

Racial Justice Oversight Body - Applicant Summary for Community Representative Seats 1-10

*Incumbent Member

	First	Last	District	Residence City	Work Location	Member Seats	Current Employer	Recent Volunteer Activity/Affiliation	Experience/Interest
1	*Chala	Bonner	Out of County	Out of County	Richmond	4 (also qualifies for 1,2,5,6,7)	The Safe Return Project	Current member of Racial Justice Oversight Body (CBO Representative, Seat 2) and recently voted RJOB Co-Chair / Chair of Data Subcommittee. She attended 5 out of 5 RJOB Quarterly meetings within the last 2 years. Former member of CCC Community Advisory Board, in which she served 3 years and termed out in 2022.	Lived in Contra Costa most of her life and recently moved to San Joaquin County because due to affordability for she and her family. Ms. Bonner continues to work in Contra Costa County and is committed to continue to advocate for change in the communities she grew up in. She has served on the Racial Justice Steering committee and co-leads the Racial Justice Coalition. This work is very important to her because she is a formerly incarcerated black woman that wants to make sure that formerly incarcerated people have a voice at the table.
2	*Gigi	Crowder	3	Antioch	All Districts	8	NAMI Contra Costa, Executive Director	Current member of the Racial Justice Oversight Body (CBO Representative, Seat 8); 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. She attended 5 out of 5 RJOB Quarterly meetings within the last two years.	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.
3	*Ronell	Ellis	5	Antioch	Antioch	6 (also qualifies for 3,4,5,7)	HealthRIGHT 360	Current member of Racial Justice Oversight Body (CBO Representative, Seat 4) and recently voted RJOB Chair of Community Engagement & Funding (CEF) Subcommittee; former member of Racial Justice Task Force; Cease Fire; Omega Boys Club; Deer Valley Youth Football; Oakland Probation Department; San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department. He attended 5 out of 5 RJOB Quarterly meetings within the last two years.	Mr. Ellis is confident that his personal experience as a person involved in the State and local incarceration institutions, along with his formal education in the discipline of Criminology allows him to have a diverse contribution to the board. He is concerned about the public and the community, therefore is willing to commit his efforts to help this board serve the community in a capacity that will be beneficial to all who reside in this county. He is interested in seeing that Justice is equitable and that all people of this county have an even playing field. He was formerly incarcerated for over 15 years at all levels of institutions, County, CDC & Federal. San Francisco County Superior Court Certified Expunged Criminal Record; California State Superior Court Certificate of Rehabilitation; Currently awaiting a Governor's approval for a Pardon; B.A. Degree in Criminology; 28 years of experience working in the current field of Reentry counseling at all levels, CDC, County Jail & Public; 18 year resident of Contra Costa County.
4	Ricky	Godfrey	4	Concord	Contra Costa County	3,4,5,6,7,9	N/A	Ricky engages with the community and volunteered for Critical Thinkers, Inc., where he advocated for youth reform.	As the Director of Inside Outreach Prison-From-The-Inside-Out, he advocated for prison reform and the rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals. He organized and led outreach programs that provided counseling, guidance, and support for inmates transitioning back into society. Additionally, he collaborated closely with board members and community stakeholders to implement effective reintegration strategies. He developed initiatives focused on self-improvement, accountability, and positive life changes for incarcerated populations. He also spearheaded workshops and seminars on emotional intelligence, conflict management, and personal growth. In his role as a Mentor (Juvenile Intervention) for 1HundredYearsEnterprise, he served as a credible messenger and role model for incarcerated youths. He mentored young people within juvenile detention facilities, helping them make better life decisions and steering them away from violence, drugs, and crime. He coordinated with correctional staff and other mentors to create rehabilitation programs centered on education, self-esteem, and entrepreneurship. He assisted in developing initiatives that promote positive behavior change and self-empowerment.

5	Naomi	Lewis - Mauricio	2	Alamo	Alamo	9 (recommended Alternate Seat)	Rio Malone	National Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council- Kaiser Permanente Millennial Business; Resource Council- Kaiser Permanente African American Business Resource Council- Kaiser Permanente; Parent Teacher Association- Rancho Romero Elementary School Site Council; Rancho Romero Elementary Executive Leadership Team	She is a Strategic program management leader with demonstrated experience architecting, overseeing, and implementing change management and process improvement initiatives. Her current entrepreneurial venture enhances program management skills and strategic planning capabilities which leads to efficient operations. She possesses a mentor's approach to leadership that aligns team strengths to project goals. Currently serves as PTA Executive Vice President; sits on the School Site Council; and serve on the Executive Leadership Team all at Rancho Romero Elementary. She has extensive experience volunteering both in and outside of the school.
6	*Stephanie	Medley	1	El Sobrante	Richmond	5	RYSE Center	Racial Justice Oversight Body (CBO Representative, Seat 9) and current, Chair of Diversion Subcommittee; Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (former); JJCC-DJJ subcommittee (current); DA initiated Reimagine Youth Justice meetings (current; Racial Justice Task Force (2017-2018); Youth Justice Initiative Steering Committee (2016-2018); AB 109 Community Advisory Board (2013-2016). She attended 4 out of 5 RJOB Quarterly meetings within the last two years.	Ms. Medley was born and raised in Richmond and have seen firsthand how community has been deeply impacted by mass incarceration. While she has not experienced incarceration, she has had many friends and family members that were impacted as youth and adults; both of her brothers experienced incarceration. The barriers she has seen involving friends, family, and youth she works with, can and have in fact had long lasting impacts on their lives. Ensuring that the county utilizes smart, fiscally responsible and community-centered healing and equitable strategies to provide the necessary support for youth and adults in the system is her passion and why she would like to continue serving on the Racial Justice Oversight Body. She has been a staff member of the RYSE Center since 2012 and serve as their Director of Education & Justice. She leads program development and advocacy and cultivates cross-sector collaborations to address the needs of youth & young adults impacted by education, economic, and criminal & legal systems. She is passionate about supporting the development and coordination of youth-friendly and culturally appropriate policies, practices, and supports and work to create avenues for young people to navigate their own liberation and transform systems. She has sat on many justice focused advisory boards in the county to support justice reform. She has also participated in the county's partnership between RYSE, the DA, and Impact Justice to implement Contra Costa County's first pre-charge diversion program.
7	Shantell	Owens	3	Brentwood	Antioch	5,6,7,8 or Alternate Seat	Genesis Church	NA	Shantell is a Pastor, a Real Estate Professional, a Certified Trauma Healing Specialist, and a Revenue Consultant. Additionally, she is a dedicated community advocate. Her organization offers various programs aimed at supporting those who are justice-impacted or have been most affected in our county. Shantell has been a community member since 1973 and has worked in real estate for 25 years. She has also been a successful business owner for 22 years, a faith leader for 25 years, a youth advocate for 18 years, and a community advocate for the same duration. Shantell serves as the director of a county-funded youth program called Think Big, which provides tutoring and mentorship to BIPOC youth in Antioch. Furthermore, she is a mental health advocate and a faith leader at Genesis Church, where she actively offers healing support and addresses issues related to food insecurity and homelessness. Shantell has a deep love for her community.
8	Anthony	Randolph	Out of County	Rio Viata	Antioch - 3	8 or Alternate Seat	Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch	NA	He is a small business owner who has over 25 years of business management experience in upper-level management. He is passionate about using his work background, skills and experiences to foster better relationships with all races, genders and other demographics to better exist in an equitable fashion. He works at Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch staff and sits on Grace Arms' Board of Directors, where he championed major events like Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth. He has been a leader in the nonprofit world for the last five years and has also served as a juror for the U.S. District Court for over a year.
9	*Cheryl	Sudduth	1	El Sobrante	NA	7 (also qualifies for 1,2)	NA	Current member of the Racial Justice Oversight Body (CBO Representative, Seat 7). She attended 4 out of 5 RJOB Quarterly meetings within the last two years.	Ms. Sudduth has been involved with the Racial Justice Coalition & the work of the subsequent Task Force since inception. She has played an integral role in ensuring the final recommendations reflect the needs of the greater community & would like to work towards ensuring the implementation follows the spirit of the recommendations. As a trained mediator & negotiator, multicultural & multilingual, as well as one heavily involved in many different community groups throughout the county, she believes she can represent multiple perspectives while maintaining focus on the purpose of the advisory body.

10	*Melvin	Willis	1	Richmond	Countywide	2	Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)	City of Richmond councilmember; previously served on Richmond Planning Commission, the Raise up Richmond Coalition, Housing Now, Richmond Progressive Alliance, Richmond Environmental Justice Coalition, currently serves on the Contra Costa County Racial Justice Coalition, and many other coalitions that focus on Racial and Economic Justice. Current member of the Racial Justice Oversight Body (CBO Representative, Seat 1). He attended 3 out of 5 RJOB Quarterly meetings within the last two years.	Currently Mr. Willis is City Councilmember in Richmond and a community organizer. A rising concern for him in Richmond and Contra Costa County has been the need for more resources for youth programs and services. He wants to serve on the commission to make sure that community concerns are being represented and prioritized while implementing strategies. Over the last four years as a community organizer, he has worked on issues related to youth and criminal justice reform.
11	Marya	Wright	1	Richmond	District 1	5, 6, 7, 10 or Alternate Seat	Wright Community Services LLC	Nationally distinguished Black social worker, published author, researcher, consultant, educator and facilitator. Striving to empower system-involved families through awareness, services and education while also providing consultation, training, and system specific facilitation to the agencies that services these communities.	Dr. Wright is CEO/President of Wright Community Services LLC and serves as an univesity faculty member/educator in courses related to racial justice, social work, and sociology. Dr. Wright supervises MSW student interns, provides court services for dependency investigations, is a qualified expert witness in child welfare best practices, has provided services for Alameda County Parent Counsel Panel, Contra Costa County Social Worker Attorney Support Panel, CCC Public Defender's Office, Federal Criminal courts, LA County Expert Witness Pabel, SF City and County Juvenile Dependency Court Attorney Panel and their Criminal Defense Attorney Panel. She trains and facilitates professioinal development and community empowerment services. She is deeply committed to youth and families involved in the criminal legal system.

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