



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BART POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD

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.

BPCRB Committee Public Member Requirements

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
- **Terms of Service:** All appointments or re-appointments to the BART Police Citizen Review Board shall be for two-year terms.

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.

The BPCRB Committee is a legislative body for the purposes of the Brown Act. Accordingly, committee meetings are open public meetings subject to the noticing and meeting requirements under this law except in those proceedings where a closed session may be appropriate and required.

It is important that you complete all parts of the application. If your application is incomplete or does not clearly show the experience and/or training required, your application may not be accepted.

The application process will include two phases:
PHASE 1 – Application and Recommendation Review
<i>All applications will be reviewed for all Membership Representation requirements and qualifications, letters of recommendation, resume, and any supplemental documents.</i>
PHASE 2 – BART Board of Directors Appointment
<i>Selected candidates will be invited to appear before the Board of Directors to briefly explain their interest in serving on the committee, followed by a Board vote.</i>

Personal Information

First Name: Rishi Last Name: Chopra

Home/Mailing Address: [REDACTED] City: Concord Zip: [REDACTED]

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation/Profession: Software Engineer/Student/Volunteer

General Information/Qualifications

In what county do you reside? USA

Are you currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn?
___ Yes X No

Are you a current or former BPD employee? ___ Yes X No

Are you a relative¹ of a current or former BPD employee? ___ Yes X No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___ Yes X 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: Trish Beirne

Address: [REDACTED]

Name: Thomas S. Wrobel Esq.

Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Gloria Torres

Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

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:

Concord CERT team, San Francisco Paralegal Association, EFF Electronic Frontier Alliance, Kiva Review & Translation Program, U.C. Berkeley Alumni Association

¹Relatives 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:

As someone whose freshman year roommate at Cal happened to be the gentleman who started the Police Watch DeCal (Democratic Education at Cal) course, I have seen firsthand how accountability can make a difference in the tone & tenor of discussion - and the way in which discourse regarding public services is framed, e.g. in light of accountability and transparency. As such, the chance to further serve the public in a volunteer/citizen capacity is naturally of interest (and all the more so given the good fortune of residing in The Bay Area for the last 35+ years.)

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.

Having (quite by accident) pursued a number of volunteer opportunities with various community groups in The Bay Area - all of which notionally overlap with the BPCRB (e.g. CERT, SFPA, EFF, etc.) in some way - it suffices to say that strong clerical & administrative skills make for a strong candidacy for service. Also, lots of analytical capacity (by way of a U.C. Berkeley education) is likely also to burnish the candidacy...



Signed by: Rishi Ugersain Chopra Date: 9/15/2025
Signature of Applicant: BF3DB1AFCE30484...

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
Call (510) 464-6083 with any questions.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the BART Police Citizen Review Board.

Rishi Ugersain Chopra

EDUCATION

U.C. Berkeley Extension

Certificate Program in Paralegal Studies (January 2021)

- LAW X418-012 - Essential Paralegal Studies Part I: Foundational Skills
 - Legal terminology, court structures and procedures, legal ethics, evidence, investigation, interviewing, formal discovery methods and procedures, legal research, & analysis and writing.
- LAW X419-014 - Essential Paralegal Studies Part II: Authority, Research and Writing
 - Legal research, legal writing, breaking rules into elements, applying rules to facts, pleading preparation, discovery coordination, digesting discovery documents, file maintenance, billable hours, form manipulation, electronic research, & motion preparation.
- LAW X422-001 - Paralegal E-Discovery Process and Practice
 - Preparing E-Discovery requests and responding to those requests by identifying sources of data, helping to ensure data is not compromised, arranging for data retention, and other areas of critical importance for the process.
- LAW X410-007 - Paralegal Family Law
 - Jurisdictional issues, child custody and visitation matters, child-support issues, property rights and division, and spousal-support considerations. Also, traditional marriage & alternative marriage, paternity proceedings, adoption and surrogacy rights.
- BUS ADM X410.1-029 - Principles of Business Law
 - Basic principles of the laws of contracts, agency, partnership, corporations and limited-liability companies, as well as employment and intellectual property.
- BUS ADM X495.2-026 – Internship In Academic and Professional Practice
 - Practice of paralegal skills in a professional setting: non-profit formation, probate administration, real estate trust transfers, & authoring feature articles of interest.

Diablo Valley College

A.S. Kinesiology (August 2015)

- CPR/AED, NASM-CPT, & NASM-CNC certifications

University of Hawai'i at Manoa

M.S. Financial Engineering (August 2010)

- Bloomberg Terminal Certification

University of California at Berkeley

B.S. Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (August 2003)

PROJECTS

LAW X422-001 - Paralegal E-Discovery Process and Practice

Researched & summarized recent rule changes including Federal Rules of Evidence 502, 902(13) & 902(14) and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16, 26, & 37.

LAW X410-007 - Paralegal Family Law

Prepared a draft petition, interrogatories, summons, & disclosures for a mock divorce.

EXPERIENCE

IBM Corporation, Software Group, Bay Area, CA

Software Engineer (11/2004 – Present)

- Revised a VMware-based Linux/DB2/WebSphere demonstration stack for WebSphere Product Center
- Undertook procurement, installation, regulation, and administration responsibilities for lab infrastructure
- Provided defect isolation and defect analysis for large-scale heterogeneous storage software (TSM, TPC)

Inexpensive Domains (@Com Technology), Brentwood, CA

Technical Support Representative (9/2004 - 11/2004)

- Supported domain registration and web hosting customers with technical expertise
- Helped migrate customers from a legacy domain registration system
- Revised product offering pages to reflect Virtual Private Server (VPS) offerings

Microsoft Corporation, MSN Calendar, Mountain View, CA

PM Intern (6/2002 - 8/2002)

- Provided competitive analysis measuring the calendar offerings of AOL, MSN, and Yahoo!
- Analyzed the benefits of migrating the MSN Calendar architecture to a .NET platform
- Collected requirements and wrote a specification for deployment of a content management system

PG&E Corporation, Gas Distribution and Technical Services, San Francisco, CA

Co-op Student, Systems Engineer (1/2002 - 6/2002)

- Led an initiative to migrate the Gas Pipeline Replacement Project (GPRP) database (a \$1.7B, 15-year project)
- Migrated a legacy application (FoxPRO/Clipper) to a modern Web-based architecture (Oracle/Java)
- Implemented a new database including data verification/cleansing, table design, normalization, and ETL

Centric Software, Marketing, San Jose, CA

Web Development Intern (6/2001 - 7/2001)

- Procured and assembled a custom webserver
- Implemented database tables for a content repository
- Wrote HTML, Javascript, and ASP-based pages

Sun Microsystems, Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing, Menlo Park, CA

Intern (6/2000 - 8/2000)

- Refined the engagement process for Sun's iForce lab (responsible for generating sales of over \$1B annually)
- Authored HTML, Javascript, JDBC, and Java Servlets to automate engagement process data collection
- Installed and configured Oracle 8i for data backend and provided maintenance support for the lab's mid-range Sun hardware platform

CERTIFICATIONS

Sun Certified Java Programmer (SCJP - 1.4)

Oracle Certified Associate (OCA - 9i)

Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA - RHEL6)

IBM Certified Storage Administrator – Tivoli Storage Manager V5

IBM Certified Deployment Professional – Tivoli Storage Manager V5.3

IBM Certified Deployment Professional – TotalStorage Productivity Center V3.3

COMPUTER SKILLS

Administration: TCP/IP (DNS, NAT), Apache (mod_rewrite, mod_proxy), TSM, TPC, Cisco, Blockchain

Databases: Oracle, PostgreSQL, FoxPRO, Access, DB2

Scripting: JSP, ASP, Bash, Matlab, AWK

Programming: Functional, Object Oriented, Assembly, RPC, FPGA, Web

Languages: C/C++, Scheme, Java, HTML, JavaScript, SQL, VB, UML, XML, R, Verilog, Ruby

Domains: Networking, J2EE, Security, Virtualization, Storage, Finance, Design, Education, Entrepreneurship