

# Citizen's Advisory Committee must fill 7 vacant seats

**A** DOZEN APPLICANTS have stepped forward to be considered for the seven vacant seats on the Citizen's Advisory Committee, which helps frame the terms of the city's community benefit agreements with companies seeking the payroll tax break.

Following are descriptions of the 11 CAC seats that are intended to include representatives of the neighborhood's main constituencies, the people who occupy, or seek to occupy, those positions, and the credentials they claim.

**SEAT 1:** Eva Perring, whose CAC term expires in 2015, was one of four CAC members who survived the purge. A care provider with In-Home Supportive Services Consortium and a member of the Tenderloin Filipino-American Community Association, she represents low-income families in the neighborhood. She also was a sales associate with DSW Shoes and a First Bank customer service representative.

**SEAT 2:** This seat and Seat 3 are reserved for experts in job creation or workforce development, and one of the two must also represent labor. Felice Ana Denia, a dancer, founder of Denia Dance Co. and former member of Mid-Market Redevelopment PAC, held the seat until the May purge. She has not reapplied; the seat's term extends until August 2017.

The applicant for Seat 2 is Peter Masiak, who lives on Haight Street and lists his workplace as the SEIU offices on Rhode Island Street. His experience includes several years as a tenant organizer with the Central City SRO Collaborative and efforts to organize nonprofit workers. As a graduate student at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, he wrote or co-wrote studies of the Central Market Street payroll expense tax break.

**SEAT 3:** Steven Suzuki did not survive the purge and has reapplied for this seat, the lone candidate for it. Architect Suzuki is executive director of Asian Neighborhood Design, located South of Market. The nonprofit uses architecture, community planning, employment training and support services to help revitalize low-income area. Suzuki has served on the board of a handful of Bay Area organizations and currently is a board member of Japanese American Religious Federation-Housing Inc.

**SEAT 4:** Incumbent Nella Corpuz Manuel remains a member until 2015 in this seat, representing senior or disabled residents. Manuel, a senior who

lives in the Tenderloin, is the coordinator for TNDC's People's Garden at Larkin and McAllister, and treasurer of the Canon Kip Senior Advisory Council.

**SEAT 5:** Brad Paul, ousted in the May purge, has reapplied for the seat, reserved for someone with expertise in affordable housing or tenant protection and anti-displacement policies and strategies. He is the only applicant for the seat, which expires in 2015. Paul is a long-ago TL resident who helped start the neighborhood down its improvement path and create the trend toward supportive housing in SROs. Executive director of the North of Market Planning Coalition from 1982-87 and later a housing, urban development and planning consultant, he was a senior program officer focusing on strengthening neighborhoods for the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund. He now is deputy director for the Association of Bay Area Governments.

**SEAT 6:** Robert Marquez, the only CAC member who never missed a meeting, represents a community organization that provides direct services. He is director of S.F. Mental Health Client's Rights Advocates, the state-mandated program every county is required to have. He says he will reapply for the seat when his term ends at the end of July.

**SEAT 7:** Reserved for someone with "small business expertise and a familiarity with the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area," according to the vacancy notice, this seat became vacant when former CAC Chair Dina Hilliard resigned at the end of April to have a baby. Four people have applied for the seat; the term expires in August 2017.

David Addington is the former owner of the Warfield Building and Warfield Theater, and is part owner of Showdogs restaurant. He spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in 2009 on Prop. D, a failed bid to allow for high-wattage advertising on mid-Market buildings. "I spend some time nearly every day in Central Market and am pretty familiar with the goings on," he stated in his CAC application. He also was on the committee that helped form the Tenderloin CBD.

Also applying is self-described educator, designer and artist Julian Prince Dash, whose writes, "I am the neighborhood and the neighborhood is me. ... I see no distinction between the person sleeping in the house on the hills to the person sleeping on

the actual hill." Dash's business, Holy Stitch!, operates from 42 Turk St. He's hired young drug dealers and homeless veterans, he said in the application, and operated two pop-up, "denim-centered" shops, at 986 Market and 1100 Market, in conjunction with the Luggage Store Gallery.

The third applicant is Civic Center CBD Executive Director Robert Savoie, who serves on the advisory board of the Community Justice Center, worked as a fundraiser for the Stop AIDS Project and was executive director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

Fourth is Aaron Selverston, founder and CEO of White Rabbit Strategic Consulting, which consults on political and initiative campaigns. He notes in his application that David Addington is one of his clients. "We need level-headed leadership that fights to preserve the creative and cultural core here," he says. He cites his six months of "nurturing relationships with nonprofit, city and business leaders all intent on a thriving low-income community."

**SEAT 8:** This seat, reserved for someone with expertise on homelessness, transitional age youth or supportive housing, became vacant when Daniel Hlad resigned Jan. 24 to avoid a potential conflict of interest — Hospitality House, where he works as development director, had won a grant from Twitter.

The seat has two applicants, Steven Tennis and Jeff Kositsky.

Tennis lives in the Hartland Hotel on Geary Street, is a Central City SRO Collaborative tenant organizer there and lists his occupation as an activist/advocate. He's led the Collaborative's regular disaster-preparedness workshops and works at the Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition as a resident food leader, helping to bring healthier foods items to neighborhood corner stores. He also is a volunteer corner captain for Safe Passage, a volunteer effort to help children navigate the streets of the Tenderloin. Tennis also has applied for Seat 11.

Kositsky, who submitted a three-page resume, has worked in the social sector for decades: He served eight years as Community Housing Partnership executive director and currently is chief operating officer for Green For All, a nonprofit that promotes building a green economy that helps low-income people. Kositsky has consulted various nonprofits and for several years was director of tenant ser-

vices for the Rural California Housing Corporation.

**SEAT 9:** Mara Blitzer, senior project manager at TNDC, represents real estate and leasing interests. She oversees large, complex developments — the most recent the newly opened Kelly Cullen Community in the old Central YMCA building. She has a master's degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. The term of the seat, which she's held since the CAC was formed in 2011, expires in 2015.

**SEAT 10:** The only applicant for the seat formerly held by Jesus Perez, reserved for a resident of District 6, is Antoinetta Stadlman. If approved, she will be a member for the unexpired term that ends in 2015. Stadlman works as a front desk receptionist for a Sixth Street SRO, was a former member and chair of the now defunct South of Market Redevelopment PAC and currently serves on the advisory board for the Tom Waddell Clinic. In 2001, Stadlman received San Francisco Foundation's Koshland Award, given to people who take on the challenges of helping the most problematic neighborhoods. She also applied for seat 11.

**SEAT 11:** Also reserved for a District 6 resident, this seat has been vacant since Linda Pierce resigned last year to take a new, demanding job. Four applicants are looking to fill the seat. Its term ends in 2017.

Antoinetta Stadlman, who applied for seat 10, also applied for this one, as did Stephen Tennis, who applied for Seat 6.

Peter Gallotta is a LGBT community activist and says he's lived in the Tenderloin for four years. An alumnus of the San Francisco City Hall Fellow program, a public service program for college graduates, Gallotta founded the Mama-G's Thanksgiving Street Dinner in 2009 and works for the S.F. Department of the Environment as an association in its Commute Smart Program.

Adam Leising is a doctoral candidate at Stanford University's Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment + Resources, with fields of study that include economics, sociology and engineering. He is a volunteer for Supervisor David Chiu and works for Best Bay Apartment as a residential manager for an apartment building on Hyde Street in the lower Nob Hill, Tenderloin area. ■

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affected the process. Esther Lee of Yee's office said the CAC vacancies agenda item was pushed back to June 20 because the Rules Committee's June 6 calendar "has on the agenda time-sensitive items that need to be heard within a specific time frame."

So interested parties have a little

more time to apply to serve on the CAC. To be considered, candidates will have to apply by June 10 and appear at the Thursday, June 20, Rules Committee meeting, in Room 263 of City Hall, at 1:30 p.m. Applications are available at the Board of Supervisors website at [http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy\\_application](http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application) or from the Rules Committee

clerk in City Hall Room 244.

"There's a tendency not to have patience with the process," Blitzer said. "I'm frustrated too. But we're pioneers in this."

"In the best-case scenarios, when the neighborhood gentrifies, everyone's better off. We're asking people to be the best corporate citizens they can

be. The CBAs are an interesting place to start, but it's much bigger. There's real, unrealized opportunity there, room for the companies to step up and support the communities that were there when they moved in. The needs in the neighborhood are deep and wide and need to be addressed with a long-term commitment." ■