

# OAKLEY



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## STAFF REPORT

Approved and Forwarded to City Council:

  
Bryan Montgomery, City Manager

**Date:** June 20, 2017  
**To:** Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager  
**From:** Libby Vreonis, City Clerk  
**Subject:** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oakley to Appoint a Representative and Alternate to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a Two-Year Term (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019)

### FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 27, 2017

#### Summary and Recommendation

The current term for the representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission will expire June 30, 2017. Staff recommends the City Council review two applications submitted for the next two-year term and appoint a representative and an alternate to the Contra Costa County Library Commission.

#### Fiscal Impact

None.

#### Background Information

The Contra Costa County Library Commission was established in 1991 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian. The Library Commission is comprised of 29 members representing towns and cities in Contra Costa County, Contra Costa County, the Central Labor Council, the Contra Costa Council, the Contra Costa Community College District, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Friends Council. Members representing towns and cities are appointed by the town/city councils.

The term for the current appointee representing the City of Oakley on the Contra Costa Library Commission will expire June 30, 2017. Staff advertised for applicants through press releases, the City's website and FYI distribution to the City's Constant Contacts list. The upcoming term will extend from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 (a two-year term).

Staff received two applications which are attached to this report for the City Council's consideration. The application submitted by Yolanda Pena-Mendrek is for the representative seat and the application submitted by Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr. is for the alternate seat. Both applicants have been invited to attend the Council meeting to be held June 27, 2017 should the City Council have any questions for the applicants.

### **Conclusion**

Staff recommends the City Council review the two applications submitted and appoint Yolanda Pena-Mendrek as a representative and Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr. as an alternate to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for the next two-year term.

### **Attachments**

1. Applications submitted by Yolanda Pena-Mendrek and Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr.
2. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oakley to Appoint Yolanda Pena-Mendrek as a representative and Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr. as an alternate to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a Two-Year Term (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019).

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
BY THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL  
TO THE  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION\*  
(Please Print Clearly)**

Name: Yolanda Pena-Mendrek

Home Address: 502 Susie Street  
Oakley, CA 94561

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: 925-382-2869

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: yopego@aol.com

**Statement of interest in the position:**

*(Please attach additional pages as needed. Please use no more than 200 words.)*

- I moved to Oakley in June of 2016.
- As a civic minded individual I am always interested in serving the community where I live. I am currently serving in the Liberty Union High School District, (that serves the cities of Bethel Is., Brentwood, Byron, Knightsen, and Oakley) as a school board member. I was re-elected in 2016, and this is my third term serving in this capacity.
- I recently served in the City of Oakley Community Choice Energy Ad-Hoc committee.
- I am a founding member of the recently formed Kiwanis Club of the Greater Oakley area.

It is my desire to serve in the Library Commission because as an educator with more than 20 years of experience, I see the benefits of having libraries in all neighborhoods, where children and their families can come together to learn something, read a book or attend an educational program. Not all families are able to spend their financial resources on books, but as a community if we can have a local library, we can have them (books and programs) available. I would like to see that all families from all walks of life can avail themselves to these resources.

I believe that as a resident Contra Costa and of the City of Oakley, I can work with other commissioners to see that we can explore ways to provide library services to all of our citizens in all areas of Contra Costa County.

**Qualifications:**

*(Please describe educational, work and other experience, which would make you a valuable addition to the Commission. Please use no more than 200 words.)*

- Bachelor's Science in Business Administration
- Master's of Arts in Education: Curriculum and Instruction
- Twenty (20) years in education
  - High school teacher
  - Vice Principal
  - Principal
- California School Board Member CSBA
  - CSBA State Delegate Region 7A

**Additional relevant comments:**

As an educator, I can see the importance of having rich and well equipped libraries where members of our society can access primary sources of information.

As Walter Cronkite said... ***“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”***

Date: June 16, 2017

**Please return this application no later than 6 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 to:**

City of Oakley  
Libby Vreonis, City Clerk  
3231 Main Street  
Oakley, CA 94561  
Phone: (925) 625-7013

**\*All information contained in this application is public data and will be made available for public review and copying for anyone requesting it, and may be posted on the website of the City of Oakley. All information in this application will be provided to the Oakley City Council in a public forum and will be reviewed in public. It will therefore be part of the public record. Although you are not legally required to provide any of the information requested in this application, the information may be needed to determine your suitability for appointment to the committee.**

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
BY THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL  
TO THE  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION\*  
(Please Print Clearly)

CITY OF OAKLEY

Name: ARNOLD FITZPATRICK, JR.

Home Address: 120 MIRA VISTA DR.

OAKLEY, CA. 94561-1554

Mailing Address:  
(if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (415) 467-4991

Work Phone: (415) 467-4991

E-Mail: ARNFITZ2000@JUNO.COM

Statement of interest in the position: "ALTERNATE POSITION"  
(Please attach additional pages as needed. Please use no more than 200 words.)

I HAVE A DEEP PASSION & BELIEF THAT PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO SOCIETY IN GENERAL & INDIVIDUALS  
IN PARTICULAR. (FROM GOOGLE): LIBRARIES INSPIRE & EMPOWER.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME. ALMOST ANYTHING CAN BE EXPLORED.  
LIBRARIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR INDIVIDUALS & FOR  
COMMUNITIES. AS THE ECONOMY STRUGGLES, MANY LIBRARIES  
ARE TRANSFORMING INTO JOB CENTERS. ONLINE JOB APPLICATION  
ASSISTANCE IS ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.

HISTORICALLY ("ACCESS FOR ALL") IS WHAT DROVE THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF MOST PUBLIC LIBRARIES. THIS MISSION, STILL  
STILL RINGS TRUE TODAY.

"CONTINUED"

FOR MANY, THEIR LOCAL LIBRARY IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET IN THEIR COMMUNITIES -AND FOR SOME, IT IS THEIR ONLY ACCESS.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OFTEN "THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY," BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A WAY NO OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CAN. YOU CAN HOLD A FORMAL MEETING. YOU CAN GATHER WITH COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS.

MORE JOBS, HIGHER PROPERTY VALUES, BETTER SCHOOLS, INCREASED WAGES... THE PUBLIC LIBRARY PLAY A ROLE IN ALL OF IT.

MANY STUDIES SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT DOLLARS SPENT ON LIBRARIES, PROVIDE SOLID ECONOMIC RETURNS TO THE COMMUNITY.

**Qualifications:**

(Please describe educational, work and other experience, which would make you a valuable addition to the Commission. Please use no more than 200 words.)

CCC-LIBRARY COMMISSIONER (OAKLEY), 2015-2016. LOVE POETRY-WRITES POETRY. TWO POEMS IN VOLUME (#4), (#5) & (#6) ("IN MT. DIABLO'S SHADOW. SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD. U.S. AIR FORCE/4 YRS. AA-CERTIFICATE/CITY COLLEGE/S.F., BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING. SKLINE COLLEGE/SAN BRUNO, CA. PARTNERSHIP IN SMALL BUSINESS FOR 7 YRS/LISTED ON DUNN & BRAD STREET. STRUCTURAL PAINT SUPERVISOR/7 YRS. MENTOR OF YOUNG BOYS/HUNTERS POINT-S.F./7 YRS. TUTORED IN THE MISSION DISTRICT/S.F.

MEMBER OF THE INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION, UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE (U.R.I.) 15 YRS.

- MEMBER: FRIENDS OF THE OAKLEY LIBRARY (BOARD)
- MEMBER: OAKLEY SENIOR CITIZENS (BOARD)

ATTENDED THE : "CITY OF OAKLEY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY"

Additional relevant comments:

I HAVE HAVE A SMALL CARBON FOOTPRINT.

I EAT IN OAKLEY RESTAURANTS AND SHOP IN  
OAKLEY GROCERY STORES, ETC.

I AM APPLYING FOR THE **ALTERNATE POSITION**

Date: 12 JUNE 2017

Please return this application no later than 6 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 to:

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY  
TO APPOINT YOLANDA PENA-MENDREK AS A REPRESENTATIVE AND  
ARNOLD FITZPATRICK, JR. AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE CITY OF  
OAKLEY TO THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION  
FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM  
(JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Oakley that Yolanda Pena-Mendrek is appointed as a representative and Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr. is appointed as an alternate to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a two-year term (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019).

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakley held on the 27th day of June, 2017, by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, was upon voice vote carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Higgins, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

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Date