

Application Form

Profile

Tamara

First Name

Shiloh

Last Name

Middle Initial

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Richmond

City

CA

State

94804

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ District 1

Just Imagine KidZ

Employer

Executive Director

Job Title

Length of Employment

7

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

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Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Ad Hoc African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Transitional Community
Advisory Board: Submitted

Seat Name

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

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Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

☒ High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

College of Alameda

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

AA/Business

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I would like to serve on this board because my work with Just Imagine KidZ and Nia Academy is rooted in the same mission this advisory board represents—supporting the holistic wellness, stability, and empowerment of African American children and families. Every day, I engage directly with youth, parents, and educators who are navigating academic, emotional, and community-based challenges. I see firsthand how deeply our families need culturally-grounded resources, safe spaces, and programs that honor the whole child. Serving on this board would allow me to bring the voices, needs, and lived experiences of the families I serve into a collaborative space where decisions and resources truly matter. I am committed to strengthening community partnerships, advocating for equitable access to wellness and educational supports, and helping design programs that uplift our youth not just academically, but socially, emotionally, and culturally. This board aligns perfectly with the work I already do—and with the work I want to continue doing to ensure our children and families are seen, supported, and celebrated.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

My qualifications for this appointment come from more than a decade of hands-on experience serving African American youth, families, and educators through culturally centered education, community programming, and holistic support. As the founder of Just Imagine KidZ, the Multicultural Bookstore, and Nia Academy K-6 Microschool, I have developed programs that integrate literacy, social-emotional learning, academic enrichment, cultural history, and wellness-focused activities for children from preschool through sixth grade. I work closely with families in Richmond and surrounding communities, giving me direct insight into the barriers they face—including access to mental health resources, culturally relevant materials, safe learning spaces, and supportive networks. I have led partnerships with local organizations, facilitated professional development for educators, and created programs that address the social, emotional, and cultural needs of underserved youth. Additionally, my experience designing after-school programs, community literacy events, and holistic learning environments positions me well to contribute meaningful ideas, data, and lived insight to this advisory board. I bring a deep commitment to equity, a strong community presence, and a proven record of creating supportive, culturally affirming spaces where children and families can thrive. I am confident that my experience, passion, and dedication to community wellness make me a strong fit for this appointment.

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

GRIP, Rotary, Kiwanis, Black Parent Resource Center, Youth Service Bureau

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

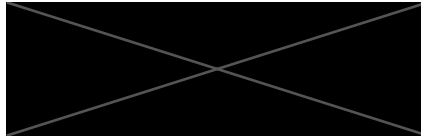
I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

☒ I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

Tamara Shiloh Bio



Tamara is an author, speaker and entrepreneur. She is writing a series about African American inventors, scientists and other notable African Americans in history.

The first two books in the series *Jaxon's Magical Adventure with Black Inventors and Scientists* and *Jaxon and Kevin's Black History Trip Downtown* are published.

She's also written an early reader book, *Cameron Teaches Black History*, for Scholastic.

She writes the weekly Black History column for the *Post Newspaper* in the Bay Area.

She's also written articles for the online newspaper, *Richmond Pulse*.

She writes a daily newsletter regarding recommended books and historical information.

She speaks on the importance of teaching Black History all year.

She has a podcast, *Once Upon a Time in Black History*.

Her non-profit, Just Imagine KidZ offers a Black History and a Hispanic/Latinx Professional Development Class that provides educators with the tools to be more inclusive when teaching American History. They are provided with a curriculum and lesson plans that will aide them in being inclusive all year.

She plans to create a Native American/Indigenous Peoples History Class for educators in the near future.

Her non-profit also provides an American History Literacy/STEAM classes for after school and summer programs that includes Black History and Hispanic/Latinx history.

She is the owner of the Multicultural Children's Bookstore in Richmond, CA and Las Vegas.

She recently opened Nia Academy, A STEAM and Elementary Pre-Med School of K-6th grade. The school is for African American children only and their curriculum aligns with the state standards. They meet Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30am.

Affiliations: Bay Area Girls Club (Advisory board), Youth Service Bureau (Board), Rotary (member previous board member), Kiwanis (member), Richmond Chamber (member, previous Board member), BAIPA (member previous board), EduGlobal Las Vegas (previous Board), Friends of Richmond Library (Board).

She is a native of Richmond, CA.