

Attachment C

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL APPLICANTS' SUMMARY

Last	First	District Lives or Works in	Seat	City Lives or Works in	Current Employment/Volunteer	Interest
Balan	George	Lives in District 2	At-Large Youth Seat	Lives in Orinda	The individual currently holds several positions in various organizations, including serving as the Statewide Chair/President of the California High School Democrats, representing students on the California Department of Education LGBTQ+ State Task Force, working as a Student Election Ambassador for the Contra Costa County Elections Division, and acting as the Chair of Public Relations & Outreach for the Orinda Teen Advisory Council. Additionally, they have gained experience through internships at the Alameda County District Attorney - Hayward City Attorney's Office and the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County.	This individual is passionate about advocating for progressive reform in K-12 education, LGBTQ+ rights, and juvenile justice. They have been involved in various initiatives, including serving on the LGBTQ+ State Task Force and working on criminal justice reform as the State President of the California High School Democrats. Their goal is to be a determined student voice on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and to contribute a valuable student perspective to the commission.
Faden	Ellen	Lives in District 1		Lives in Richmond	This individual has served on the Board of Directors for five years and is currently a member of the Board of Directors in Marina Bay, Richmond. They previously worked as a teacher in Oakland, where they wrote 30 Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and gained an understanding of differentiated learning. Additionally, they were a founding member of the Morris Center for Adult Survivors of Child Abuse.	This person is focused on helping youth access mental health services and is also interested in guiding individuals toward healthy relationships. They are writing a book on this topic.
Habon	Rojan Mikael	Lives in District 3	At-Large Youth Seat	Lives in Brentwood	This individual has significant experience in youth advocacy, policy development, and community engagement. They are currently working with GENup, a nationwide student-led social justice organization, where they have gained a deep understanding of educational policy reform and the difficulties of advocating for systemic change. Additionally, they are actively engaged with the Brentwood Youth Commission and Contra Costa County NAMI Brentwood TCTA.	This person is passionate about supporting youth, especially in the wake of COVID-19, and addressing the lack of proper support that leads to unhealthy coping mechanisms. With a deep understanding of the challenges faced by diverse communities in Contra Costa County, this person aims to bring their unique perspective to advocate for the well-being and success of youth and marginalized communities.

Hall	Sara	Lives in District 4		Lives in Concord	This individual has a diverse and extensive background in various roles, including Clinical Psychologist, Program Director, Research Assistant, Crisis Counselor, Re-entry Counselor, and Event Coordinator for the American Cancer Society. Their experience also includes positions such as Student Consultant, Graduate Teaching Assistant, and Treasurer. It's evident that they have a broad range of skills and have been involved in various impactful roles throughout their career.	This person is a Clinical Psychologist with 7 years of experience working with individuals in the criminal justice system. They have a deep understanding of the factors that lead people into criminal lifestyles and are passionate about helping prevent this, especially for the youth in the community. Additionally, as a parent, they are motivated to make their children's community a safer and better place to grow up.
Jenkins	Amanda	Lives in District 1		Lives in Richmond	This person has been actively involved in various social and community initiatives. They have volunteered and served on several boards and committees, focusing on homelessness, equity, strategic planning, and housing advocacy. Their work includes involvement with organizations like Reimagine Richmond Task Force, Richmond Homeless Task Force, and Faith and Action, East Bay Fair Housing Campaign.	This person is passionate about juvenile justice and community involvement, actively engaging with youth through their nonprofit and activities like sports and biking. They work to encourage kids to think critically, excel academically, and avoid trouble while promoting better living in their city and county.
Lei	Rachel	Lives in District 3	At-Large Youth Seat	Lives in Brentwood	This person is actively involved in various leadership and communication activities. They are a member of the Brentwood Youth Commission and regularly attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. Additionally, they serve as the Chief Co-Editor of the Brentwood Youth Press and are involved in school clubs such as AFJROTC and speech/debate. These experiences have helped them develop strong communication and leadership skills, allowing them to collaborate with other students effectively.	This individual is passionate about supporting youth-focused initiatives and believes in involving young people in the community by expanding access to opportunities. They are interested in serving on the council to gain valuable insights into youth-related policies and issues and to strengthen the connections between students and government officials. They are also interested in providing input on events organized by the Youth Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as generating ideas to support youth, including efforts related to mental health and providing opportunities for students.
Parr	Cameron	Lives in District 5		Lives in Pittsburg	The individual has an extensive background in education, having worked as a 9th-grade history teacher at Summit Denali High School and as a Criminal Justice instructor at UEI College. As a Youth Services Specialist at Contra Costa County Office of Education, they secured grant funding, fostered community partnerships, and implemented programs to support foster youth. They also have a history of volunteer work, including organizing backpack giveaways, feeding the homeless, participating in community clean-ups, and providing tutoring and coaching services.	This individual is passionate about empowering at-risk youth and families through compassionate support and evidence-based interventions. They are skilled in crisis management, behavior modification, and family support, and are dedicated to making a lasting impact in the lives of youth and families. They excel in building trust with diverse populations, ensuring confidentiality, and demonstrating cultural sensitivity.

Prost	Maxwell	Lives in District 1	At-Large Youth Seat	Lives in Richmond	This individual's volunteer work and internships include working with the Fire Advisory Commission of District 1, interning at District 1 Supervisor John Gioia's Office, and participating in the Student Advocacy Committee. Additionally, and has been part of the Albany City Council Board Policy Committee, Model United Nations Speech & Debate, and is a graduate of Outward Bound USA.	This individual is a dedicated high school student passionate about community organizing, politics, and social work. They are particularly focused on addressing issues within America's criminal justice system, with a strong emphasis on the school-to-prison pipeline dilemma. Their extensive research and involvement in activities such as the Model United Nations Club reflect their commitment to understanding and addressing these critical issues. They firmly believe that the solutions to these problems must begin at the grassroots level within our communities, and they are dedicated to giving back and supporting youth in their community as they work towards finding solutions to this nationwide problem.
Reimer	Christine	Lives in District 4		Lives in Walnut Creek	This individual has been employed by CCC for the past ten years, serving as an Emergency Response Social Worker, an After-Hours Social Worker, and currently as a Case Reviewer for the Quality Assurance division. They have also worked for local nonprofits, focusing on serving clients who are often underrepresented. Additionally, they are currently a board member of the Family First prevention program. They have volunteered in the local school system, collaborated with probation on case reviews, and participated in youth probation training. They are known for their exceptional interpersonal skills and have received training in solution-focused interviewing. Furthermore, they are highly experienced in Cultural Awareness, Diversity, and Civil Rights.	The individual is deeply committed to the community of CCC and has a strong belief in the power of community and the ability of people to thrive when given the opportunity. They have a decade of experience working as a social worker for CCC and have been actively involved in various local programs and initiatives aimed at strengthening families and communities. They are highly skilled in interpersonal communication, cultural awareness, diversity, and civil rights.
Shahade	Maren	Works in District 5		Works in Martinez	This individual has an impressive background in social justice and advocacy. They have taken several relevant courses focusing on the juvenile justice system. They volunteer at the Rainbow Community Center, assisting unhoused and mentally ill youth. Additionally, they have spoken at various meetings advocating for minority rights and created a safe space for queer youth in high school. They possess leadership and team-building skills, and they are familiar with the county's system due to their current job there.	The individual is interested in serving on a particular board to further their knowledge in social justice, mental health, and law enforcement. They have attended city and school meetings and have advocated for LGBTQ+ rights, minority rights, race, and gender-related rights, as well as juvenile justice. Serving on the board would provide them with more insight into these issues and help them become a better advocate with a deeper understanding of how the systems are formed.
Woodards	Myeshia	Lives in District 1		Lives in Richmond	This individual has experience working as a Purchasing Clerk at Minact Inc., a Day Monitor Activity Lead at Minnie Mascots, and a Cashier/Assistant Manager at McDonald's. They have certifications in Mental Health Counseling, Behavioral Health & Behavioral Therapy, Crisis Intervention, and training in Case Management, Conducting Intakes, Conflict Management, and Medication Administration.	This person grew up in Richmond, CA, and faced hardships and environmental trauma from a young age. The person wants to take dedicated action and provide support to make their communities safe and help the youth. They have lived experiences that have shaped them into being supportive and caring, and they advocate for the voiceless in the community.

Wright	Marya	Lives in District 1		Lives in Richmond	The individual is a Doctor of Social Work, entrepreneur, and community advocate with expertise in social work, child welfare, and community engagement. They have a strong passion for advocating for economic justice, equitable practices, and juvenile justice reform. Their qualifications include leadership in social work organizations, experience in community outreach, and a history of advocating for policy changes to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.	Empowering system-involved families through awareness, services, and education. Providing consultation, training, and system-specific facilitation to agencies serving these communities. They are deeply invested in ensuring equity, access, and justice within systems, particularly for marginalized communities.
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