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Letter of Appointment

July 5, 2012

The Honorable City Council
One City Hall Plaza, Second Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Reid and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter section 601, the Mayor, hereby appoints or reappoints the following persons as members of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Sleben, M.D., Mayoral reappointment to a District 1 seat, recommended by Councilmember Jane Brunner, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, filling the seat he previously held.

Barry Pilger, Mayoral appointment to a District 1 seat, recommended by Councilmember Jane Brunner, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013, filling the seat previously held by David Kessler.

Barbara G. Goldenberg, Mayoral appointment to a District 4 seat, recommended by Councilmember Libby Schaaf, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013, filling the seat previously held by Christopher Candell.

Diane Hill, Mayoral reappointment to a District 4 seat, recommended by Councilmember Libby Schaaf, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, filling the seat she previously held.

Dinah Benson, Mayoral reappointment to a District 7 seat, recommended by Council President Larry Reid, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013, filling the seat she previously held.

Donald J. Mitchell, Mayoral reappointment to a District 7 seat, recommended by Council President Larry Reid, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, filling the seat he previously held.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan
Mayor

RESUME FOR ROBERT SIEBEN, MD

Residence:

Phone:

Email:

Cell:

I am applying for reappointment to the Advisory Committee of the Oakland Wildfire Prevention District. I have been deeply involved in wildfire prevention in the Oakland Hills for the past 11 years, developing considerable hands on knowledge about vegetation management and the issues involved.

Having been present since the beginning of the WPD, I will offer a historical perspective and continuity that I believe will be most helpful.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Two terms on the Wildfire Prevention District Advisory Committee, totaling five years, serving as Vice-Chair for two years and Chair for two years. Chaired the ad hoc committees on Timing of Vegetation Management; Possible Limited Use of Herbicides; and Goals for Vegetation Management. Attended the national Wildlands-Urban Interface meeting in Denver, CO.

For 11 years, served as Fire Prevention coordinator for Hiller Highlands Phase Five, a 100 unit Homeowner's Association located near the epicenter of the 1991 Firestorm, managing 14 acres of steep wildlands with thousands of hours of hands on management. This has become a model for a fire safe landscape with eradication of massive stands of French broom and preservation and encouragement of a wide variety of desirable native plant species and aesthetic values. Our budget was \$12,000 last year and is now \$10,000 annually.

Prior member of the Diablo Fire Safe council for several years.

Co chair with Bill McClung on the vegetation management advisory committee to the North Hills Phoenix Association.

Charter member of the Claremont Canyon Conservancy.

CORE Representative and First Aid Consultant to the greater Hiller Highlands Community.

Served two two year terms on the Board of Directors of Hiller Highlands Phase V Homeowners Association, three of those years as Chair.

Chair of Safety and Fire Prevention for HHV since 1998.

Presently I am using my skills as a professional landscape photographer to develop a repertoire of photographs of the open wild lands of Hiller Highlands to show how fire safe practices can be consistent with enhanced environmental and aesthetic values, targeting a story in *Bay Nature* and a possible book in collaboration with Bill McClung as publisher.

Diane A. Hill

Born: July 25, 1938, Oakland, CA
Moved to Montclair in 1942

Schooling: Montclair Elementary K-6
Claremont Jr HS Gr. 7-9
Oakland Technical HS graduated June 1956

Business School 1956

Fullerton Jr College 1975

Employment: Boy Scouts of America 1956-1959
Married 1957, Daughter born 1959.

Moved to Walnut Creek, 1965
Moved to Whittier, CA 1966

1967 – 1973

Church Organist and office worker at LaHabra Presbyterian
Foster Parent to 8 children
PTA President Lowell Elementary School

1974 – 2000

Whittier City School District, Superintendent of Schools Office:
Secretary to the Superintendent

Kept the Superintendent's calendar; prepared agendas and minutes for semi-monthly Board meetings; updated Board policies as directed.

Returned to Oakland (Montclair) November 2000, caring for my Mother until 2006.

Member of MSIC (NCPC for Beat 24Z), Hillside Gardeners of Montclair (Historian).
Participated in CORE training.

Dinah Benson - Biography

Dinah Benson is the Past President of the Board of Trustees of the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate. Dinah has been a member of the Board of Trustees from 2004-2008. She has served as Oakland Councilmember Larry Reid's appointee to the City of Oakland's Budget Advisory Commission. She is also an appointee to the Oakland Wildfire Prevention Commission. In 2000, then Mayor of Oakland Jerry Brown appointed Dinah to the City of Oakland's Parks and Recreation Commission where she was the Commission's liaison to the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate.

Dinah Benson has a B.A. in Art History from the University of Michigan, she also holds a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University of School of Law. While an active member of the California Bar Association, Dinah specialized in labor litigation.

Dinah's involvement in local politics spans over forty-years, from when she became active in the incorporation of the City of Irvine and was instrumental in creating the City's first Parks and Recreation Department. Dinah served as an executive assistant/policy analyst to County of Orange Supervisor Tom Riley. In this capacity she was an advisor to Supervisor Riley on the County's budget and programs. Dinah retired from the practice of law in 1996, to devote time to her family and community activities.

Biographical Information

Barry Pilger

Barry Pilger has been a Bay Area resident since 1973, after having moved here from the Panhandle of Nebraska, where he was born and raised.

He was a human resources manager and executive for 13 years, serving in various capacities with several large companies in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Crocker Bank and ComputerLand (where he was the head of the human resources staff.)

Barry Pilger has been active as a real estate investor since 1975, investing in dozens of residential investment property projects, from single family dwellings to large apartment buildings. Most have involved substantial renovation.

After leaving corporate life in 1986, he formed a construction company and worked as a licensed general and concrete contractor in California for 14 years. He became a licensed real estate broker in 1996.

Today he is the principal and owner of Stafford Mortgage and Stafford Real Estate in Oakland, originating residential and commercial real estate loans as well as representing buyers and sellers in real estate transactions within the state of California.

He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and has done graduate work in business administration at San Francisco State University.

Barry has served on a number of non profit boards, including the Oakland based Narcotics Education League (NEL), World Affairs Council of Northern California and the Merola Opera Program (of the San Francisco Opera). He has served as president of the North Hills Phoenix Association, a community group formed after the Oakland fire in 1991, and remains active in neighborhood Oakland civic affairs. In 2003 he served as co-chair of the successful drive to create a wildfire prevention assessment district in the Oakland hills.

Barry Pilger and his wife, Catherine Moss, have lived in the North Oakland hills since 1976.

Barbara G. Goldenberg

Current Volunteer Activities:

2002 to present: Alzheimers Association: Public policy advocate at the state and national level; HelpLine volunteer, providing information and referrals, and care consultations to caregivers and families of people with Alzheimers disease, by phone and at Health Fairs.

Montclair Safety & Improvement Council (NCPC for Beat 13Z) – Team Leader for Emergency Preparedness Team. Built a team of 14 volunteers. Assisted CORE in presentations for CORE Graduates on community organizing and conducting neighborhood preparedness exercises.

Hillside Gardeners of Montclair – Member since 2003; incoming President for 2005-2006. Involved in civic improvement, including maintaining the garden at Montclair Library and the “Adopted Spot” at Moraga and Masonic Avenues.

Friends of Sausal Creek –Docent in “Keepers” program, guiding elementary school children through Joaquin Miller Park and the Sausal Creek watershed, teaching conservation, native and invasive plant identification, and an appreciation for nature and the treasures of Oakland. Member of die seed gathering and propagation crew; Creek restoration crew member.

Shepherd Canyon Homeowners Association – EcoPuller, engaged in cleaning and maintaining Shepherd Creek and the Shepherd Canyon – Montclair bike and walking path.

Montclair School – since 1994 – Before-School Homework Helper.

Work Experience: (Retired October 2001)

1993 – 2001 Bank of America, San Francisco
Vice President – Auditing and Internal Control for Foreign Exchange and Derivatives Operations. Managed audit teams of 2 – 6 people for projects lasting from 2 weeks to 4 months.

1991 – 1993 Cluistopherson & Graff, Architects, Berkeley
Assisted partners with correspondence, specification and bid preparation for rebuilding homes following East Bay Hills Fire of 1991.

1969 – 1990 Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco
Vice President & Director – Internal Investigations, Auditing
Previous assignments included project management and systems design for major financial systems of the bank.

Education: 1969 University of California, Davis
B.A., Political Science

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARRY PILGER AND BARBARA G. GOLDENBERG
AND REAPPOINTING ROBERT SIEBEN, M.D., DIANE HILL, DONALD J. MITCHELL
AND DINAH BENSON AS MEMBERS OF THE WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the City Charter provides that members of City boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the affirmative vote of five members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 12556 creates the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Advisory Board, which provides oversight and program recommendations for the Assessment District, and plays a key role in the continued implementation of vegetation management programs and the development of fuel management strategies; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 12556 specifies that the Mayor shall appoint two (2) constituents who live in the Assessment District, one of whom shall be a firefighter by profession, to serve as follows: initially, one appointee shall serve for a term of two years (through June 30, 2006); the second appointee shall serve for a term of three years (through June 30, 2007). Thereafter, each subsequent appointment shall be for a term of two years; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 12556 specifies that the At-large Councilmember shall appoint one (1) constituent who lives in the Assessment District and who shall serve for a term of two years (through June 30, 2006). Thereafter each subsequent appointment shall be for a term of two years; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 12556 specifies that each of the four (4) Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Councilmembers shall appoint two (2) constituents each, who live in the Assessment District to serve as follows: initially one appointee shall serve for a term of two years (through June 30, 2006); the second appointee shall serve of a term of three years (through June 30, 2007). Thereafter, each subsequent appointment shall be for a term of two years; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Jean Quan has reappointed Robert Sieben, M.D. on the recommendation of Councilmember Jane Brunner, appointed Barry Pilger on the recommendation of Councilmember Jane Brunner, appointed Barbara G. Goldenberg on the recommendation of Councilmember Libby Schaaf, reappointed

Diane Hill on the recommendation of Councilmember Libby Schaaf reappointed Donald J. Mitchell on the recommendation of Council President Larry Reid and reappointed Dinah Benson on the recommendation of Council President Larry Reid, each to serve a two-year term on the Wildfire Prevention and Assessment District Advisory Board, subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms:

- the Mayor's reappointment of Robert Sieben, M.D. to a District 1 seat on the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, filling the seat he previously held.
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**IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES – BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, DE LA FUENTE, BROOKS,
REID, KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID**

**NOES –
ABSTENTIONS-
ABSENT-**

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Oakland City Council