

**City of Piedmont**  
**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR APPOINTIVE VACANCY**  
*City Clerk's Office – 510-420-3040*

*Please indicate which position you are applying for.*

Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee

**Name** Vanessa L Washington

**Address** 215 Crocker Avenue

**Phone** [REDACTED]

**E-Mail Address** [REDACTED]

**Education** B.S. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; J.D. Berkeley Law, University of California

**Occupation** Board Member and Former Financial Services and Real Estate Executive

**Experience Related to this Appointment**

I have served as a senior executive and General Counsel in financial services participating in all aspects of the development and implementation of strategic and operating plans and having budget accountability. I also served as General Counsel of a REIT. My duties encompassed a broad range of duties including legal services, security (cyber, information and physical security), compliance, corporate social responsibility, human resources and environmental services. I also participated in the development and implementation of strategic and operational plans. More information available at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/vanessa-w-b4279b8>

**Why are you seeking this appointment?**

My husband Wayne Rowland and I moved to Piedmont seven years ago and we very much enjoy living here. I have always wanted to participate in civic activities. With my retirement from a full time position in October 2020, I now feel that I have sufficient time to contribute to the Community.

**What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?**

Albeit in a corporate capacity, I am familiar with budgets, projections and financial planning as well as advising in circumstances having constituencies with differing needs and desires. My non-profit work with Habitat for Humanity Greater SF as Chair of the Audit Committee will also be helpful.

I did not see the meetings on KCOM but I did read the reports from the past two years and have a good sense of the Committee's purpose and how it can support the work of the Council.

<b>Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee?</b>	No
<b>Watched on KCOM?</b>	N/A
<b>Watched on Streaming Video?</b>	N/A

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Housing Advisory Committee  
Public Safety Committee

**Name** Jill Tanner

**Address** 124 Moraga Ave

**Phone** [REDACTED]

**E-Mail Address** [REDACTED]

**Education** BA Journalism

**Occupation** SVP Creative Design & Marketing

**Experience Related to this Appointment**

15+ years in leadership positions at HP and InVision Communications, Board Director, Watershed Collaborative,

**Why are you seeking this appointment?**

Interested in giving back to my community

**What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?**

Problem-solving, strategic planning and communications, management

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Housing Advisory Committee  
Planning Commission

**Name** Robert Dickinson

**Address** 16 Sotelo Ave

**Phone** [REDACTED]

**E-Mail Address** [REDACTED]

**Education** BA Molecular & Cell Biology, UC Berkeley

**Occupation** Consulting

**Experience Related to this Appointment**

I served two full terms (six years to 2020) on the Board of Trustees of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District (ACMAD). I gained significant experience in county government, leading subcommittees tasked with improving employee healthcare benefits, hiring an Executive Director, advising on financial/investment oversight, and improving community outreach efforts. I have also been a strong supporter of the Tyson Lake property owners association and have been active with numerous professional and charity boards outside of Piedmont including the California Life Sciences Association, UC Berkeley Reunion Committee, and the San Francisco Opera.

**Why are you seeking this appointment?**

As a 10+ year resident with three children in Piedmont public schools, I wish to serve Piedmont by bringing a unique perspective shaped by two decades of a successful career in business management and recent experiences in county government and community service. I have coached my daughter's PBSF softball team since Fall 2019 (currently coaching Spring 10U). I want to continue to work to help continuously improve the desirability of Piedmont for our families.

**What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?**

During my tenure at ACMAD, I positively impacted the agency's financial/investment functions, including modernizing reporting and oversight (I can provide a letter of recommendation outlining this contribution upon request). I have also had extensive experience with planning and development issues, from starting a new franchise business in Pleasanton and investing in vacation rental real estate with my wife. Beyond that, I have extensive strategic, operational, and transformational abilities gained during past business and community experience: organizational leadership, talent-building, solutioning, program management, analytical skills, outreach/PR experience. Also, see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/robertdickinson>

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Financial Planning Committee   
Civil Service Commission   
Park Commission   
Police & Fire Pension Board  
& Investment Subcommittee

CIP Review Committee   
Housing Advisory Committee   
Planning Commission   
Public Safety Committee   
Recreation Commission

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*Please print or type the following information:*

Name Robert S. McBain

Street 58 Sotelo Ave. Zip 94611

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Retired

Experience Related to this appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why are you seeking this appointment? \_\_\_\_\_

**Will serve if needed on either Committee; prefer Budget Advisory.**

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee in person or virtually?  Yes  No  N/A

Watched on KCOM?  Yes  No  N/A Watched on Streaming Video?  Yes  No  N/A

**Applications for the current vacancies must be received by the City Clerk's office no later than Wednesday March 17, 2021 at 5:00PM. Postmarks will not be accepted.**

**Interviews with the City Council will be scheduled for the evenings of Monday, March 22, 2021 and/or Monday, March 29, 2021 Appointments will not be made without a Council interview.**

Signature [REDACTED] Date 3/16/2021

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**Name** Michael Reese

**Address** 1086 Ranleigh Way

**Phone** [REDACTED]

**E-Mail Address** [REDACTED]

**Education** University of California, Riverside. BA in Political Science.

**Occupation** Higher education consultant. Retired higher education administrator for University of California Office of the President and Merced campus.

**Experience Related to this Appointment**

For more than 20 years I have overseen large public budgets and complex organizational challenges that have required innovative approaches to achieving financial and operational efficiencies. At UC Merced, I oversaw the Merced 2020 project, a one-million-square-foot capital project that, due to the lack of State capital funding, required a public-private partnership that represented not the first of its kind in the University of California, but a first for U.S. public higher education.

**Why are you seeking this appointment?**

My experience fits and, after 20 years in Piedmont, I have the time and opportunity to give back. My previous two years experience on the Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee and the Civil Service Committee have given me a new and important perspective about the challenges facing Piedmont. Finally, I live in a small pocket of Piedmont that is mostly young families and retirees living in small bungalows; we moved here for the school system and the community, but it has required a financial sacrifice. We cannot afford private schools or to join private clubs, and so need the community to invest in things like recreation programs and a community pool (thank you, Piedmont voters). I wish to represent those that I believe are in a forgotten part of Piedmont.

**What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?**

See above. Extensive experience building and maintaining complex budgets and overseeing large organizations, including Human Resources, public safety, and maintenance.

**Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee?** Yes

**Watched on KCOM?** No

**Watched on Streaming Video?** Yes