

Racial Justice Oversight Body - Applicant Summary for Community Representative Seat #8 & #9

*Recommended Applicants by RJOB on 5/5/2022 Quarterly Meeting

**Withdrawn Applications

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Residence City</u>	<u>Work Location</u>	<u>Member Seats</u>	<u>Current Employer</u>	<u>Recent Volunteer Activity/Affiliation</u>	<u>Experience/Interest</u>
*Carlos	Fernandez	1	Richmond	Richmond	9	Safe Return Project	Current Member of JJCC (Youth Seat); Mentor and organizer in west county;	Lived 20+ years and worked 5 years in Contra Costa County. Is a youth who is formerly incarcerated and currently serves as a mentor for at-risk youth in Richmond.
*Gigi	Crowder	3	Antioch	All Districts	8	NAMI Contra Costa, Executive Director	Member of Measure X CAB; homeless services volunteer; current Chair of the Statewide Mental Health and Spirituality Initiative; Founding Chair of the Alameda County African American Health and Wellness Committee; Volunteer Consultant to the Miles Hall Foundation in Walnut Creek.	Interested in ensuring Measure X funds are allocated in a manner consistent with reimagining public safety and improving health outcomes for all. Interested in prioritizing and redefining safety while promoting community and belonging for all residents, and sharing ideas around key resources and community defined practices that promote equity and reduce the glaring disparities we see in the criminal justice system.
Tavane	Payne	4	Concord	N/A	Didn't Self Report	Retired Juvenile Correctional Officer III, Contra Costa County	Parents' Club, School Site Council, worked with DARE, Brentwood Police Department Volunteer Program;	Retired law enforcement officer in juvenile justice system for 20 years. Worked with juveniles age 3-21 as an assistant to the primary instructor for their education. Managed house home for young women who have been rescued from sex trafficking predator's ages 21+. President of Parents' Club at Garin Elementary and Edna Hill Middle/JR high. Edna Hill's School Site Council member.
Deborah	Hoffman-Wade	1	Richmond	N/A	8	Retired Social Worker	2018-Present: Temple of Beth Abraham Board of Directors, Oakland, California	Mother of law enforcement officer; is a bi-racial Edot HaMizrach/White, and living in a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-religious household. Interest in bringing experience in civil rights involvement, social work, and lived experience to end racial injustice.

Magret	Nunes	2	Danville	Rodeo	9	John Swett Unified School District, Teacher	Member, Girl Scouts of Northern California; Winner of the 2022 California Teachers Association (CTA) member Human Rights Award; Co-Chair Racial Justice Committee of Central Contra Costa Labor Council 2021-present; Equity Team member for CTA AlCosta Service Center 2015 - present; Indivisible East Bay Criminal Justice Committee - 2022; Public School Teacher 1990 - present: John Kennedy High-Richmond, San Leandro High, Del Mar High-Campbell, John Swett High-Crockett; Created Social Justice Activists (representative group of JSUSD school community) 2021	Interested in shifting punitive disciplinary action in schools to restorative practices to better serve youth, and dismantle the school to prison pipeline. Have been in active participant in the County's effort to form ORESJ over the past year. Is a board member for an organization called, Close the Gap, and is committed to closing the opportunity gap for low-income students.
Pablo	Martinez	4	Walnut Creek	Concord	9	Pueblos Del Sol, Lead Counselor	Martinez Main Street Board of Directors; Shell (CAP) Community Advisory Panel; Board of Directors of Support4Recovery;	Served on the Martinez Main Street Board of Directors for 9 years and two years on the Shell (CAP) Community Advisory Panel. Currently on the Board of Directors of Support4Recovery which provides housing for people in substance abuse treatment. Coordinates services for the Hispanic community regarding substance abuse treatment in Concord, the only Spanish speaking treatment facility in Contra Costa County, Pueblos Del Sol.
Yvette	Varise	2	Danville	District 2	Didn't Self Report	LoanDepot, Mortgage Loan Officer	Board of San Ramon Valley Thunderbirds Football & Cheer	Currently serves on the board for the youth based organization, San Ramon Valley Thunderbirds Football and Cheer, a licensed loan officer and feel the systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all is essential for our community and youth.

Aria	Capelli	2	Diablo	N/A	9	N/A	Meaningful Teens, Founder; Meaningful Gardens, Founder; Smart Recycling Now (SRN), Founder; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Club, Ambassador; Student Council, Leader Elected; Peer Counselor; Nibbi Brothers Construction, Intern; Crow Canyon Sharks Swim Team;	A youth who believes in equity and in working to eradicate disparities within and between communities. Interested in building a more inclusive, just, and healthy future for everyone. Is seeking to break down barriers between communities and guarantee justice for all.
Esmeralda	Noyola	3	Antioch	N/A	9	N/A	Volunteer for Holy Rosary Parish on events supporting homeless children; Poll worker for local elections; youth ambassador for CCHS; planning vaccination events; member, Youth leadership team at UC Berkeley	Covid-19 Youth Ambassador through Contra Costa Health Services.
**Alex	Laughridge	3	Discovery Bay	N/A	9	N/A	N/A	A school aged youth and resident of Contra Costa County who wishes to be a part of a body seeking to identify racial disparities so that the justice system is fair for every citizen. He is a freshman in high school and has worked extremely hard to achieve academically. Mr. Laughridge believes he can bring a lot to the Racial Justice Oversight Body.
**Yenny	Garcia	1	Richmond	Richmond	9	Contra Costa Youth Services Bureau/The Latina Center, Administrative Assistant	Chair of Community Police Review Commission, City of Richmond	Board Member of Bay Area Girls Club Member of Richmond, Rotary Former Board Member, Urban Tilth Former Board Member, The Latina Center Former Executive Director Assistant at The Latina Center, Executive Committee Member for the International Women's Day Celebration City of Richmond, Deep ties in West County

**Jackie	Ejuwa	2	San Ramon		Didn't Self Report	Blue Shield of California, Vice President, Health Transformation	Member of Church of the Valley, San Ramon; Advisory Council to Eliminate Anti-Black Racism; Elder Care Alliance;	<p>An advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), and currently serves as one of only 14 leaders on the DEI Leadership Council for employer. Appointed to Brown University's inaugural Advisory Council to Eliminate Anti-Black Racism. This Council recently completed a 28-page report on how Brown University could work to eliminate racism across 5 pillars.</p> <p>Also, actively involved in the San Ramon community for the past 17 years and is a member of Church of the Valley also in San Ramon. Interested in finding ways to correct structural racism given the recent events of the past 2 years, particularly highlighted by the killing of George Floyd and Armand Arbery, the statistics that show traffic stops and prison sentences disproportionately impacting people of color, as well as her own personal experience and that of other people of color.</p>
**Kerie	Dietz Roberts	4	Walnut Creek	Outside of CCC	Didn't Self Report	Therapeutic Day School/Group Home for Foster Boys, Nurse	N/A	<p>A Doctoral Student from Rush University in nursing with a specialization in psychiatric and mental health. Currently works as a nurse for a therapeutic day school and an associated group home for foster youth. The combination of this experience and these passions is what interests her in participating in this board.</p>

**Denise	Wilhite Thomas	2	San Ramon	East CCC	Didn't Self Report	Operation Reach 1 Inc, CEO	Volunteer at local churches and shelters.	Serving the community for the last 14 years as owner of Operation Reach 1 which promotes fair housing and fights against wrongful foreclosures. Have received (3) Three Congressional awards and is a recognized expert witness for court and depositions for the past (10) Ten years working with Thomson Reuters. Is also the owner of Black Prosperity Matters, promoting small minority businesses, talent recruitment, and e-commerce. Interested in utilizing skills and experiences to address social/racial injustices.
**Bessie	Scoggins	3	Antioch	Outside of CCC	8	Pacific Gas & Electric, Senior Paralegal		A leader of a Faith based organization in Contra Costa County and has worked in the legal field for the past 20 years as a paralegal. Interested in working with community leaders to develop and implement strategies to help reduce racial disparities within the community and education system. Would like to explore community partnerships and engage in encouraging dialogue and critical conversations, that would promote growth, healing and advancement in Contra Costa communities. Hopes to construct a long-term plan to develop and build an anti-racist community by developing a diversity, equity, and inclusion committee; encouraging other community leaders and businesses in identifying biases; and continuing open dialogue regarding reducing and eliminating systemic biases.

**Talia	Moore	1	El Sobrante	Oakland	Didn't Self Report	Holy Names University, College Professor	Alcohol & Other Drugs Advisory Board; Contra Costa County Juvenile Justice Commission;	A self-identified Black woman, a former Deputy Probation Officer and a college professor and criminologist, currently serving on the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board for the last five years. Interested in ensuring equal treatment across the races and within law enforcement and utilizing knowledge/skill set to help inform the process of ensuring racial justice and give back to the community.
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