



CANNABIS COMMISSION

Commissioner Vacancy Announcement

The City Auditor is now accepting applications to fill one Auditor-appointed Commissioner position, to begin immediately, as part of its eleven-member volunteer citizen board.

Background

In 2004, Oakland voters passed the ballot Measure Z, a voter initiative entitled, “Oakland Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Ordinance.” In accordance with the Ordinance No. 12694 C.M.S, the Cannabis Commission’s responsibilities are the following:

- Ensure timely implementation of this ordinance.
- Oversee the implementation of the Lowest Law Enforcement Priority policy.
- Make recommendation to the Oakland City Council regarding appropriate taxation and regulations.
- Report annually to the Council on implementation of this Ordinance.

Commission Members

The Cannabis Commission is an 11-member board of volunteers. Each member of the Commission must be an Oakland resident who is registered to vote in Oakland. Three Commissioners are appointed respectively by the Mayor, City Auditor and City Manager. The remaining eight are appointed by Oakland City Councilmembers (1 Commissioner appointment per Councilmember). Once appointed, a Commissioner is expected to participate in monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month.

Commissioners are appointed for a term of 2 years, however there are no term limits. Commissioners receive no compensation.

Desired Skills and Abilities

Commissioners should represent a variety of backgrounds and professions so that the Commission provides a well-rounded perspective. Commissioners should be able to:

- Read, analyze, and understand written information and make decisions based on the information

- Listen to public input, assess community needs, and make decisions about how to best accomplish the Commission's goals.
- Understand the context in which the Commission operates within City government and the broader community.
- Communicate orally during a public, televised meeting.
- Collaborate effectively with other Commissioners, the public, City officials, and staff.
- Identify personal conflicts of interest or other factors that could lead to actual or perceived improper influence.
- Serve with fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity.
- Complete a *Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests* annually, disclosing information such as one's financial interests in investments, property, income, and gifts (to view a copy of a Form 700, contact Commission staff or visit www.fppc.ca.gov).
- Adhere to all Commission-related laws and policies, including but not limited to the Oakland City Charter, Oakland Government Ethics Act, Oakland Sunshine Ordinance, Commission Complaint Procedures, and Commission Operations Policies (by-laws).

For More Cannabis Commission Information

For more about the Cannabis Commission, visit them online at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/cannabis-regulatory-commission>. We also suggest you attend a Commission meeting in person or virtually on KTOP.

For more information about the Commission, contact Kathleen Torio (KTorio@oaklandca.gov).

To Apply

Please send a letter of interest and resume with “Cannabis Commissioner Appointment 2025” in the subject line to CityAuditor@oaklandca.gov no later than **November 15, 2025**.