards in urban schools. March 2009 to present
- Reviewer, NABE 2008 Conference, National Association for Bilingual Education (reviewed 12 papers)
- Member, the Stanford Women's Club, 2007 to present
- Session Chair, AESA 2005 Conference: *The Social Construction of Ability and Disability*
- Session Chair, AESA 2005 Conference: *The Different Faces of Segregation*
- Member, Friends of the Center, (Teaching Tolerance), 2002 to present
- Member, Teachers for Social Justice, 2000 to present
- Member, Professional Educational Associations (e.g., AERA, ASCD, CERA, NAYEC), 1996 to present.

General-Education and Community Service

- KAR- NGO presenter for Cambodian Youth at UCLA February 2011
- *Inspiring Young Minds* Career Day at 109th Elementary School LA May 2009 Participant, Participant, Chicago Matters Series (National Public Radio) 2006 Contributor to the monthly school newspapers, focus on special education information for parents and children alike, 2000-2005
- Special Education Seminar for Parents (*Ray Elementary Public School, Chicago, IL*). March 2002
- *Racism Explained* Conference, Field Museum (Chicago, IL) and the Center for Youth and Society (University of Illinois, Chicago). Oct. 2000
- *Small School Exposition* (Chicago, IL). Dec. 1998
- *Through the Eyes of a Child*, Bilingual Education Seminar (Chicago, IL). Dec. 1998
- *Books Aloud* (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA). Oct. 1996 & Jan. 1997
- Special Education Workshop, *Parents Association* (Philadelphia, PA). Nov. 1996
- *French and English Literacy Program for Non-Native Speaker* (Los Angeles, CA) June 1995
- *French Grammar for Non-Native Speakers*. June 1995
- Bilingual Education Program, *Lycee International de Los Angeles* (Los Angeles, CA). May 1995
- *How to Create Safe Toys with Found Objects*, Training (Phnom Penh, Cambodia). July 1993

Ongoing Research Projects

- *Living with a Cognitive Disability, telling the story* (2015)
- "Second Year Urban Teachers in an Age of Budgets Cuts: Examining the Life of Second Year Teachers"

Summary: Many in the field of education did not foresee the budget cuts planned by LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District), working diligently to become an effective teacher to find out at the end of the school first year teachers no longer had a teaching position within the LAUSD. The narrative of their lives would enlighten the community of educators as of what we need to learn from their experiences thus far.

Start Date: Sept. 2015, pending funding

- "Cambodia's Aging-Out Street Children"

Summary: The purpose of this pilot research project is to investigate the possibilities to research and understand the life of aging-out street children in Cambodia. The pilot project will be taking place over a period of four weeks, two in of them in Cambodia.

Start Date: Summer 2014, pending IRB approval

- *“Pre-school, Good Practices and Social Justice”*

Anticipated presentation of first draft for publication December 2015

- *“Teachers, Parents: Let’s Learn the Emotional Dance Steps Together”*

Curriculum Development (Cultural and Ability Sensitivity)

- *“Algerian Migrant-Workers in France”*

Book project with a special emphasis on keeping the native language alive, (transmission of language and cultural capital within an identified group), based on ethnographic research conducted in Southern France every summer for the past six years, interviewing mainly mothers who mostly only speak Arabic.

First draft sent for a French publisher: Dec. 2015. (revising)

University & College Teaching

Antioch

Supervisor of Specialized Education Teachers

One on one supervision and guidance

Spring 2015

UCLA Extension Pathways(online platform: Canvas)

Academic Success for young adult with Cognitive disability:

- Session 2
- Session 2

Spring 2015

Winter 2015

Academic Success for young adults with Cognitive disability:

- Session 1 (2 sections)
- Session 2
- Session 2
- Session 1

Fall 2014

Spring 2014

Winter 2014

Fall 2013

Pacific Oaks College

- SPED 331-531
- SPED 341-541
- SEPD 361-561

Spring 2013

Spring 2013

Spring 2013

- SPED 331-531
- SPED 341-541
- SEPD 361-561

Fall 2012

Fall 2012

Fall 2012

UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies

- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching
- ED 490B Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar

Winter 2012

Winter 2012

- ED 425 Principles of Teaching exceptional Individuals 2012 Winter
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Fall 2011
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Fall 2011
- ED 406 Social Foundations and Cultural Diversity in American Education 2011 Fall
- ED 187 Special Topic: Disability Issues and Pop Culture Fall 2011
- ED 187 Special Topic: Disability Issues and Pop Culture Spring 2011
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Spring 2011
- ED 490 B Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Spring 2011
- ED 397 Independent Study: Minor in Disability: The lived life of a Community College Student with a Cognitive Disability Spring 2011
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Winter 2011
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Winter 2011
- ED 406 Social Foundations and Cultural Diversity in American Education 2011 Winter
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Fall 2010
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Fall 2010
- ED 406 Social Foundations and Cultural Diversity in American Education 2010 Fall
- ED 187 Special Topic: Disability Issues and Pop Culture 2010 Fall
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching 2010 Spring
- ED 490 B Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar 2010 Spring
- ED 397 Independent Study: Minor in Disability: Higher Education for Individuals with Cognitive Disability Spring 2010
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching exceptional Individuals Winter 2010
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals (Elem) 1 section Winter 2010
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals (HS) 2 sections Winter 2010
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Winter 2010
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Winter 2010
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching exceptional Individuals Winter 2010
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals Winter 2010
- ED 132 Education of Exceptional Individuals Fall 2009
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Fall 2009
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Fall 2009
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals Fall 2009
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Spring 2009
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Spring 2009
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals Spring 2009
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Winter 2009
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Winter 2009
- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals Winter 2009
- ED 330 D Classroom Residency and Teaching Fall 2008
- ED 490A Instructional Decision Making-Resident Seminar Fall 2008

- ED 425 Principles of Teaching Exceptional Individuals Fall 2008

Daley City College, Chicago IL

- Human Growth and Development CD 101(2 sections) Spring 2007
- Creative Arts for Children CD 149 Spring 2007
- Principals of preschool Education CD 258 Spring 2007
- Human Growth and Development CD 101 (2 sections) Fall 2006
- Science and Math for Young Children CD 143 Fall 2006
- Creative Arts for Children CD 149 Fall 2006
- Home, School and Community Relations ECE 262 Spring 2006

School of the Art Institute (Master Program), Chicago IL

- Cultural Approaches to Education ARTED 4100/6100 Spring 2007
- Independent Study: Early Childhood Education & Creative Arts (Master level) SP 2007
- Cultural Approaches to Education ARTED 4100/6100 Fall 2006
- Cultural Approaches to Education ARTED 4100/6100 Spring 2006
- Cultural Approaches to Education ARTED 4100/6100 Fall 2005

National-Louis University (Master Level), Chicago IL

- Foundation of ESL Methods CIL 500 Fall 2006
- Assessment of Language Minority Students CIL 510 Spring 2006
- Methods and Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students CIL 506 Fall 2005
- Cross-Cultural Education CIL 531 Summer 2004

Additional Information

- Featured in Mark D. Barnes (2015), *Throw Out Your Grade Book and Inspire Learning*. Sage Publication. Thousand Oaks, CA.
- Featured in David L. Kirp (2007), *The Sand Box Investment: The Preschool Movement and Kids First Politics*. Harvard University Press.
- Featured in the Chicago Tribune July 2006 (Magazine Section- July 16 2006)
- Featured in the New York Times- July 31 2005 Focus on pre-school(Education section)
- Member, PTA Board, Ray Elementary Public School, Chicago, IL, 2002-2005
- After-School French teacher, Elementary level since Sept.2001 to June 2005
- Languages: French, Arabic native tongues, English Fluent, Spanish Basic conversational knowledge, some knowledge of Khmer, Swedish, German, and Italian.
- Computer literate, curious about all kind of technologies as it relates to education.

References upon request.