

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Connie Galambos Malloy

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Information: In her first essay answer on her supplemental application regarding why she is interested in serving on the Citizens Redistricting Commission, Applicant stated that she has served in leadership roles on multiple nonprofit boards whose work spans across the entirety of California. Bureau staff contacted Applicant and asked her to identify these boards and her specific role on each of them. In response to this request, Applicant identified two organizations that she discussed in the “Activities” section and elsewhere on her supplemental application. Applicant identified the American Planning Association (APA) where she currently serves as the Diversity Director of the California Chapter, and to which she served as a Student Representative while she was a student at the University of California, Berkeley. According to its website, the APA is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities. Applicant also identified the Adopted and Fostered Adults of the African Diaspora (AFAAD), where she currently serves as the Strategic Planning Officer. According to its website, AFAAD “connects, supports, and advocates for the needs of the African diasporic adoption and foster care community on a global level through community outreach and education, legislative advocacy, research, and social gatherings.” It is an organization “for adoptees and foster alums of African descent. . . [including] domestic adoptees . . . [and] those who survived foster care systems across the world.”

In addition to the nonprofit organizations mentioned in her application, Applicant identified an organization called the “Students of Color in Planning” for which she served as the Co-Chair while a student at Berkeley. She also identified the California Planning Foundation to which she served as a Student Representative while a student at Berkeley. According to its website, the California Planning Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable corporation established to further the professional practice of planning in California.

In the “Activities” section of her supplemental application, Applicant stated that she was nominated and selected for a training program at the Women’s Policy Institute. According to its website, the Women’s Policy Institute “amplifies the voices of many women who are leading grassroots social justice work, training them on how legislation is made and connecting them to those in power.” In the Financial Contributions” section of her supplemental application, Applicant reported making a \$250 contribution to the parent organization of the Women’s Policy Institute, The Women’s Foundation of California.

In the “Financial Contributions” section of her supplemental application, Applicant reported making a contribution to three organizations that are not particularly well known. One organization is EBCRS. According to its website, the EBCRS (East Bay Church of Religious Science) is “dedicated to the spiritual transformation of the entire planet. It is committed to being a point of empowerment allowing Spirit to direct every thought, word, deed, and action for personal transformation. The second organization is PACT, An Adoption Alliance. According to its website, PACT is a nonprofit organization serving all members of the adoption triad, by offering free educational events, crisis consultations to expectant parents, and consultations to potential adoptive parents, with a special emphasis on providing support and information to adopted children and adopted adults of color. The third organization is the Women’s Foundation of California. According to its website, the Foundation “identifies and invests in emerging women leaders who are improving California, community by community.” The website also states, “the Foundation has developed a unique model for driving systemic change focused on four key areas: strategic grantmaking, movement building, strengthening organizations, and policy advocacy.”

In the “Family Information” section of her supplemental application, Applicant listed four parents and one step-parent. Applicant was adopted and reared by her adoptive family. She listed both her adoptive parents and her birth parents on the application.

On her Form 700, Applicant reported receiving income from an entity called “Urban Habitat.” According to its website, “Urban Habitat builds power in low-income communities and communities of color by combining education, advocacy, research, and coalition building to advance environmental, economic, and social justice in the Bay Area. We envision a society where all people live in economically and environmentally healthy neighborhoods. Clean air, land and water are recognized as fundamental human rights. Meaningful employment honors a worker’s right to dignity and a living wage with benefits. Effective public transportation and land-use planning connect people to the resources, opportunities, and services to thrive. Affordable housing provides a healthy and safe home for all. And quality education prepares visionary leaders to strengthen our democracy with new ideas, energy, and commitment.”

Applicant also reported on her Form 700 that she received income from an entity called “Communities for a Better Environment (CBE).” According to its website, CBE “is a social justice organization with a focus on environmental health and justice. We organize in working class communities of color because those communities suffer the most from environmental pollution and toxics. CBE works in urban communities in Northern and Southern California among low-income African Americans, Latinos, and other nationalities who are bombarded by pollution from freeways, power plants, oil refineries, seaports, airports, and chemical manufacturers. As a result, the people – who have no choice but to live in these areas -- suffer from very high rates of asthma and respiratory illnesses, heart problems, cancer, low birthrates, and miscarriages. These problems are made worse by higher than average rates of poverty, inadequate housing, poor schools, and inadequate health care and social services. Children are the most vulnerable victims of these problems.”

Staff contacted Romel Pascual, the author of one of Applicant’s letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be

relevant. Mr. Pascual confirmed the information in the letter. Mr. Pascual further stated that Applicant is balanced in her approach with people. He also described Applicant as a collaborator, because, when working in a group, she understands people have differences and everyone needs to be heard, but at the same time, she can focus the group to work toward a common goal.

Recommendation: None.

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