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Letter of Nomination

May 30, 2006

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 appointed as a member of the following Board or Commission:

Cultural Affairs Commission

Diana Tran, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning 5/8/2005 and ending 5/7/2008, filling the seat previously held by Greg Edwards.

Esteban Sabar, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning 5/8/2006 and ending 5/7/2009, filling the seat previously held by Leslee Stewart.

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

Sincerely,

JERRY BROWN
Mayor

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Brown", written over the printed name and title.

Diana Tran

Objective	To earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Economics.
Education	<p>Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd, Moraga, CA 94575</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microeconomics, Sociology, Business Administrative Statistics, Greek Thought, Living Arts, Painting, English 4 and 5, Roman, Christian, and Medieval Times. <p>Expected Graduation Date: May 2009 Overall Grade Point Average: 3.2</p>
Awards received	President's Education Awards (Outstanding Academic Achievement), Rugby Coaches' Award 2005, Rugby Excellence Award 2004, Certificate of Achievement 2005 (Media Academy), and Certificate of Achievement and Completion 2005 (Careers with Children).
Interest and activities	National Hip Hop Committee, Filipino Affirmative Action, Oakland/East Bay Votes, Oakland Youth Commission, Champion Guidance Center, and St. Vincent De Paul's Homeless Dining Room Center.
Volunteer Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oakland Youth Commission, CA (Oct. 2005 – present): To help fund for other youth organizations. Organizing events to encourage adolescents to engage in the improvement of the community.• Champion Guidance Center, CA (Oct. 2005 – present): To help bring back the light into the lives of homeless individuals whom been through hardships.• East Bay Votes based in Oakland, CA (Sept. 2004 –Nov. 2004): Door to door outreach in the Oakland community, urging people to register to vote for the 2004 election.• National Hip Hop Committee based in Oakland, CA (Oct. 2004-present): Urging people to vote for the 2004 election, improving the community, help organize Hip Hop/ Political events.• Filipino Affirmative Action based in Oakland CA (Oct. 2003-present): Organizing political/ Hip Hop events, encouraging the youth to help improve the community.



ESTEBAN SABAR GALLERY

I am Esteban Sabar, owner and operational director of Esteban Sabar Gallery, the premier gallery located in 480 23rd Street in Oakland. I have worked for two years on the business side of the art system.

I started marketing my husband's (Marty McCorkle) art works at first, then worked at Wyland Gallery in San Francisco for seven months prior to the opening of my present gallery. While my experience in art system is concentrated in selling, I am gradually learning all aspects of art. I totally believed that learning is a lifetime process and journey of experience. My gallery represents more than thirty artists locally and I enjoy and love what I do now.

The main factor for opening a gallery in Oakland is the city's diversity and potential, which presently allows it to create various venues for artists and art appreciators. There simply is not another Bay Area city in Oakland's position to potentially grow as an art destination.

Opening an art space is an opportunity for both the East Bay artists that are involved and for me personally. Not only that do we get to see and appreciate many artists' works but hear the voice and insights of the artists. Art can be the richest and most rewarding aspect of our existence.

My background did not start in the art system but in Psychology. I earned my BA and MA in Psychology from San Jose State University and completed my postgraduate work at Fordham University in Bronx, New York, in 2000. After I earned my doctorate, I taught for one semester.

I was politically active when I was in college. I was an undergraduate student senator for two semesters and become student vice president for the third semester. When I was in San Jose State University, I founded and was first president of the university's Psychological Society. I am proud to say that the organization continues.

In 2001, I went back home to my native land Philippines and taught for two semesters voluntarily in order to share advanced knowledge with the people from where I came.

Returning to California in 2002, I work in different fields, gaining experience in customer service. I worked at Fairmont Hotel as Front Desk Receptionist and VIP Coordinator for almost two years. Forest City Enterprise hired me to be their Customer Service Specialist in Downtown San Jose for almost a year. I worked at Bank of America in Pacific Height for six months until I met my husband, Marty McCorkle, whose artwork changed my life. Since then, my dreams and goals continue to evolve around the art system.

My husband and I now own a condominium in the Fruitvale community of Oakland. As Oakland residents, we could not ignore the possibilities in art this city offers us. Opening a gallery is one step in our dream starting to be realized. Despite the hard work to open up Oakland as the art destination it should be, I feel joy, pride and hope, especially from the support from the people and the city government of Oakland. I believed that my journey will be exciting and fulfilling.

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIANA TRAN AND SETEBAN SABAR AS MEMBERS OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11323 C.M.S. creates the Cultural Affairs Commission, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11778 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Cultural Affairs Commission are to serve three year terms, which are to be staggered so that some appointments will expire every year, and appointments to fill a term of office are only to be for the remainder of that term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that by the nomination of the Mayor, the following individuals are hereby appointed to the terms set forth below:

Diana Tran, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning May 8, 2005 and ending May 7, 2008 filling a position formerly held by Greg Edwards.

Esteban Sabar, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning May 8, 2006 and ending May 7, 2009 filling a position formerly held by Leslee Stewart.

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:

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