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Letter of Nomination

December 21, 2010

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

Dear President Brunner and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter section 601, the Mayor has appointed the following person as a member of the following Board or Commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Donald J. Mitchell, Mayoral appointment to the District 7 seat, recommended by Councilmember Reid, to serve the term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2012, filling the seat previously held by **Donald Johnson**.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald V. Dellums".

Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

DONALD J. MITCHELL

SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

Self-employed (2000 – present)

- Don is self-employed and spends his time designing and building custom homes as well as consulting to owner/builders in the Bay Area. When not working, Don is very active in serving the city of Oakland where he resides with his wife, Jeannette.

Bechtel Group of Companies – San Francisco, CA (1989 – 1999)

- Don was responsible for developing and implementing security programs allowing Bechtel to successfully complete world-class engineering and construction projects in some of the world's most hostile environments.

- Additionally he was responsible for the safety and security of Bechtel family members and company officers as well as company employees and assets worldwide.

- Don frequently traveled around the world and was often the first into hostile situations, evaluating whether company missions could be successfully supported, working with foreign ministries and military, as well as negotiating with local chiefs and rebel groups in order to ensure successful mission completion.

- Don was on the ground in Kuwait, instrumental in establishing and maintaining a safe environment for the company, during the conclusion of Kuwait's liberation from the Iraqi army and through Kuwait's massive rebuilding effort- a mobilization of equipment not seen since the Marshall Plan and involving nearly 15,000 personnel.

Special Projects (1995 – 1999)

- Don worked closely with U.S. intelligence agencies worldwide to mutual benefit.

Civilian Law Enforcement- sworn peace officer; Southern California (1986 – 1988)

- Responsible for all aspects of civilian law enforcement- investigations, patrol and detentions- in challenging conditions in a large metropolitan area.

United States Marine Corps (1983 – 1986)

- Near completion of basic training in San Diego, Don was requested to forgo his original enlistment contract in aviation and serve his country either through protection of then President Ronald Reagan and U.S. embassies in sensitive locations around the world or with service in military intelligence. After an extensive background check and the granting of a Top Secret security clearance and other Special Compartmented Information (SCI) clearances Don successfully served in numerous classified operations.

- Supporting missions in Central and South America and the Middle East Don was regularly seconded to the National Security Agency where he conducted operations vital to the security of the United States and its allies.

- Don was the recipient of several personal letters of commendation from the commandant of the Marine Corps and the U.S. secretary of the Navy in addition to other service awards.

Education:

Current: Don is currently in pursuit of a B.S. degree

Graduate: Grossmont Union High School, La Mesa, CA (1983)

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M. Mowbray

CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No.

C.M.S.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DONALD J. MITCHELL AS A MEMBER OF THE WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Whereas, Ordinance No. 12556 creates the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Advisory Board, which provides oversight and program recommendations for the Assessment District, and play 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 or 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 Council members 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 for a term or three years (through June 30, 2007). Thereafter, each subsequent appointment shall be for a term of two years; and therefore be it

Resolved: that **Donald J. Mitchell**, Mayoral appointment to the District 7 seat, recommended by Councilmember Reid, will fill the seat formerly held by Donald Johnson, for the term starting July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID

AND PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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