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Letter of Nomination

April 23, 2011

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 the following person as a member of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

HEAD START ADVISORY BOARD

Giannina Perez Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning March 12, 2012 and ending March 11, 2015, filling a new seat on this Board.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan
Mayor

GIANNINA SOPHIA PEREZ

EXPERIENCE

Associate Director, Early Learning and Development, Children Now December 2005 - present

- Develop and manage organization's policy agenda, legislative and budget strategy regarding early learning and development
- Advocate at state-level, including policymaker education, providing technical assistance to California Department of Education and other agencies and briefings to legislative staff
- Research and write policy briefs and fact sheets
- Represent the organization on relevant task forces, and coalition meetings with partners, advocates, and government officials
- Draft foundation grant proposals and related reports and engage with funders
- Contribute to media strategizing to effectively promote issue area and organization

Policy Consultant, California State Assemblymember Cindy Montañez February 2004 - November 2005

- Staff legislation related to women's and children's issues: Research bill ideas, draft bill language, enlist sponsors and supporters, meet with opponents, write speeches and press releases, and organize press events
- Work with Los Angeles County on child care stipend program expansion legislation
- Mentor group of advocates working on family child care career ladder pilot project legislation
- Work with Spanish-speaking child care providers to establish San Fernando Valley child care association
- Organize district events with local child care providers, resource and referral agency, and union organizers

Legislative Aide, California State Senator Hilda L. Solis December 1996 - January 2001

- Staffed legislation on domestic violence, welfare reform, children's health, economic opportunities for low-income women, access to higher education, and foster care
- Helped secure \$1.1 million in state funding for domestic violence shelters serving immigrant women and communities of color
- Worked with advocates to ensure California's welfare reform plan included federal "Domestic Violence Option" to support survivors on welfare
- Organized public forums dealing with women's health, child safety, and small business creation

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, City University of New York June 2003 - May 2004

- Conducted site visits of Los Angeles non-profits for Ford Foundation report
- Evaluated effectiveness of Los Angeles community foundation technical assistance program
- Reported findings to New York-based principal researcher

Graduate Student Intern, Liberty Hill Foundation June 2002 - May 2003

- Compiled state and county data related to economic inequality
- Developed presentation of inequality findings for grantees and staff
- Surveyed grantees community organizing work

EDUCATION

Master of Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles June 2003
Bachelor of Arts in Government, California State University, Sacramento May 1994

LANGUAGES

Spanish

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GIANNINA PEREZ TO THE HEAD START ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TERM BEGINNING MARCH 12, 2012 AND ENDING MARCH 11, 2015

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, the City of Oakland has been a grantee of the Head Start Program since 1971 and is required to have an established policy group and a well functioning governing body that share responsibility for overseeing the delivery of high quality services to children and families in accordance with Head Start Performance Standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No. 76996, approved March 12, 2002, confirming the creation of the Head Start Advisory Board to assist the Council in its role as the Head Start Governing Body by overseeing, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that the Head Start Advisory Board would consist of at least six members, recommended by the Life Enrichment Committee to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there are currently seven existing Head Start Advisory Board members and one Policy Council member/Parent liaison and the Board wishes to expand to eight members; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new Head Start Advisory Board member is Giannina Perez., for whom appointment for the term beginning March 12, 2012 and ending March 11, 2015, is being requested; and

WHEREAS, funding to cover the cost of staff time to support the Head Start Advisory Board is budgeted under the Department of Health & Human Services Fund (2159), Head Start Organization (78231), Head Start Project (G358320); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council approves the Resolution to confirm the appointment of Giannina Perez, Associate Director, Early Learning and Development, at Children Now, to the

Head Start Advisory Board for the term beginning March 12, 2012 and ending March 11, 2015.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES-

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council