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June 20, 2005

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Newsom:

It is with great pleasure that the Civil Service Commission submits its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Meeting the challenge to be responsive and fiscally responsible in this very difficult budget year has tested this Commission. And I am glad to say, we met the challenge! As you know, the Civil Service Commission actively works to modernize the City’s merit system rules and policies, at the same time, maintaining flexibility and integrity in public employment. The Commission has been successful in its mission this fiscal year by focusing on:

- **Improved managerial and supervisory accountability** in employee performance so that job duties are correctly reflected in performance appraisals and other documentation by posting new Rules on temporary out-of-class assignments affecting Miscellaneous and Service-Critical Classes at the Municipal Transportation Agency.

- **Improved hiring process** for the Uniformed Ranks of the San Francisco Police Department by posting Rule amendments affecting applications, examinations, eligible lists, and certification of eligibles.

- **Expanded transparency and accountability** through increased public comment opportunities. Rule changes are adopted through an open, public process utilizing hearings where Department Heads, the Human Resources Director, the Executive Officer, Employee Organization representatives, employees, and interested members of the public may propose changes to the Rules.

- **Timely and relevant hearings** conducted at 23 Regular meetings and 24 Special Meetings. A total of 82 appeals were resolved from 103 appeals that were filed and 42 active appeals carried forward from the previous fiscal year.

- **Appeals considered and heard** on examinations, eligible lists, classification actions, discrimination complaints, and future employment restrictions. In addition to hearing appeals, the Commission conducted its business of approving the scope of services for personal services contracts, approval of Rule amendments, receiving and discussing reports on provisional, exempt employment, and class consolidation.

- **Improved “good government practices”** on the merit system through the full operation of the Commission’s Inspection Service. Investigations under the Inspection Service consist of reviewing or auditing departmental records, determining departmental and merit system practices, interviewing relevant parties, reviewing related merit system publications, and applying relevant merit system Rules, policies and procedures. The investigation may result in counseling on procedures, incorporating information in training workshops on the merit system, publication of the *Civil Service Adviser* to clarify merit system policies and procedures, or a hearing of the matter at the Civil Service Commission with subsequent remedial action.

The Commission responded to City departments need for flexibility in personnel management through its Merit System Policy and Rules Making Authority and successfully:

- Adopted expanded *Parental Leave* Rules to conform to the electorate approved Charter amendment adding Section A-8.365 Compensation during Parental Leave. This amendment allows employees to utilize sick leave, paid or unpaid, for absence(s) due to the birth of a child to the employee, the employee's spouse or domestic partner, or, assumption by the employee of parenting or child rearing responsibilities either by adoption or foster care.

- Adopted Rules *Ranking “Rule of the List” Eligible Lists* providing for transparency with eligibles ranked in order of their scores consistent with all other eligible list, not in alphabetical order as previously done.

- Adopted Rules on the hiring and employment of the *Director of Elections* that address the employment rights and responsibilities of the Director of Elections and the Elections Commission, the role of the Department of Human Resources and the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission.

The Charter provides the Commission with *Wage Setting Responsibilities*. This fiscal year the Commission:

- Set the salaries for Elected Officials and Board of Supervisors Members with Charter guidelines to conduct salary surveys and use of the Consumer Price Index.

- Certified the prevailing rate of wages for various Crafts and Kinds of Labor paid in private employment, workers on public works and improvement projects, workers performing janitorial services, public off-street parking lots, garages, or storage facilities for automobiles, and

- Certified the rates of pay for Police Officers, Firefighters and Registered Nurses.

The Commission was also successful in:

- Outreach and Departmental Support through training workshops on the merit system at both central locations and on-site workshops. The workshops provide “hands on” exercises and support departmental human resources and personnel activities. The training workshop topics cover Eligible Lists and Certification of Eligibles, Probationary Periods, Appeals and Staff Reports, and Personal Services Contracts; and, the addition of two new workshops on Appeals and Staff Reports on Separation Matters and Executive Overview on the Merit System. The scheduled workshops are well attended and are completely booked. Participants included departmental managers and staff, human resources professionals and support staff, city attorneys, and employee organization representatives.

- Conducting a timely and cost-effective recruitment and selection process due to the Human Resources Director Vacancy as a result of retirement of the incumbent and forwarded qualified candidates for consideration for nomination to Mayor Gavin Newsom for the position of Human Resources Director.

The quality of life in our great City is enhanced through the vital services provided by our City and County employees. The Civil Service Commission strives to ensure an environment that is conducive to achieving the highest quality performance in carrying out the City’s mission and needs. On behalf of the members of the Civil Service Commission, I commend the staff for their excellent work in this fiscally challenging year and am pleased to forward the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2003-04 Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA FADERE RICHARDSON
President, Civil Service Commission
June 20, 2005

Civil Service Commission
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 720
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Commissioners:

This year’s Annual Report focuses on the accomplishments of the Civil Service Commission and its department during Fiscal Year 2003-04 and highlights the important role the Civil Service Commission plays in creating a fair and equitable employment structure for the City and County of San Francisco.

The voters delegated the setting of salaries for Members, Board of Supervisors to the Civil Service Commission in 2002. The Commission acted in 2003 to set the salaries of the Board of Supervisors for a one (1) year cycle. In accordance with the Charter requirements and Commission direction, staff again in 2004 surveyed more than 450 California cities and counties and related nationwide jurisdictions to gather data on salaries and additional information requested by the Civil Service Commission. The Commission acted subsequently to set the salaries in 2004 for the next five (5) years.

This year, new Rules on the Director of Elections were adopted. Rules on Equal Employment Opportunity affecting all employees were amended and Parental Leave Rules expanded. Proposed Rule amendments on applications, examinations, eligible lists, and certification of eligibles affecting the Uniformed Ranks of the Police Department were posted. Proposed Rule amendments on temporary out-of-class assignments were also posted. Procedures on appeals and staff reports were updated. A new procedure on appeals and staff reports on separation matters was issued. In addition, a planning calendar to facilitate submission of regular reports to the Commission was issued for City Departments and the Municipal Transportation Agency.

The Civil Service Commission Inspection Service continues to be fully operational. This Charter mandated program provides a review of the operation of the merit system and responds to merit system issues presented by applicants, employees, employee organization representatives, advocates, and members of the public.

Training workshops on the merit system were again conducted and attended in record numbers this year. These are “nuts and bolts” training workshops that allow participants a “hands on” approach to learning. In addition to classes on “Merit System Overview,” “Appeals and Staff Reports,” “Probationary Periods,” and “Certification of Eligibles,” two (2) new classes were added, “Appeals and Staff Reports on Separation Matters” and “Executive Overview of the Merit System.” Participants included departmental managers and staff, human resources professional and support staff, city attorneys, and employee organization representatives.

The Civil Service Commission’s publication, the Civil Service Adviser, continued as a regularly published resource guide for the merit system and this year covered issues on Probationary Periods.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Civil Service Commission for its support and to highlight the outstanding performance of the Civil Service Commission staff in achieving the Commission’s goals and objectives. I proudly transmit the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Annual Report to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Favetti
Executive Officer
MISSION STATEMENT

The Civil Service Commission’s mission is to establish, ensure, and maintain an equitable and credible merit system for public service for the citizens of San Francisco. The Commission seeks to set the standard for excellence in personnel management through an effective, fair, and modern system that recognizes and builds on the diversity, skills, and dedication of public employees. The Commission’s goal is to consistently provide the best-qualified candidates for public service in a timely and cost-effective manner.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commissioner Linda Richardson was elected President and Commissioner Thomas T. Ng, Vice President, Civil Service Commission in June 2004.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT RICHARDSON:

Commissioner Richardson set the tone of her leadership in her acceptance statement: “I am very honored to be placed in the leadership position at this critical time because our entire civil service system is being restructured to enable timely and efficient delivery of services to our residents. I am committed to a style of leadership that acts with integrity and respects different voices. We will work hard to preserve our merit system, defend our employees’ rights and uphold due process. The entire Commission has worked hard for the City and County of San Francisco and we are proud of our many accomplishments, including making the Commission accessible for everyone.”

STATEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT NG:

Commissioner Ng also noted the change in the tone of leadership: “The Commission and its staff reflect the diversity of our communities and this great City. I am excited to be in a leadership role for the Commission and appreciate the confidence bestowed on me by my fellow Commissioners. We will continue to work hard and lead the way in creating the best civil service merit system on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco.”

FILLING THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR VACANCY:

Conducted the recruitment and selection process and forwarded qualified candidates to Mayor Gavin Newsom for consideration for selection for the position of Human Resources Director vacated due to retirement;

RULES ON PARENTAL LEAVE:

Adopted new Rules on Parental Leave consistent with the voters mandate to provide for sick leave due to the birth of a child to the employee, the employee’s spouse or the employee’s domestic partner, or, assumption by the employee of parenting or child rearing responsibilities either by adoption or foster care;

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RULES UPDATED:

Updated and modernized Civil Service Commission Rules on Equal Employment Opportunity affecting all employees in the City and County of San Francisco that clarified the Commission’s policies and added provisions for meaningful and timely reports;

TRANSPARENCY BY RANKING “RULE OF THE LIST” ELIGIBLE LISTS:

Adopted new Rules requiring that “Rule of the List” Eligible Lists be ranked according to score rather than in alphabetical order;

AMENDMENTS TO RULES APPLICABLE TO THE UNIFORMED RANKS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Opened discussion and posted Rule amendments on applications, examinations, eligible lists and certification of eligibles applicable to the Uniformed Ranks of the Police Department;

MODERNIZING RULES ON TEMPORARY OUT-OF-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

Proposed Rule amendments and opened discussions with employee organization representatives on temporary out-of-class assignments;
EXEMPT POSITIONS:
Reviewed and approved requests by departments to exempt positions in accordance with Charter authority;

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:
Conducted 23 Regular meetings and 24 Special Meetings; Received 103 appeals and carried forward 42 active appeals from the previous fiscal year and resolved a total of 82 appeals;

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS:
Reviewed and approved 162 Personal Services Contracts for a total of $391,891,948;

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY:
Certified the salary and benefits for elected officials including the Mayor, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender, Treasurer, Assessor, and Sheriff;

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SALARY:
Set the salary for Members, Board of Supervisors;

PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE:
Certified the Prevailing Wage Rate for Workers on public works and improvement projects, workers performing janitorial services, and workers in public off-street parking lots, garages, or storage facilities for automobiles;

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS:
Conducted a record number of training workshops on the merit system at both central locations and on-site workshops; Added two new workshops: Appeal and Staff Reports on Separation Matters and Executive Overview on the Merit System;

UPDATED PROCEDURES ON APPEALS AND STAFF REPORTS:
Procedures on appeals and staff reports were updated. A new procedure on appeals and staff reports on separation matters was issued. In addition, a planning calendar to facilitate submission of regular reports to the Commission was issued for City Departments and the Municipal Transportation Agency.

CIVIL SERVICE ADVISER:
Published Civil Service Adviser on Probationary Periods.
MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS, EACH APPOINTED TO SERVE A SIX-YEAR TERM. COMMISSIONERS PRESENTLY SERVING ON THE COMMISSION ARE:

Commissioner Richardson is a former member of the Commission on the Environment, Planning Commission and served as president of the Southeast Community Facility Commission. She is a tireless advocate on behalf of the Southeast neighborhood community where she worked on issues ranging from environmental justice, health, land use and planning, and community revitalization. She has also led successful efforts on behalf of women, children and persons with disabilities. Ms. Richardson has advised and collaborated on citywide sustainable economic development.

Commissioner Richardson has held numerous positions in the City and County of San Francisco government; most notably, in the administration of Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., on the San Francisco Planning Commission where she promoted economic growth, approved development of commercial and residential projects, which resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs and new businesses for the San Francisco economy. She also served in the administrations of former Mayors Art Agnos and Frank Jordan.

Commissioner Richardson is frequently sought by businesses and corporations for advice on land use issues, business development and neighborhood revitalization especially to numerous Fortune 500 companies.

Commissioner Richardson has also worked on several community development projects with a variety of agencies to increase health and environmental services to the Southeast neighborhood, worked with the City and Lennar Partners on the reuse and safe development of the Superfund Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. She serves as a steering committee member to the Southeast Neighborhood Jobs Initiative Coalition; Chair of the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Committee of the Bayview Hunters Point, in collaboration with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, worked on the establishment of the Southeast Career Center, the MUNI Third Street Light Rail Project, the Southern Waterfront Advisory Committee, and led the efforts against building the controversial proposed Applied Energy Services, Inc. power plant in the Bayview Hunters Point area. In 1998, Commissioner Linda

Linda Fadeke Richardson
PRESIDENT
Appointed June 2001 by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. Currently serving under Mayor Gavin Newsom
Fadeke Richardson led the negotiations with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company that resulted in the historic agreement to close the aged Hunters Point power plant, a major source of pollution, and advocates and supports the use of sustainable alternative energy sources. The agreement with PG&E led to the State Legislature granting $13 million to the Southeast community for energy and health related projects. She co-founded the Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice (SAEJ) and the Health and Environment Assessment Task Force; helped secure $10 million to upgrade the Southeast Sewage Treatment plant; and chaired the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Project Area Committee. As part of her work with the City’s Commission on the Environment, she was instrumental in establishing the Integrated Pest Management System, a national model in non-toxic pest management.

Commissioner Richardson has extensive expertise in telecommunication and electronic data systems. She serves on a 12-member task force appointed by Mayor Brown to advise his administration, the Public Utilities Commission and the City on the proposed $4.5 billion capital improvement of the vast San Francisco public utility infrastructure.

Commissioner Richardson is an internationally recognized leader on environmental justice and economic development. In July 2002, California Governor Gray Davis appointed Commissioner Richardson to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), a regulatory agency with representatives from the nine Bay Area counties. The Commission was established to prevent the unnecessary filling of the San Francisco Bay, to increase public access to and along the Bay, great natural resources for the benefit of the public and to encourage development compatible with this protection. She has lectured, advocated and appeared before the United States Congress, various government institutions, academic, business, and community organizations. She received recognition from the United States Congress for her lifetime work on health and environmental justice. She also advises many African leaders on environmental, technology, infrastructure assessment, and development issues. Most recently, she was invited to provide counsel to several African nations and plans to facilitate trade opportunities between the United States and Africa.

Commissioner Richardson received the “Rookie of the Year” award from the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Democratic Club for her work in protecting persons with disabilities, the 2000 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Community Service Award and the Bank of America Employee of the Month Award for her work on interstate and large-scale technology projects.

She served on the Boards of many civic and professional organizations including the League of Women Voters, National Women’s Political Caucus (NWPC), San Francisco Women Political Committee, and the Southeast Neighborhood Jobs Initiative Coalition.
Commissioner Thomas T. Ng is a former member of the San Francisco Fire Commission, past president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (“Chinese Six Companies”), founder and chairman of the Hoy Sun Memorial Cemetery. He also served as board president of many organizations, including Chinese Hospital, the Hoy Sun Ning Yung Benevolent Association, the Chinese Cultural Services Center, the National (and International) Eng Family Association, and the Asia Society of Arts of America. His directorships include service on the Bay Area United Way, Chinese for Affirmative Action and numerous other community organizations.

Commissioner Ng’s community activities center on promoting community involvement and civic participation by the influential and complex network of Chinese family associations. He helped foster a new spirit of cooperation in a Chinatown which had been divided sharply by overseas politics during the three decades following World War II.

Commissioner Ng received his education at San Francisco State University. He is fluent in English, Chinese and other different dialects. Commissioner Ng’s contributions to the community are recognized with his receiving the following awards: Chinese American Voters Education Committee, Chinese Charity Cultural Services Center, Bay Area United Way, Asian Women Resource Center, and Geen Mum Neighborhood Center.

An influential community and business leader, Commissioner Ng is the former owner of the popular Uncle’s Coffee Shop.
Commissioner Alicia D. Becerril is an Administrative Law Judge with the State of California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board where she conducts hearings and prepares decisions on the appeals of unemployment insurance benefit and disability insurance benefit cases. Prior to taking this position, Commissioner Becerril served as the Board’s Associate Chief Counsel.

Commissioner Becerril began her legal career in public interest law with the State of California, Agriculture Labor Relations Board, Energy Commission and the Department of Health. She later worked as an attorney in the private sector with law firms specializing in commercial litigation, products liability, employment law, and personal injury.

Commissioner Becerril has long been active in civic and community organizations and has worked to improve neighborhoods, ensure public safety and protect small businesses. She served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. She is past President of the Lawyers’ Club of San Francisco and Instituto Laboral de La Raza. Commissioner Becerril has also served as a Commissioner on the City and County of San Francisco Human Rights Commission, Board of Appeals, Landmarks Advisory Board, and the City of Oakland Community and Economic Development Advisory Commission. She was formerly a member of the Executive Committee of San Francisco Partnership; Director, San Francisco International Trade Council, and past-President of the U.C. Davis School of Law Alumni Association.

Commissioner Becerril worked as a law professor at the University of Northern California in Sacramento, and adjunct professor of MBA courses on international business at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She received her undergraduate degree in Social Science and teaching credential from Sacramento State College, and law degree from the School of Law at the University of California at Davis.

Commissioner Becerril’s son is a third-year law student at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Commissioner Becerril is proud to be a regular MUNI rider.
Donald A. Casper
COMMISSION MEMBER

Appointed March 2000 by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Commissioner Donald A. Casper is a member of the San Francisco law firm of Jacobs, Spotswood, Casper & Murphy LLP. He maintains a general civil practice serving the needs of small businesses and individuals in both transactional and litigation matters. His areas of concentration include professional, non-profit and closely held business corporations; contractual relations between business entities; real property and landlord-tenant law; and election law.

A fourth-generation San Franciscan, Commissioner Casper lives in the North Beach neighborhood. He has a long history of community involvement, both within his neighborhood and citywide. He currently serves on the boards of RCH Inc. (formerly Recreation Center for the Handicapped), the Salesian Boys’ and Girls’ Club, and the Columbus Day Celebration. He was chairman of the RCH Board of Directors from 1985 to 1988. Since 1994, he has chaired the board of Columbus Day Celebration, sponsor of the City’s annual Italian Heritage Parade. He also, has served as a director of the Italian-American Community Services Agency and the Tenderloin Senior Organizing Project.

In 1986, Commissioner Casper served as president of the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco, an association of Catholic lawyers and jurists. He has been a member of the Legal Affairs Advisory committee of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco. From 1991 to 1994, he sat on the Community Advisory Board of St. Mary’s Hospital and Medical Center.

Commissioner Casper was chairman of the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee from January 1997 until June 2002. Appointed to fill a vacancy on the committee in 1991, he was returned by Republican voters in the 13th Assembly District every two years between 1992 and 2000. His fellow committee members elected him chair three times. He also served on the California Republican State Central Committee.

Since 1993, Commissioner Casper has been a member of the governing board of the San Francisco State Building Authority, a state-local joint powers agency charged with the restoration of the Earl Warren State Office Building and construction of the adjoining Hiram W. Johnson Building, in San Francisco’s Civic Center. The complex houses the California Supreme Court, and the First District Court of Appeal, as well as regional offices of other state government entities.

Commissioner Casper attended Salesian Grammar School and St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University. He was editor-in-chief of Georgetown’s undergraduate weekly newspaper, The Hoya, and was the first recipient of the university’s Edward Bunn Award for Journalistic Excellence. In 1982-83, he was president of the Georgetown Alumni Club of Northern California.

An avid long-distance runner, Commissioner Casper has completed nine marathons, including the 2001 Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Casper served as president of the Civil Service Commission from June 2002 until June 2003. For civil service matters, he can be reached at civil-service@casper-law.net.
Commissioner Morgan R. Gorrono is the former owner of The Bar on Castro and has been credited for turning the establishment into an upscale lounge-type meeting place and changing the gay bar scene in San Francisco. He was also the Chief Operations Manager of The Café and was instrumental in creating a diverse customer base and initiating an aggressive diversity-hiring program of bartenders and staff receiving full benefits. His efforts have made The Café the 2nd biggest employer in the Castro area. He sold his interest in the business and has a new business venture in home restoration and repair.

Commissioner Gorrono is active in numerous community service and non-profit organizations. His fundraising activities have benefited P.A.W.S., The AIDS Emergency Fund, The God Father Service Fund, and Breast Cancer Research. His community service activities include: Board Member of Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (M.U.M.C.); Founding member and Vice President of the District 8 Democratic Club; Member of C.O.B., an oversight group working to create a Gay/Lesbian homeless youth shelter; Member of Upper Market Citizens Patrol; Member of Mayor Brown's Lavender Steering Committee; Member of Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club; and is an active Member of the S.P.C.A.

Commissioner Gorrono is deeply interested in public safety and law enforcement and works closely with the Mission Police Station, the Police Department and the Police Commission on community safety and protection and officer safety programs. Commissioner Gorrono served as President from June 2003 to June 2004.
104 Years of Civil Service Commissioners

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## 104 Years of Civil Service Commissioners

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11/15/1977 - 09/26/78  |  Lillian K. Sing  |  George R. Moscone
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04/23/1979 - 06/30/79  |  Carlota Texidor del Portillo  |  Dianne Feinstein
04/26/1979 - 06/30/81  |  Allen Haile  |  Dianne Feinstein
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07/01/1981 - 03/29/84  |  Darrell J. Salomon  |  Dianne Feinstein
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07/01/1983 - 06/30/89  |  Louis Hop Lee  |  Dianne Feinstein
03/30/1984 - 06/30/87  |  A. Lee Munson  |  Dianne Feinstein
07/01/1985 - 01/04/91  |  Carlota Texidor del Portillo  |  Dianne Feinstein
07/01/1987 - 01/29/88  |  Timothy L. Porter  |  Dianne Feinstein
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10/25/1988 - 10/04/93  |  Grant S. Mickins, III  |  Art Agnos
07/01/1989 - 09/11/89  |  Louis Hop Lee  |  ---
11/06/1989 - 09/02/90  |  Richard J. Tomoda  |  Art Agnos
02/12/1991 - 10/11/94  |  Emi R. Uyehara  |  Art Agnos
02/12/1991 - 06/30/91  |  Juan Rios  |  Art Agnos
07/01/1991 - 06/30/97  |  Juan Rios  |  Art Agnos
10/04/1993 - 06/30/99  |  Karen Clopton  |  Frank Jordan
10/04/1993 - 02/03/00  |  George Kosturos  |  Frank Jordan
07/01/1993 - 02/03/00  |  A. Lee Munson  |  Frank Jordan
10/08/1994 - 06/30/95  |  Adrienne G. Pon  |  Frank Jordan
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07/01/1997 - 08/13/03  |  Rosabella Safont  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
07/01/1999 - Present  |  Morgan R. Gorrono  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
07/01/1999 - Present  |  Donald A. Casper  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
07/01/1999 - 10/01/00  |  Karen Clopton  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
03/09/1901 - 04/10/01  |  Johnnie Carter, Jr.  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
06/19/1901 - Present  |  Linda Richardson  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
05/10/1903 - Present  |  Thomas T. Ng  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
08/14/1903 - Present  |  Alicia D. Becerril  |  Willie L. Brown, Jr.
## 104 YEARS OF GENERAL MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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*Proposition “L” (11/93) Restructured Personnel function and created a Department of Human Resources separate from the Civil Service Commission. Albert C. Walker was granted permanent civil service status to Executive Officer, Civil Service Commission by the terms of Proposition L (1932 Charter Sec. 3.661, 1996 Charter Section 10.101). The position became appointive by the Civil Service Commission upon Mr. Walker’s vacating.
Establishment of the Civil Service Commission

The San Francisco Civil Service System was established under the 1900 Freeholder Charter.

- San Francisco Civil Service Commission was established, simultaneously with the establishment of the merit system for the City and County of San Francisco.
- The Civil Service Commission one of the oldest in the country, pre-dated only by just a few years by Chicago, New York, and a few other Eastern municipalities. San Francisco has the oldest civil service system West of the Mississippi.
- The first members of the Commission were P.H. McCarthy, John E. Quinn, and Richard Freud, who were appointed by Mayor James D. Phelan on December 30, 1899.
- The Commission’s first meeting occurred on January 5, 1900; Richard Freud was elected president.
- The first competitive examination was held on January 8, 1900, and as a result, Edward F. Moran was appointed “Chief Examiner and Secretary” of the Commission.
- The offices of the Commission opened to the public at noon, January 8, 1900, and by 5:00 p.m., 621 Laborers applications were received and hundreds of applications for examinations were issued.

Charter Reform

- Enlarged the scope of duties of the Civil Service Commission
- Gave greater powers to the Civil Service Commission to enforce its rulings and included the following important components:
  - Control of the classification plan;
  - Restrictions on exempt appointments;
  - Provisions for practical, free and competitive examinations;
  - Persons appointed subject to a six-month probationary period;
  - Decision of Civil Service Commission on appeals is final;
  - Prohibition of political activity;
  - Central control to assure the unhampered operation of the merit system.

Expansion of Civil Service Commission

The electorate voted to:

- Expand the Civil Service Commission from three (3) members to five (5) members;
- Require not less than one member be a woman;
- Require a special oath upon appointment.
1979 *Compliance agreement between the Office of Revenue Sharing and the City & County of San Francisco.*

- Created open, competitive process for promotive examination;
- Allowed horizontal and vertical access to the promotive system;
- Permitted an accelerated examination process to address long-term temporary employees;
- Expanded recruitment efforts for city jobs to support the citywide equal employment opportunity plan;
- Established an in-house discrimination complaint procedure.

1991 *Civil Service Reform and Collective Bargaining*

The electorate approved four (4) ballot measures that:

- Removed a number of Charter provisions word for word and added them to the Civil Service Commission Rules to allow for negotiation on changes through a meet and confer process;
- Increased flexibility in classification of positions;
- Established the minimum certification Rule of Three Scores;
- Provided for collective bargaining subject to merit system carve-outs.

1993 *Creation of the Department of Human Resources*

Ballot measure approved by the electorate:

- To create the Department of Human Resources effective January 1, 1994;
- Redefined the Civil Service Commission role from an operational personnel department to a policy making/appeals board.

1996 *Charter Revision*

- The 1932 Charter was revised, recodified and reorganized;
- The role of the Civil Service Commission was clarified to reflect the Civil Service Commission’s jurisdiction and the merit system in the new collective bargaining environment;
- Limits were placed in the Charter on the duration of provisional appointments;
- Required that not less than two (2) members of the Civil Service Commission shall be women.
1999 *Creation of Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) (Proposition E)*

- Voters approved the creation of the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) in November 1999 election;
- Preserved the role of the Civil Service Commission as to merit system issues in the Municipal Transportation Agency.

2001 *Appeal to the Civil Service Commission of the Removal of the Director of Elections (Proposition E)*

- Voters approved amendments to the Department of Elections in November 2001;
- The Elections Commission to appoint the Director of Elections from a list of qualified applicants according to the civil service provisions of the Charter;
- Removal of the Director of Elections by the Elections Commission may be appealed to the Civil Service Commission.

2002 *Salary Setting – Board of Supervisors*

- Voters approved Charter Amendment to provide that the job of the members of the Board of Supervisors is full time and that the salaries be set by the Civil Service Commission once every 5 years.

2003 *Ethics Reform (Proposition E)*

- The voters approved Charter amendments in November 2003 that consolidated all of the City’s ethics laws into the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, created new laws and amended some of the existing laws including laws on hiring of family members and incompatible activities. The Civil Service Commission comments from a merit system perspective on Statements of Incompatible Activities forwarded by the Ethics Commission.
The Civil Service Commission is charged to oversee, regulate, and serve as final arbiter of the City and County of San Francisco civil service merit system. The Civil Service Commission fulfills its Charter and legal mandates by:

- Establishing Rules, regulations, policies, and procedures that provide the framework for the operation of the City and County personnel system. For example, the Commission approves Rules and procedures governing equal employment opportunity, applications, examinations, eligibility, duration of eligible lists, appointments, promotions, transfers, resignations, and other personnel related matters;

- Hearing of appeals of administrative actions and decisions of the Human Resources Director, the Director of Transportation and its Executive Officer, including discrimination complaints, and rendering final and binding decisions;

- Investigating and resolving charges and complaints of discrimination, sexual harassment, and otherwise prohibited nepotism and favoritism;

- Instituting legal proceedings, if necessary, to abate violations of the Civil Service merit system provisions of the City and County Charter and Commission regulations;

- Directing the Human Resources Director to take such action as the Commission believes necessary to carry out the civil service merit system provisions of the Charter;

- Directing the Municipal Transportation Agency Director to take such action as the Commission believes necessary to carry out the civil service merit system provisions of the Charter applicable to Service-Critical classifications at the Municipal Transportation Agency;

- Providing training and education on the merit system;

- Monitoring and auditing the operation of the merit system through Inspection services;

- Conducting salary and other personnel, human resources related surveys;

- Setting salaries and benefits of elected officials;

- Providing outreach, information and notification of the Catastrophic Illness Program (CIP); and,

- Administering the City’s Employee Relations Ordinance.

The Civil Service Commission continues to focus on its Charter-mandated functions on formulating policy and creating the structure for the personnel system of the City and County.
ORGANIZATION CHART

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Linda Richardson, President
6/7/04 – PRESENT
Morgan R. Gororno, President
6/2/03 – 6/7/04
Thomas T. Ng, Vice President
6/7/04 – PRESENT
Linda Richardson, Vice President
9/15/03 – 6/7/04
Alicia D. Becerril, Commissioner
8/14/03 – PRESENT
Donald A. Casper, Commissioner
3/8/00 – PRESENT
Thomas T. Ng, Commissioner
5/10/03 – PRESENT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Kate Favetti

SENIOR PERSONNEL ANALYST
Yvette Gamble

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Anita Sanchez

APPEALS COORDINATOR
Gloria Sheppard

RULES, PERSONNEL & OFFICE COORDINATOR
Lizzette Henríquez

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ASSISTANT
Elizabeth García
STAFF

Kate Favetti, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Yvette Gamble, SENIOR PERSONNEL ANALYST
Elizabeth García, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ASSISTANT
Lizzette Henríquez, RULES, PERSONNEL AND OFFICE COORDINATOR
Anita Sanchez, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Gloria Sheppard, APPEALS COORDINATOR

BUDGET

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COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Civil Service Commission held a total of 47 meetings during Fiscal Year 2003-04. Of the 47 meetings, 23 were regular meetings and 24 were special meetings.

Regular Commission meetings are on the first and third Mondays of each month in City Hall Hearing Room 400. When the regular meeting falls on a holiday, the Commission meets on the next succeeding business day unless it designates another day to meet at a prior regular meeting. Special meetings are called by the President or a majority of the Commission. All meetings of the Commission are open to the public except as otherwise legally authorized.

Commission meetings are conducted in accordance with the Commission’s Hearing Policies and Procedures attached to each Agenda and Notice of Commission Meeting documents.

Regular Commission meetings are organized as follows:

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Public Comment on Matters Appearing on the Agenda**
- Public comment on Agenda items

**Approval of Minutes**

**Announcements**
- Changes to the Agenda, change in meeting schedule and other relevant information

**Ratification Agenda**
- These are non-contested matters to be acted by a single vote of the Commission. No separate discussion on the items unless requested; the item is severed from the Ratification Agenda and considered a separate item.
- Matters on Ratification Agenda are proposed personal services contracts that have been posted for seven (7) calendar days by the Department of Human Resources and no appeals were received during the posting period.

**Consent Agenda**
- All matters on the Consent Agenda will be acted upon by a single vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a request is made; in which event, the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

**Commission Old Business**
- Follow up of previously discussed policy, procedure, or items having impact on the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**Regular Agenda**
- Requests for hearing on examination, classification, certain compensation matters, and appeals of the Human Resources Director’s decisions on certain administrative matters; appeals of the Director of Transportation’s decisions on merit system matters affecting service-critical classes at the Municipal Transportation Agency; and appeals of the Executive Officer’s decision.

**Separations Agenda**
- Appeals of separated employees on future employment restrictions recommended by appointing officers and automatic resignations for certain employee groups.

**Commissioner’s Other Business**
- Policy, procedures and matters impacting the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**Human Resources Director’s Report**
- Report on merit system issues and items administered by the Department of Human Resources.

**Executive Officer’s Report**
- Report on merit system issues and items impacting the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission.

**Request to Speak on Any Matter within the Jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission**
- Public comment on matters under the Commission’s jurisdiction.

**Adjournment**
- The Commission meets to review requests for hearing of employee separations from service, examination appeals, classification appeals, certain compensation appeals, and appeals of the Human Resources Director’s decisions on certain administrative matters. The Commission also hears appeals of decisions of the Director of Transportation on merit system matters affecting service-critical classes at the Municipal Transportation Agency. The Commission considers at its meetings proposed Civil Service Commission Rule and policy changes, and proposed Charter amendments.
WAGE SETTING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Certification of Rates of Pay and Prevailing Wages

The Charter provides that the Commission certify the rates of pay for Police Officers, Firefighters, Registered Nurses, and the prevailing rate of wages of various crafts, janitorial services, workers in public off-street parking lots, garages, or storage facilities for automobiles and kinds of labor paid in private employment for the City.

Setting of Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials

In addition, the Commission sets the salary and benefits of all elected officials of the City and County of San Francisco. Salary (except for Members of the Board of Supervisors) and benefits are within the parameters established by Charter Section A8.409-1 as stated, in part: “Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the Civil Service Commission shall set the wages and benefits of all elected officials of the City and County of San Francisco as follows: wages shall be frozen for fiscal year 1994-95 and 1995-96 at the rates in effect on June 30, 1994, thereafter, wages and benefits may be adjusted on July 1 of each fiscal year to reflect upward change in the CPI as of the preceding January 1; however, wage increases may not exceed 5%. Benefits of elected officials may equal but may not exceed those benefits provided to any classification of miscellaneous officers and employees as of July 1 of each fiscal year.”

Setting of Salary for Members of the Board of Supervisors

On November 5, 2002, the City and County of San Francisco Electorate approved Proposition J, amending City Charter Section 2.100 - Composition and Salary to direct that Member, Board of Supervisors is a full-time position. The amended Charter Section also directs the Civil Service Commission to establish a five (5) year salary cycle, consider a salary survey of California cities and counties with full-time City Councils and County Supervisors, transmit its salary determination to the Controller in a timely manner to coordinate with City budget processes and related procedures, and set the salary of the Board of Supervisors once every five (5) years. However, the Charter provided that the Civil Service Commission could establish a shorter cycle for the initial determination.

In its initial determination on May 19, 2003, the Civil Service Commission established a one (1) year cycle. The Civil Service Commission set the annual salary for Members, Board of Supervisors effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 at $112,320.

On May 17, 2004, the Civil Service Commission established a five (5) year cycle effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009. In determining the salary, the Civil Service Commission conducted seven (7) Regular meetings to provide direction for the salary survey and solicit public comment.

The survey consisted of collecting additional information to supplement the salary data from California jurisdictions with full-time City Councils and County Supervisors including: total number of members and population represented; administrative responsibilities and/or job functions; total number of city/county departments and employees; budget; outside employment policy; internal and external committee structure; consumer price index; cost of living comparison; and, examples of applicable charter provisions.

California’s four hundred and seventy-eight (478) cities and fifty-eight (58) counties were surveyed to determine the jurisdictions with full-time City Councils and County Supervisors. The results were four (4) cities with full-time City Councils and thirty-six (36) counties with full-time County Supervisors. Information was also collected from nine (9) selected national jurisdictions with similar governmental structures as San Francisco.

In its deliberations, the Civil Service Commission considered the complex nature of the position, the importance of the position in the framework of City and County of San Francisco governance, the budget, the special nature of a combined city and county governing...
function, the salary in relation to staff, and comparison to other similar jurisdictions.

On May 17, 2004, the Civil Service Commission set the annual salary for the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors at $90,000 and established a five (5) year cycle, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009. The Civil Service Commission also acted to increase the salary for each fiscal year, effective July 1, 2005 based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) reported in January of each year and not to exceed 5% and that the salary will not decrease in the event that the CPI-U falls below zero.

In accordance with Charter Section 2.100, the Civil Service Commission will again set the salary for the Board of Supervisors for a five (5) year cycle, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND MERIT SYSTEM POLICY AND RULES MAKING AUTHORITY

The City and County of San Francisco Charter delineates the responsibilities of the Civil Service Commission and outlines the civil service merit system to include (but not limited to):

- the authority, purpose, definitions, administration, and organization of the merit system and the Civil Service Commission;
- the establishment of policies, procedures and Rules governing allegations of discrimination or otherwise prohibited nepotism or favoritism; applications; examinations; eligibility; duration of eligible lists; certification of eligibles; leaves of absence; appointments; promotions; transfers; resignations; lay-offs or reduction in force, both permanent and temporary, due to lack of work or funds, retrenchment or completion of work; the designation and filling of positions, as exempt, temporary, provisional, part-time, seasonal, or permanent; status and status rights; probationary status and the administration of probationary periods except duration; pre-employment and fitness for duty medical examinations, except for the conditions under which referrals for fitness for duty medical examinations will be made, and the imposition of new requirements; classification; conflict of interest; and such other matters not in conflict with this Charter;
- the ability to inquire into the operation of the civil service merit system to ensure compliance; and,
- the hearing of appeals from an action of the Human Resources Director or the Municipal Transportation Agency Director.
Civil Service Commission Rules

Foremost in the Commission’s agenda is to modernize and streamline the Civil Service Commission Rules, to protect the civil service merit system, and to control costs which result from practices which may not be conducive to the efficient operation of a department. The Civil Service Commission recognizes the need to make our workforce more efficient by providing managers with the necessary tools which conform with and anticipate changes in the work environment so as to avoid expending unnecessary personnel time and resources on duplicative or archaic practices.

In its effort to address City departments’ need for flexibility in personnel management, the Commission has an on-going process of seeking input from departments and responding to the needs expressed regarding the City’s merit system. The Committee on Policy and Rules Revision (COPAR), made up of various departmental representatives, Department of Human Resources representatives and Commission staff convenes regularly to share concerns, provide advice and address the operation of the merit system. COPAR reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations on needed Rule changes. Commission Rules are evaluated to assure compliance with federal, state and local laws.

Meet and confer sessions are conducted by Commission staff. All Rule changes are posted for ten (10) days prior to adoption by the Civil Service Commission.

Policies and Procedures

Service accessibility and utilization of its services is a priority of the Civil Service Commission. The Commission has made available and expanded its on-line information through the Commission website. Policy and procedures on “Appeals and Requests for Hearings” and “Submission of Written Reports on Appeals” have been updated and available in on-line, electronic and print formats.
The Civil Service Commission acted on October 4, 1999 to recodify and reformat the Rules to provide consistent administration, uniformity and easy readability.

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Class Consolidation Priority

The Civil Service Commission adopted in 1991, a policy directive to reduce the number of City and County classes to 1,000 or fewer by the year 2000. The Commission continues to pursue this goal directing its efforts towards rules, policies, and procedures that facilitate classification transactions conducted by the Department of Human Resources. The City now has approximately 1,368 classes, down 742 from over 2,100 in a 1991 peak (a 35% decrease).

Professional-Personal Services Contracts

The Civil Service Commission's review of proposed professional-personal services contracts is consistent with its authority to oversee the merit system. This authority includes that where there is a merit system, services provided to the public use public employees.

The Civil Service Commission also determines whether the circumstance pertaining to the need to provide services in a particular situation (or situations) warrants the use of a professional-personal services contract or contractors in lieu of civil service employees. Professional-personal services contracts include agreements for services paid by the City and County of San Francisco with individuals, companies, corporations, non-profit organizations, and other public agencies. The Commission's role and responsibilities are in accordance with City Attorney opinions and are consistent with the objectives of Proposition L (November 1993) in that it places the Civil Service Commission in a policy making, rather than an administrative role in the selection of individual contractors.

The Commission adopted revised policies and procedures on December 5, 1994, which became effective on January 1, 1995. The revised procedures streamlined and expedited the processing of professional-personal services contracts by eliminating a significant amount of bureaucratic red tape. This was accomplished without loss of the monitoring and auditing of the contracting procedure placed by the Charter in the Commission's jurisdiction. The procedures are periodically reviewed and revised by the Civil Service Commission.

Important points in the procedures include:

- An appeal procedure to insure merit system oversight;
- A streamlined Civil Service Commission approval process for professional-personal services contracts; the Civil Service Commission reviews proposed professional-personal services contracts greater than $50,000;
- A professional-personal services contracts approval option that is consistent with the City and County's budgetary process by providing departments with the ability to include contracted services as part of the departmental budget when being submitted to the Mayor's Office.
The following chart is a breakdown of the approval types for professional/personal services contracts.

Representatives from the Controller’s Office, Office of Contract Administration, Human Rights Commission, the City Attorney’s Office, Department of Public Health, Department of Aging and Adult Services, and the Civil Service Commission conduct ongoing workshops available through the Department of Human Resources to train managers, supervisors, and contract administrators on professional-personal services contracts procedures.
Below is a breakdown of the type of service provided for professional-personal services contracts:

100% = 162 Contracts Requiring Civil Service Commission Approval
Civil service, also known as the merit system, was created to assure that the recruitment and retention of a qualified work force, and, the selection and promotion of employees providing public service and compensated by tax dollars is conducted in a fair and impartial manner and in a competitive fashion.

The demand for accountability, high performance and ethical standards require a visible, objective public personnel process provided by a merit system. This demand for accountability is reflected in the Civil Service Commission Charter mandate to oversee the City’s merit system through establishment of Rules, policies and procedures, hearing of appeals, inspection and audit service, training, and reports from the Executive Officer on the operation of the merit system.

Oversight through Hearings and Appeals

The Charter provides that a major function of the Commission is to consider appeals on merit system and other matters under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. Consideration of appeals provides a mechanism for the Commission to monitor the status of the merit system.

The Commission also considers requests for hearings on separations and appeals on future employment with the City and County following employee separations from service: provisional, exempt, and probationary; automatic resignations due to abandonment of position; terminations of temporary employees appointed from civil service lists; resignations certified as services unsatisfactory; and dismissals of permanent employees.

Appeals before the Commission cover a range of matters under the Commission’s jurisdiction. Many are routine and a few are uncommon and unusual.

The Commission had 41 active appeals on file at the end of Fiscal Year 2002-03. A total of 103 appeals and requests for hearings were received in the Commission office during Fiscal Year 2003-04. A total of 82 appeals were resolved. Many appeals were successfully resolved administratively and did not require a Civil Service Commission hearing, or, are still pending. The Civil Service Commission heard 37 appeals; 4 appeals were deemed untimely; 19 were administratively resolved; and, 22 were either withdrawn, determined not to be in the Commission's jurisdiction or resolved through other mechanisms.

Audit and Inspection Services

The Inspection Service serves as another mechanism for the Civil Service Commission in its role and responsibility to review the operation of the merit system and to respond to merit system issues presented by applicants, employees, employee organization representatives, advocates, and members of the public.

An inspection service request is an inquiry into the operation of the merit system and may be submitted by applicants, employees, departmental representatives, advocates, employee organization representatives, or a member of the public by letter, telephone, email, or in person. Inspection service requests are also generated by Civil Service Commissioners in response to items heard at Civil Service Commission meetings or other venues.

Inspection Service investigations may include reviewing or auditing departmental records, determining departmental and merit system practices, interviewing relevant parties, reviewing related merit system publications, and applying relevant merit system Rules, policies and procedures. The investigation may result in counseling on procedures for either the requestor or the department, incorporating information in training workshops on the merit system, publication of the Civil Service Adviser to clarify merit system policies and procedures, or a hearing of the matter at the Civil Service Commission with subsequent remedial action, as appropriate.
An employee requests a Civil Service Commission review of the selection process because she has not been appointed to a Plumber position nor has she received any job notifications. By way of background, this person has been employed with the City and County of San Francisco for seven (7) years. Concurrent with her City employment, she completed a Plumber apprenticeship program and obtained all of the required licenses and certifications. She successfully participated in the City’s Plumber examination; however, she has been on the eligible list for nearly one (1) year and the eligibles ranked immediately above and below her have been appointed to Plumber positions. She is requesting that the Civil Service Commission department review the selection process because she has not been appointed to a Plumber position nor has she received any job notifications.

Civil Service Commission Inspection Service Review:

- Reviews the current job announcement and corresponding eligible list to verify that the employee is on the list;
- Reviews Civil Service Commission Rule Series 012 - Eligible Lists, Rule Series 013 - Certification of Eligibles; related policies, procedures, publications, practices, and Civil Service Commission actions;
- Reviews the Citywide certification/referral for positions filled from the current list to determine if selections were made according to the examination’s Certification Rule;
- Contacts the employee to verify their current address and obtain any additional information as necessary;
- Contacts City departments to determine when referral letters were sent, when interviews were held, and who was interviewed.

If the selections are appropriate:

- Responds to the employee advising her that the appointments were made in accordance with Civil Service Commission Rules;
- Includes a description and/or illustration of the certification/referral process;
- Advises the employee that job notifications were sent; however, she didn’t receive them because she did not file her new address with the Department of Human Resources;
- Counsels the employee regarding appropriate address change procedures and provides her with the applicable form.

If the selections are inappropriate:

- Contacts the City Department Head to advise them of the areas requiring correction including scheduling the matter for Civil Service Commission consideration and action if necessary or appropriate;
- Notifies the employee of the results.
INSPECTION SERVICE REQUESTS
FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

- Certification and Selection: 31%
- Examination: 23%
- Layoff: 20%
- Civil Service Rights: 11%
- Other: 9%
- Probationary Period
- Personal Service Contracts

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR – RETIREMENT AND COMMENDATION

Andrea R. Gourdine, Human Resources Director announced her retirement to be effective at the end of Fiscal Year 2003-04. The Civil Service Commission recognized Ms. Gourdine’s 34 years of service and accomplishments at its Regular meeting on June 21, 2004 and issued this commendation:

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
to
ANDREA R. GOURDINE

Resolution of Commendation to Andrea R. Gourdine, Human Resources Director, City and County of San Francisco, upon her retirement after thirty-four years of dedicated service.

Whereas, Andrea R. Gourdine is clearly a trailblazer in her field of City government, topping her career as the first woman to lead the City’s Department of Human Resources; and

Whereas, Ms. Gourdine was the City’s first African American woman hired as a professional personnel analyst, Senior Personnel Analyst, Principal Personnel Analyst, and Assistant Division Manager, Personnel; and

Whereas, Ms. Gourdine has the distinction of being the first woman to be employed as the top human resource official, Manager, Bureau of Personnel and Training, at Public Utilities Commission (PUC), one of the two largest San Francisco departments. When she was appointed to the position, PUC was comprised of more than 5,000 positions and included MUNI, Water Department, Hetch Hetchy Water & Power, as well as, the support Bureaus; and

Whereas, As a human resource professional in public service, Ms. Gourdine has been dedicated to improving employment opportunities and working conditions for women and minorities. Her career is replete with examples of how she used her expertise and influence to create and/or advance opportunities for women; and

Whereas, Among the highlights of her City and County service are:

- Implementing the first consolidated sexual harassment and discrimination complaint procedures, whereby the Human Resources Director resolves all internal complaints subject to appeal to the Civil Service Commission;
- Streamlining the Referral (certification) process so that departments can make permanent civil service selections more quickly;
Improving human resources information systems through the implementation and deployment of PeopleSoft which created ready access to personnel information and automated the approval of requisitions for employment from weeks to within hours;

Along with the Mayor’s Workers Compensation Council, developing a coordinated citywide plan designed to prevent claims, improve claims processing, speedily return injured employees back to work, and control costs which resulted in keeping expenditures within budget allocations for the last two years; and establishing and implementing “Best Practices” workers compensation work processes and performance expectations resulting in claims being at the lowest level in eight years;

Designing and launching the department’s website which provides expanded information on job opportunities, salaries and benefits, DHR personnel forms used citywide and as well as the Health Service System Division’s health benefit selection process for current and retired City employees; and initiating and launching the on-line application capability;

Implementing the PeopleSoft Benefits Administration and Financial Interface Project which resulted in improved Health Service Claims administration and processing and the elimination of the legacy WANG system; and

Whereas, The Department was awarded a National Grant for innovation in Human Resources from the Cooperative Personnel Service and the International Personnel Management Association; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Civil Service Commission takes this opportunity to commend Andrea R. Gourdine for her outstanding contribution and dedicated service to the work of the Civil Service Commission and to the betterment of the civil service merit system in the City and County of San Francisco; and

Further Resolved, That the members of the Civil Service Commission do hereby extend to Andrea R. Gourdine our heartfelt wish that she may enjoy the fullest measure of good health, prosperity, and happiness in her well deserved retirement, and do hereby adopt this resolution to express to her our highest esteem and sincere appreciation; and do further direct that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to her as a token of the high regard in which we hold her.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Adopted June 21, 2004
RECRUITING FOR A NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Under its Charter Authority, the Civil Service Commission has the role and responsibility to nominate candidates for the position of Human Resources Director for consideration by the Mayor. The Charter requires the Human Resources Director possess a minimum experience not less than ten years professional experience in personnel, human resources management, labor or employee relations at least five years of which must be in federal, state or local governmental personnel management and such other qualifications as determined by the Commission.

The Civil Service Commission began recruiting for the full-time position of Human Resources Director on April 30, 2004. The job announcement indicated that the deadline was “open until filled,” but would not close before 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2004.

Local newspapers, a wide variety of community publications including Asian Week, Bay Area Reporter, China Press, Chinese Times, El Latino, El Mensajero, El Reportero, and World Journal as well as a number of internet postings such as the Government Jobs website, San Francisco Unified School District and the Department of Human Resources.

In addition, the announcement was distributed to nearly 700 Bay Area community organizations and State-wide jurisdictions, County Personnel Administrators Association of California (CPAAC), International City/County Managers Association (ICMA), International Personnel Management Association (IPMA-HR), Personnel Testing Council of Northern California (PTC/NC), Society for Human Resource Managers (SHRM), Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) and the Western Region Intergovernmental Personnel Assessment Council (WRIPAC).

In determining the nominees for the Mayor’s consideration, the Civil Service Commission considered and interviewed all qualified applicants. The Civil Service Commission forwarded the nomination(s) to the Mayor on June 24, 2004.
The Employee Relations Ordinance (ERO) was established in 1973 to promote employee-employer relations and to recognize the right of City and County employees to join employee organizations of their own choice and to be represented by those organizations in their employment relationship with the City and County. This Ordinance is administered through the Civil Service Commission and is part of the Administrative Code that authorizes the Commission to perform functions required for ERO administration.

The Commission is both neutral and impartial in its role of providing a reasonable foundation to resolve labor relation disputes. The ERO promotes communication between the City and its employees and their representative employee organizations. Civil Service Commission Rule 07 Series – Rules Related to the Employee Relations Ordinance, was adopted to provide specific administrative procedures to carry out these functions which were assumed by the Commission in August 1976.

State legislation, SB 739 that took effect on July 1, 2001 impacted the Commission’s administration of the City and County of San Francisco’s Employee Relations Ordinance. With the implementation of SB 739 which amended the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA), the State agency known as the “Public Employment Relations Board” (PERB) was given the authority to administer and decide unfair labor practice charges previously filed and remedied at the local level. PERB is not limited to enforcing local rules regarding Unfair Labor Practices, and, it may look to the MMBA and other State and local laws for guidance. PERB is authorized to enforce local rule regarding representational issues. The City’s ERO remains in the City’s Administrative Code and is currently reflected in the Civil Service Commission Rules.

The various functions assigned to the Civil Service Commission by the City and County of San Francisco’s Employee Relations Ordinance includes, but is not limited to:

**Unfair Labor Practice Charges**

The Employee Relations Ordinance provides for the investigation and resolution of Unfair Labor Practice Charges. An employee or group of employees, an employee organization or management may file charges on the prescribed form (CSC 101) within the specified timeframe. Under the Rules, staff reviews the complaint to determine if it makes a “prima facie” case. If a “prima facie” case is not found, staff dismisses the charge. If there appears to be a “prima facie” case, staff attempts to mediate the dispute between the parties. If the parties do not agree to mediation or attempts are not successful, the charge is referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing and final determination.

**Bargaining Unit Assignments**

The Employee Relations Ordinance provides that the Department of Human Resources is responsible for assigning or reassigning classes to bargaining units. The Employee Relations Ordinance permits affected employees or registered employee organizations to file complaints over the allocation of classes to bargaining units. Complaints are filed on the required form (CSC 102) and must be received by the Civil Service Commission no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of the original notice from the Department of Human Resources. Staff reviews the complaint to determine if it is timely and contains sufficient information to proceed. The Employee Relations...
Division Director is informed, and requested to prepare a response to the complaint. If the complaint is not resolved, it is referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing.

**Management, Supervisory, Confidential Designations**

The Employee Relations Division of the Department of Human Resources is responsible for placing Management, Supervisory, or Confidential designations to specific positions after consulting with department heads because of the nature of their functional role within a department. Designation assignments may be protested by filing a complaint by using the prescribed form (CSC 103) with the Civil Service Commission. Staff reviews the complaint, and attempts to mediate the dispute. If mediation is not possible, staff arranges for the issue to be submitted before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing and final determination.

**Recognition Elections: Employee Organization Certification or Decertification**

**Recognition**

A registered employee organization may petition to become the recognized representative for a Bargaining Unit composed of classes with similar duties and responsibilities for employees not represented.

**Challenge Petition**

Another employee organization submits a valid petition, which affords the employee organization an opportunity to be added to the ballot.

**Decertification/Recognition**

Concurrent election to unrepresent and elect a new employee organization on the same petition.

Formal recognition of an employee organization entitles it to rights and responsibilities as specified in the ERO. Validity requires a 30% show of interest from all employees in the affected bargaining unit.

State labor law (AB 2012) enacted on October 13, 2001 streamlined recognition procedures for public agencies by allowing a signed petition, authorization cards, or union membership cards showing that a majority of the employees in an appropriate bargaining unit desire the representation unless another labor organization has previously been lawfully recognized as the representative. Disputes, in these cases, are remedied in accordance with the procedures outlined in Government Code Section 3507.1.

**Affiliation, Disaffiliation or Merger of Labor Organizations**

The Civil Service Commission certifies employee organizations when they affiliate, disaffiliate, or merge with other employee organizations. An affiliation is the formal joining or association of an employee organization with another organization. The employee organization remains a legal entity, but its name may change. A disaffiliation is when two employee organizations agree to no longer affiliate. A merger occurs when two (2) or more employee organizations become a single new legal entity. The absorbed union(s) loses recognition for all its recognized bargaining units as recognition is transferred to the newly merged organization.
IN APPRECIATION

In the course of carrying out our duties, the members and staff of the Civil Service Commission interact with a wide range of people both in and outside of City government. The Commission works closely with the Mayor and other elected officials, employee organizations, departmental management and staff, and community leaders and groups. These people contribute a great deal of effort and support to the Commission and we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of them. Thank you!