

# **APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BART POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD District 2**



**Application period closes on Thursday, June 1, 2023.**

The BART Board of Directors established the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) to increase visibility for the public into the delivery of BART Police services, to provide community participation in the review and establishment of BART Police Department policies, procedures, practices and initiatives, and to receive citizen complaints and allegations of misconduct by BART Police Department (BPD) employees. The BPCRB is an advisory committee that reports to the BART Board of Directors. Meetings are generally held once per month, and service on the BPCRB is voluntary.

As a volunteer member of this board you will:

- Receive citizen allegations of on-duty police misconduct
- Participate in recommending appropriate disciplinary action
- Advise Board of Directors, Independent Police Auditor and Police Chief
- Review, recommend and monitor implementation of changes to police policies, procedures & practices
- Meet periodically with representatives of the BART Police associations
- Participate in community outreach

All BPCRB members must reside in one of the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, or San Mateo. BPCRB members must be fair-minded and objective with a demonstrated commitment to community service. No person currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn, shall be eligible for appointment to the BPCRB. No current or former or relative of BART Police Department personnel may serve on the BPCRB. Appointees to the BPCRB are subject to a background check and must not have any felony convictions. Members serving on the BPCRB are not required to be U.S. citizens.

<b>Personal Information</b>
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First Name: Torin

Last: Fischer

Home/Mailing Address:

City:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Alternate Phone: None

Email:

Occupation/Profession: Retired

<b>General Information/Qualifications</b>
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In what county do you reside? Alameda

Are you currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a current or former BPD employee? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a relative of a current or former BPD employee? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**References:** Please provide the names and contact information of three (3) references who are qualified to discuss your candidacy for service on the BPCRB:

Name: Garrett Shiro

Address:

Phone:

Name: Toni Alexander

Address:

Phone:

Name Richard Howard

Address:

Phone:

List any organizations or groups that you belong to or are involved with that you believe bear relevance to your candidacy for service on the BPCRB:

I believe in serving the community. To that end, I recently completed a one year assignment, as the Foreperson of the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury. My term ended on June 30, 2023. As Foreperson I was responsible for coordinating and overseeing all investigations. The GJ started with 22 complaints which had been received from the public. After reviewing the complaints, we decided that 12 would need further review. This resulted in a 160 page report, covering six detailed investigations. The report can be found on the Alameda County Grand Jury website.

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<sup>1</sup>Relatives include spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, step-parent, step-child, legal guardian, father-in-law and mother-in-law.

**Briefly explain your interest in serving on the BPCRB:**

I believe community members should be involved in providing input to public agencies to enhance their overall effectiveness, and service, to the community to which they serve. That is why I served on the Civil Grand Jury. With my service time as a line level officer, combined with my command experience, I believe I would be an asset to the Citizens Review Board.

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**What qualifications/assets do you have that make you a strong candidate for service on the BPCRB? Please feel free to attach a resume or an additional page.**

I was in law enforcement for 42 years. I retired as a Captain after 30 years with the Palo Alto Police. I then spent two years as a Captain with the UCSF Police Department and nine years as a Deputy with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department. I believe my experience would be an asset to the Review Board. It is my opinion that police work is much more complex than it was 40 years ago. The need for officers to understand "problem solving" beyond making an arrest is critical. Law enforcement is called upon to handle situations requiring an understanding of basic social work and mental health issues. Having empathy for people in crisis is a part of everyday police work and having the resources to address these needs is the responsibility of police organizations that truly serve their community. I have this understanding and have been involved in developing programs to address these types of needs.

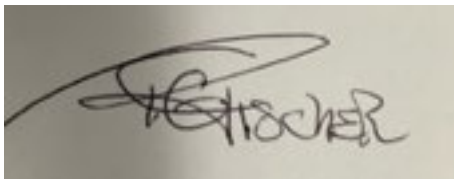
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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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**4/28/2023**

Return this form to the District Secretary's Office:  
Drop Off/In-Person: 2150 Webster Street, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612

U.S. Mail: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
c/o District Secretary's Office  
P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94604-2688

Email: [CitizenReviewBoard@bart.gov](mailto:CitizenReviewBoard@bart.gov)  
Call (510) 464-6083 with any questions.

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