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Letter of Nomination

July 19, 2005

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

Dear Councilmembers:

Upon nomination of the Mayor, the following persons are hereby reappointed as a member of the following Board or Commission:

**Measure Y Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committee**

Ron Owens filling the vacant Mayoral appointment seat.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

**JERRY BROWN**  
Mayor

## **RONALD C. OWENS**

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### **CAREER OBJECTIVE**

*To obtain a challenging and responsible position which will make full use of my experiences and my ability to communicate.*

### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

*My years of experience with the criminal justice system, has enabled me to see both sides of it. As a former parolee who overcame a substance abuse disability, and who successfully discharged parole, it lends instant credibility and a unique understanding with service providers, law enforcement community as well as the parolees themselves.*

### **EXPERIENCE**

*A.C.O.R.N.*

*Assoc. Of Community Organization For Reform Now  
Oakland, CA*

*August 1993 - February 1994*

*Community Organizer/Canvasser*

*Making door to door contacts with neighborhood people, city agencies, officials, landlords, county agencies for the betterment of neighborhood living conditions.*

*Organizing people for unity at house meeting, schools and churches for:*

- *Closure of vacant houses used for drug sales, drug use and eye sore to the neighborhood.*
- *Cleaning up creek areas.*
- *Petitioning for speed bumps for neighborhoods at city council meetings.*
- *Media coverage at schools for proper and safe playground equipment.*
- *Raising money in order to keep the project funded.*

*Park Blvd. Shell Station*

*Oakland, CA*

*February 1994 - July 1994*

*Station/Store Attendant*

*Interact and provide courteous service to gasoline and store customers. Be responsible and accountable for daily receipts on night shift, at times up to \$2000.000 a night.*

- *Stocking Supplies*
- *Accounts payables/accounts receivables.*

*Narcotics Educations League (N.E.L.)  
Private Industry Council  
Oakland, CA  
February 1994 - July 1994  
Intern Recovery Counselor*

*Assisted recovery counselors with paperwork, phone calls, filing. Observed and participated in group and individual counseling sessions. After 2-3 months with supervision I was able to:*

- *Run counseling groups*
- *See clients individually*
- *Treatment planning*
- *Assessments*
- *Employment search planning*
- *Recovery direction*

*Second Chance Inc.  
Newark, CA  
June 1994 - June 1996  
BASN Community Recovery Counselor*

*June 1996 - June 1997  
BASN Community Specialist*

*June 1997 - Present  
BASN Coordinator*

*Work and coordinate with State Parole, Department of Behavioral Care - Alameda County, Walden House, and parolees themselves for a comprehensive recovery plan for their lives. Overseeing and placement into Second Chance Inc, S.L.E. House for parolees. Working in Hayward, San Leandro and Oakland parole offices. Ran drug education groups 10 times monthly at the Naval Supply Center for San Quentin Boot Camp Phase II program from 1994-1997.*

- *Treatment planning*
- *Individual counseling*
- *Group Counseling*
- *Employment workshops and direction*
- *General re-entry to society as parolees counseling*
- *Counsel and coordinate with federal parolees*
- *Counsel and run domestic violence groups*
- *Medi-cal and walk in substance abusers*

*October 1999 - Present*

*Police And Corrections Team(P.A.C.T.) - B.A.S.N. Facilitator*

- *Responsible for organizing community based programs to offer services to Oakland & Berkeley Parolees who parole to cities that week, (up to 80 per week).*

*June 2000 - Present*

*Office Of The Mayor-Oakland*

*Community Liason*

- *Advise Mayor Brown on parolee, probation & church issues.*
- *Coordinates city services to those constituents.*
- *Often appears in place of Mayor Brown to address community.*
- *Works with representatives from probation, police, parole and faith based organizations, to enhance coordination of services to community.*

*August 1998 - Present*

*Domestic Non-Violence Instructor-Second Chance Inc.*

- *Teach 52 week domestic non-violence course to batterers.*

*October 2002 - Present*

*Domestic Non-Violence Instructor-Second Chance Inc.-Oakland Parole Office*

- *Responsible for teaching & administering 52 week domestic non-violence course for parolee batterers in Oakland Parole Office.*

*January 2003 - Present*

*Co-Chairperson Project Choice Steering Committee*

- *Responsible with other members for setting policy for federally funded pilot program designed to assist in successful re-entry for convicts paroling to Oakland, CA.*
- *Facilitate group counseling at San Quentin State Prison; individual counseling of inmates in recovery, lifeskill, parole navigation.*

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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONALD OWENS AS A MEMBER OF THE  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004, also known as Measure Y, creates the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committee;

**WHEREAS**, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 specifies that members of the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committee are to be appointed one by each Member of the City Council and there by the Mayor, to serve such terms as set by the City Council by Ordinance; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that by the nomination of the Mayor, the following individual is hereby appointed to the term beginning as set forth below and ending as to be determined by the Ordinance:

Ron Owens, to serve the term beginning and ending according to the terms set by the Ordinance.

**IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,**

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES-** BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG,  
AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

**NOES-**

**ABSENT-**

**ABSTENTION-**

**ATTEST:**

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**LATONDA SIMMONS**  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California