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Letter of Nomination

February 6, 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 the following person as a member of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alexandria (Dria) Fearn Mayoral representative on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Community and Economic Development Committee to serve a term beginning May 25, 2010 and ending May 24, 2012, filling the seat previously held by Richard Salazar.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan
Mayor

ALEXANDRIA (DRIA) A. FEARN

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Active Member, State Bar of California, 2007 (#253710)

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

J.D., 2007

- Hastings Law Journal, Senior Symposium Editor, 2006-2007 (raised \$25,000 and managed budget)
- Student Leadership Award, Spring 2007; LEOP Service Award, Spring 2007 (1 of 3 recipients)
- Scholarships: Foundation of the State Bar of California, Hastings Bayse, Hastings Blackfield Memorial
- Justice (President), Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, 2005-2006 (named Most Outstanding Chapter in District)

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

B.A., Political Science, Minor in Public Policy/Social Welfare, 2004

- Provost's List, 2002-2003; Dean's List, 2003, 2004
- Chancellor's Service Award, 2004 (awarded to 1% of graduating seniors)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Principal

The Law Office of Dria Fearn, Oakland, CA

August 2011 - Present

- Advise small businesses on labor and employment matters, emphasizing comprehensive risk management.
- Represent parents and children in special education matters, including assessment, reasonable accommodation, and discipline; work collaboratively with school districts to obtain positive results.

Program & Policy Analyst

U.C. Hastings Legal Education Opportunity Program, San Francisco, CA

May 2011 - June 2011

- Prepared program analyses and evaluation to measure effectiveness of unique, academic support program serving underrepresented students, including students of color, economic disadvantage, and disability.
- Identified problems of program operation and efficiency, made recommendations for improvement.

Executive Director

Freedom Bus Project, Oakland, CA (www.freedombusproject.com)

July 2010 - June 2011

- Facilitated nonprofit collaboration between AC Transit and Alameda County Office of Education celebrating the 55th anniversary of Rosa Parks' historic ride, and encouraging civil rights education through the arts.
- Raised over \$100,000 in monetary and in-kind donations via grant writing and corporate sponsorships.
- Produced website, social media; generated buy-in through presentations to nonprofits, elected officials.
- Components: K-12 arts competition, Freedom Bus Tour, March 2011 event at Oakland School for the Arts.

Associate Attorney

Harowitz & Tigerman LLP, San Francisco, CA

April 2009 - June 2010

- Plaintiff-side, complex asbestos litigation firm. Emphasis on pretrial discovery, included serving and responding to written discovery, reviewing responses, meeting and conferring with opposing counsel, drafting and arguing pretrial motions and ex parte applications, and drafting court orders and stipulations.
- Drafted motions in limine, assembled trial exhibit lists, and conducted complex legal research.

Assistant Campaign Manager

Nancy Skinner for State Assembly (14th Assembly District), Berkeley, CA

March 2008 - May 2008

- Set up and opened campaign headquarters; wrote questionnaires and press releases; recruited, trained and supervised interns and volunteers; complied with state Fair Political Practices Commission requirements; created, edited, and formatted campaign materials and mail pieces; attended community events.

Field Organizer (Alameda County)

Hillary Clinton for President, San Francisco, CA

January - February 2008

- Coordinated Alameda County field program. Ran Oakland office. Recruited, and trained, volunteers. Planned and staffed community events. Worked with local officials. Supervised 3 interns and 50+ volunteers.

Law Clerk (Certified Law Student)

Alameda County District Attorney's Office, Oakland, CA

Spring 2007

- Conducted three bench trials and motions in felony and misdemeanor cases during juvenile rotation and several preliminary hearings on drug cases in Adult Court. Interviewed police officers and civilian witnesses.

Senior Symposium Editor

Hastings Law Journal (Vol. 58), San Francisco, CA

2006 - 2007

- Planned day-long conference, raised \$25,000, managed budget, recruited speakers. Created community buy-in. Supervised 2 editors, 50 volunteers. Selected articles for symposium issue. Member, 2005-2005.

Teaching Assistant (Torts and Criminal Law)

U.C. Hastings Legal Education Opportunity Program (LEOP), San Francisco, CA Fall 2005, Fall 2006

- Prepared for and taught weekly one-hour discussion group to 18-20 first year law students each semester.
- Created handouts to aid in student learning; gave bi-weekly practice examinations, returned with comments and corrections; met with supervisor bi-weekly to discuss teaching methodology and student progress.

Street Law Teacher

USF Community Legal Education Program/Balboa High School, San Francisco, CA Fall 2005

- Taught "street law" curriculum to 33 high school juniors in Balboa's Law Academy twice per week.
- Facilitated active learning through a combination of handouts, quizzes, extra credit, and self-directed project that allowed students to research a legal topic of interest. Coordinated mock trial, guest speakers.

Research Assistant

U.C. Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA Summer 2006

- Interdisciplinary, bioethics research regarding the ability of children to consent to medical treatment.

Summer Law Clerk, Felonies Division (Certified Law Student)

San Francisco Public Defender's Office, San Francisco, CA Summer 2006

- Assisted with attempted murder, domestic violence, drug cases. Negotiated pleas, interviewed clients and witnesses, prepared cases. Conducted preliminary hearings, wrote and argued motions under supervision.

Law Clerk, Criminal Division (Certified Law Student)

U.S. Attorney's Office, San Francisco, CA Spring 2006

- Managed misdemeanor caseload, including filing charges, appearances, and negotiating pleas.
- Researched and wrote memoranda and motions to the court. Conducted weekly petty offense calendar.

Summer Law Clerk, Litigation Division

Oakland City Attorney's Office, Oakland, CA Summer 2005

- Drafted demurrers and a motion to quash a subpoena. Researched and drafted memoranda on employment discrimination, contracts, civil rights, police conduct, discovery matters, and governmental immunity.

Director

Board of Directors, Associated Students UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 2002 - 2004

- Represented 25,000 undergraduates on the Board; oversaw policy, management of \$80 million nonprofit, including Student Union, Food Service, UCLA Store (nation's largest college store), Trademarks & Licensing.
- Chair, Services Committee; reviewed policies and programs, made recommendations for program revisions.
- Chair, new cross-constituency taskforce that got support for vital fee increase that passed the next year.
- Undergraduate, Finance Committee; reviewed monthly financial statements of commercial operations, approved budgets for undergraduate and graduate student governments, and Student Media.
- Undergraduate, Personnel Committee; evaluated Executive Director; reviewed and approved labor contracts.
- Compensation: stipend equivalent to in-state student fees (tuition).

Student Organizer

University Council-American Federation of Teachers (UC-AFT), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 2002 - 2003

- Organized departmental recruitment of non-senate faculty; conducted outreach to student governments and organizations; Authored resolution in support of Union passed by Undergraduate Student Government.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Chair, Outreach Subcommittee

Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, San Leandro, CA 2011 - Present

- Governing body of Alameda County Democratic Party; charged with overseeing the Party's local activities by making endorsements, organizing events, and directing resources to support candidates.
- Work closely with Communications to connect external organizations to the Party and create buy-in.
- Building database of Alameda County organizations that share core values to promote cooperation.

Executive Board Member & Political Action Committee Member

National Women's Political Caucus- Alameda North, Oakland, CA 2011 - Present

- Local chapter of national organization committed to increasing women's participation in politics.
- Logistics Chair, 2012 Susan B. Anthony Women of the Year Celebration.
- Webmaster; developing new website to launch in early-2012.

Chair, Public Policy Subcommittee

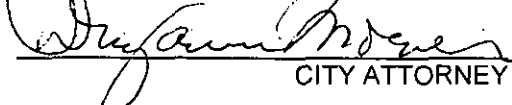
Youth Advisory Committee, National Council on Disability, Washington, D.C. 2002 - 2004

- Subcommittee provided recommendations on congressional reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act and the Higher Education Act.
- Editor, "College and Graduate Students with Disabilities Barriers in the Financial Aid Process."

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CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDRIA (DRIA) FEARN TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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, Resolution No. 74826 C.M.S., adopted March 2, 1999, creates the Budget Advisory Committee to provide fiscal management in an advisory capacity to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Advisory Committee consists of 15 members, one (1) apiece recommended by each of the eight City Councilmembers, one (1) appointed by the Mayor to act as Chairperson, three (3) appointed by the Mayor from a list of 12 recommendations from the Chamber of Commerce, two (2) recommended by the Chairperson of the Finance and Management Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Chairperson of the Community and Economic Committee, each serving no more than two consecutive two-year terms and each subject to the approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Jean Quan has appointed Alexandria (Dria) Fearn on the recommendation of the Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee to serve a two year term on this committee 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 appointment of Alexandria (Dria) Fearn to a two-year

term on the Budget Advisory Committee beginning May 25, 2010 and ending May 24, 2012 to a seat previously held by Richard Zavala.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSTENTIONS-

ABSENT-

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Oakland City Council