

Tentative OK on reps for Twitter tax-break benefits

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sign, was reinstated to Seat 3, which he had held since the CAC's inception.

Masiak, the only candidate for Seat 2, has specialized in organizing workers at nonprofits, most recently, the staff at Larkin Street Youth Services, in his work for SEIU 1021 since November 2011. His application states that he was the lead tenant organizer for the Central City SRO Collaborative from February 2007 to July 2009. Frustrations he encountered in that job, he wrote, led him to pursue a master's degree in public policy at UC Berkeley where he wrote analyses of the mid-Market social service network and the payroll tax break's implications for the neighborhood.

Masiak later told The Extra that his unpublished paper on the tax break was written with classmates two years ago. "It examines community gentrification fears," he said, and "how the legislation seeks to avoid gentrification."

"I think, two years later, some of those fears are being put to the test," he said, citing all the new housing under construction in the neighborhood.

Masiak also worked on the Avalos for Mayor campaign in 2011, after interning in Avalos' office the year before.

To the Rules Committee, Masiak, attired in an open-collared pink button-down shirt, emphasized Seat 2's focus on job creation. "There's a financial literacy issue with a lot of the population in the Tenderloin, the residential hotel population, that hasn't worked in a long time. ... Many times someone who hasn't worked in years is fine until the first paycheck."

Kim asked Suzuki to reflect on the CAC's work so far.

"The frustration I had this last year and a half," he said, "was that we weren't able to come up with enough ways that they (businesses) can engage. They want to do this. The opportunities of the CBAs are tremendous. We need to strengthen them. If we can get more resources behind (the CAC) I think we can make a really big difference in the ... area."

Yee brought up Suzuki's frequent CAC absenteeism, and Suzuki admitted it, citing the scheduling conflicts with his membership on the SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Community Advisory Committee, which is a forerunner to the CAC, formed to award the money that former Supervisor Chris Daly won from the big Rincon Hill developers to mitigate their effects on SoMa. Chastened, Suzuki said the rules on CAC attendance are now "very clear," and he won't be excessively absent again.

SEAT 4: Reserved for a senior or disabled resident of the neighborhood, Nella Corpuz Manuel has held this seat since the CAC's inception. Corpuz Manuel, TNDC garden coordinator and member of the Canon Kip Senior Advisory Council, is on the committee into 2015.

SEAT 5: Reserved for an expert in affordable housing, tenant protection and antidisplacement strategies, Brad Paul held the seat from the CAC's inception, and became chair after Dina Hilliard resigned in April, but was purged in May for unexcused absences. Paul, the sole applicant for the seat, had alerted Kim he was unable to attend the Rules hearing due to a family emergency.

Paul lives in Greenbrae, which could have disqualified him had Rules not waived that requirement because of Paul's decades of involvement in the neighborhood. Paul lived at the Cadillac Hotel when it was the pioneer of supportive housing, and has been involved in neighborhood issues as a volunteer, consultant and foundation staff pretty much the whole time since.

SEAT 6: Reserved for someone who represents a community group or provides direct services to the neighborhood, this seat has been occupied by Robert Marquez, director of S.F. Mental Health Clients' Rights Advocates, since the CAC's inception. His term ends in early August.

SEAT 7: Four people applied for this slot reserved for candidates "with small business expertise and familiarity with the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area." Julian Dash, founder of jeans maker Holy Stitch, was the only applicant for this seat to attend the hearing. David Addington, co-owner of Show Dogs, failed to show up, as did Daniel Savoie. Aaron Selverston, Addington's lawyer, formally withdrew his name from consideration.

After twice opening pop-up stores in the neighborhood — first at one of the several retail spaces in the Warfield Building when Addington owned it — Dash popped up at the corner of Jones,

gottiated a collective bargaining agreement with SEIU 1021 and achieved a 98% retention rate among formerly homeless tenants, he wrote. With offices in the Grant Building, Kositsky stood up to the harsh owners who have turned that landmark of progressive action into a stagnant shell 1½ years after the last tenant, the S.F. Study Center, was forced out.

After CHP, Kositsky spent two years "on a family sabbatical" consulting with nonprofits in Central and South America on economic development, affordable housing, social services, management, grant writing and fundraising. In January, he became chief operating officer of the Oakland branch of Green For All that was founded by former Obama administration staffer Van Jones.

He was endorsed by the Rules Committee. Afterward, asked for a reaction, Kositsky just said, "It's good to be back in the neighborhood."

Tennis also applied for Seat 11, and

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McAllister and Market, in the Renoir Hotel building. Dash recently leased a space from TNDC at 42 Turk St., where, he told the supervisors, "My goal is to have a small factory and a classroom."

"I am the neighborhood and the neighborhood is me," Dash wrote in his application. "When hiring employees and accepting interns, I look directly out my door and then block by block to recruit and build relationships with my community."

Dash, sporting waist-length braided locks, plentiful jewelry and shades perched above his forehead, spoke of the decline of manufacturing in San Francisco, where jeans were invented, and his urge to "fix the void that's happening" in that business here today.

We "could combine our technological resources and our manufacturing resources and really come up with something innovative — solar-powered sewing machines, with kids behind them sewing cool clothes at a higher price point and low price point — and actually employing the youth who know about economics and the demographic of Market Street, who may be on the other side of the fence, who want to be a part of what I'm doing."

"I see myself as a bridge," he said, answering Kim's query. "I'm on ground level every single day and I'm talking to the ground-level demographic of Market Street. And after I talk to them I'm on my way to the meetings, you know, to the Zendesks and to the Twitters and things like that. So I know physically I'm a bridge between the two, lending a perspective."

SEAT 8: Reserved for someone with expertise in homelessness, transitional-age youth and supportive housing, this seat had two applicants — Jeff Kositsky and Stephen Tennis.

Kositsky was executive director of the important player in supportive housing, Community Housing Partnership, for nine years, increasing annual foundation grants and donations from \$175,000 to \$950,000, his resume states, and securing \$10 million in government contracts and other earned income. At CHP, he oversaw the development of six new apartment buildings and the rehabilitation of two others, ne-

he was endorsed for that post.

SEAT 9: Mara Blitzer, affordable housing developer at TNDC, has held this seat, reserved for an expert in commercial real estate and leasing, since the start of the CAC and has not missed a meeting. Her appointment ends in 2015.

SEAT 10: Antoinetta Stadlman, Isaac Jackson and Jerel Banks made their case for this seat, which is reserved for a neighborhood resident and runs into 2015. Stadlman won the slot. Her longtime Sixth Street residency, Kim said, struck a nice balance with Tennis' TL perspective.

Stadlman's application is short on detail, but her track record in District 6 is extensive. A 21-year resident of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic's Baldwin House Hotel, where she works as a desk clerk, she was chair of the South of Market Redevelopment PAC for 10 years and active "throughout its existence," the application says.

"I don't believe I ever missed a single meeting," she told the committee.

Stadlman has served on the Tom Waddell Health Center advisory board since 1997. In 2003, she was the San Francisco Foundation's Koshland Award winner.

"The people that run these large companies coming in, probably ... have never lived or worked in an SRO," said Stadlman, who was wearing a leopard-print dress. "So they're gonna need some kind of exposure and education to some of the realities. You establish relationships to people and start working and then take it from there."

Kim asked what her priorities would be on the CAC. "Keep the community plugged in to the extent possible ... so that decisions aren't made in a vacuum."

SEAT 11: Tennis, the seat's only applicant at the June 20 hearing, cited his work with the Central City SRO Collaborative as lead tenant organizer. In that capacity, Tennis said, he conducts emergency preparedness training at SROs, consults with city and state legislators and policy makers, and is active in the Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition and Safe Passage.

"The Tenderloin is a beautiful, beautiful area," said Tennis, wearing blue-tinted glasses and a leather jacket. "But we have our unique problems. I think that it is extremely important that people understand what those are."

"I think it would be extremely important to — not give guided tours, but to put a human face, to get people down there, and to have them volunteer, and work with people."

"And I don't mean getting a broom and sweeping the streets," he continued, "or necessarily even helping at Glide or something like that, but helping transport people to and from the hospital."

Deciding on candidates for seats 10 and 11, Kim said, was the most difficult. A candidate who was not chosen, Jerel Banks, she said, was not recognized in part because he has long used the moniker Aja Monet. "He's an amazing community voice," Kim said, and pledged to find work for him. She had similar words of praise and promise for Isaac Jackson, who described himself as "an African American disabled gay man over 55 living in supportive housing."

In the end, Rules Committee members Yee and District 5 Supervisor London Breed deferred to Kim in making the calls. "I'll let you take the lead on this," Yee said. District 10's Malia Cohen was unable to attend and Katy Tang of District 4 sat in her place, but was silent throughout the hearing. ■

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