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Summary of Qualifications

- Experienced with legislation and public policy at State, Federal, regional and local levels.
- Skilled in mediation, coalition building, and public speaking.
- Excellent writing, statistical, and analytical skills.
- A deep and long-term personal commitment to public service and social justice.

Professional Experience

AC Transit Director (2002-Current)

Vice-President of the Board

- Representing 1.5 million constituents in the East Bay, on elected transit Board.
- Leading implementation of new programs, including reduced price bulk pass sales, solar power, biodiesel, late night service along BART routes, and hydrogen fuel cell projects.
- Develop and advocate for policy proposals, ballot measures, and coalition-building in support of public transit, clean fuels, and congestion relief.

Adult Education *Torah* (Bible) Teacher (2007-2008)

- Teaching at Congregation *Shaar Zahav* in San Francisco, a *Torah* (bible study) class for adults, with a particular focus on reaching young adults, those who have felt excluded from other congregations, and those without prior bible study experience.

Communications & Policy Consultant (2002-2007)

- Provide strategy, data analysis and coalition-building for successful ballot initiatives.
- Coordinator of public outreach program to prevent predatory lending and foreclosures.
- Create transit-oriented development and traffic reduction plans
- Assisted in the creation and passage of Oakland Measure Z, (which passed with over 65% of the vote) and Contra Costa County Measure J, (over 71% of the vote).
- Wrote guest editorials and engaged in public speaking.

Transportation and Land Use Coalition, Policy Outreach Director (2001)

- Designed and directed advocacy effort to promote an environmentally sound and equitable Regional Transportation Plan for the Bay Area.
- Organized supporters, including neighborhood groups and faith-based organizations, for transit access for all, energy independence, and local employment.
- Authored reports analyzing transportation and land use problems and proposing regional policy solutions, briefed elected officials and the press.

California State Assembly, Legislative Assistant (16th AD: 1999-2000)

- Created and implemented an outreach and public education plan to engage constituents in public policy, and improve constituent service, wrote policy proposals.
- Arranged press conferences and prepared press releases.

Law Offices of Phillip Rapier & Associates - Legal Associate (1998-2000)

- Researched and drafted legal briefs and motions on housing, civil rights, and family law.

Federal Public Defenders, Northern District of California - Legal Extern (1997)

- Drafted briefs and motions on issues of Federal criminal law and sentencing. Prepared clients for federal petty offense cases.

Law Offices of Altshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon and Rubin - Summer Associate (1997)

- Research and wrote legal briefs and memoranda for cases regarding workplace safety, protecting pension funds, and equal employment opportunity.

Stanford Law School - Research Assistant (1996-1997)

- Examined the interrelation of law, policy and psychology. Assisted in preparing a chapter on abnormal psychology and the law.
- Drafted policy analysis on the balance between the First Amendment's free-exercise clause and increasing religiosity in the U.S.

Prisoner Legal Services, San Francisco (1996)

- Provided legal information and research to inmates in the San Francisco County jails. Helped to facilitate communication among inmates, and between inmates and staff.

Stanford University, Center on Conflict and Negotiation - Researcher (1996)

- Researched and wrote on the implications of cognitive science research for the implementation of equal employment opportunity. Received hands-on training in mediation and dispute resolution.

Paul Brest, Dean, Stanford Law School - Research Assistant (1995-1996)

- Assisted with research and syllabus creation for course on professional responsibility, professional ethics, and crisis management.

Tufts University Teaching Assistant - Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis. (1993)

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women – Intern (1991-1992)

Harvard Law School - Research Assistant to Professor Alan Dershowitz (1991)

Science for the People - Assistant to the Director (1988-1989)

- Project to redirect science resources from weapons, toward human needs.

Education

- **JD**, Stanford Law School. Palo Alto, CA
- **MA**, Urban & Environmental Policy, Tufts University. Medford, MA
- **Certificate Program**. Women in Politics and Government. Boston College.
- **BS**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA. *Psychology*.

Awards & Publications

National Coming Out Day Award. Oakland Rainbow Chamber of Commerce & Labor.

Phi Beta Kappa. MIT Honor Society

MIT Compton Award. For "Sustained and outstanding contribution to extracurricular life."

Women's Studies Writing Prize. Tufts University.

Words That Divide Us. "Off Our Backs" Newsmagazine.