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Letter of Nomination

February 1, 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 appointed as a member of the following Board or Commission:

Commission on Persons with Disabilities

Robert Pittman appointed to serve in the position beginning 3/23/2004 and ending 9/2/2006, filling the seat previously held by Victoria Burns.

Gladys Hudson Jones appointed to serve in the position beginning 12/14/2004 and ending 9/2/2006, filling the seat previously held by Nancy Phillips Crosby.

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

Sincerely,

JERRY BROWN
Mayor

Robert J. Pittman, Jr.

Current

Commission Chair, Health and Human Services

City of Oakland, California

Appointed by Mayor to this city commission representing Citizen Health and Human Interests for programs and policies effecting the community. Currently on the Human Services Committee, Welfare Reform Ad-hoc Committee and past member of the joint-city committee between the city of Oakland and the city of San Leandro, CA. Past Chair of By-Laws Committee. Mayoral representative to the "Review Commissions" group, and Volunteer of the Year award recipient from Alameda Co. Office of AIDS and The African American State of Emergency Task Force 2001-2002. Numerous Board memberships and Advisory capacities for Alameda/Oakland AIDS Organizations. Commendation in Education and Prevention from the Alameda Co. Office of AIDS Administration. Active in the American Cancer and American Heart Associations. Principle advocate through HHS for the Alice Street Learning Center, City of Oakland; Oakland Health Disparities study by HHS and Women's Health Issues and Violence abatement initiatives. Active in the Lake Merritt Master Plan Campaign and the "No on EE" campaign. Currently President of the Lake Merritt Business Association (covering the 18th Street Business corridor) and development of the new Albertson's Grocery in that district.

Representative, City of Oakland, CA

to R.A.R.E. Task Force for HIV with Federal HHS Representatives

Representation of the City of Oakland to this Federal Task Force designed for eleven selected cities to address the State of Emergency in the African American community regarding HIV/AIDS. Rapid Assessment and Response Evaluation involves a methodology to quickly target and modify intervention strategies in hard-hit communities. (All done in three weeks after suffering 3 heart attacks and triple by-pass surgery.)

Director, East Bay AIDS Foundation

Oakland, CA

Recruited for this non-profit by Judith Briggs-Marsh. Responsible for theatrical/artistic programs relating to peer education in Oakland Public Schools, including, but not limited to, "Acting Out Of Concern" (a World AIDS Day Commemoration, 1998) at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center: involving many Oakland High School Drama Programs in originally written, produced and acted student/peer education performances regarding teen health issues. Also currently exploring the possibility of creating a Welfare-To-Work Desk specifically dedicated to disabled persons for the Private Industry Council of Oakland (PIC).

Property Manager

Lakeview Condominiums

Oakland, CA

Full charge responsibility (accounting, marketing, facility management) for this Lake Merritt 16 unit residential complex. Contractually involved in leasing and sales administration/training for Madison Park REIT for the restorative Sears property, the Bakery Lofts, others. Active member of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce through the Leadership Forum and the Lake Merritt Business Association.

1985 to present (simultaneous)

CEO/Partner: American International Mortgages/Title America Search Corp. (AIM/TASC)

Oakland, CA

Personally opened this Executive Search firm specializing in national placement of mortgage bankers, title professionals, including, but not limited to Chief Executive Officers, Secondary Marketing personnel and clerical support. Grossed over 1.5mm in fees during second year of operation and expanded to include over 50 employees in both San Bruno, CA and Atlanta, GA.

Board Member for the Golden Gate Chapter of the California Association of Personnel Consultants (CAPC), Ethics Chair for that Body. Full-charge accounting, training, corporate development and marketing program development. Major clients included Sears Mortgage/Chicago, Citicorp Mortgage/St. Louis, Wells-Fargo Mortgage/East Bay, Drexel-Burnam-Lambert/NY, Bear-Stearns/NY, American Title/Miami. Current clients include Oakland Management, LLC and MPR REIT/Oakland.

1988-1989

Positive Resource

San Francisco, CA (501) (c) (3) Placement Service for Disabled Persons

On the initial Advisory Board to develop this non-profit service for placing persons living with disabilities into the workforce. Responsible for systems development, training manual development, desk policy and procedure development, volunteer training, logo design and marketing program development with private industry.

1989-1991

**Chronitech, Inc. d/b/a Castro Village Pharmacy
San Francisco, CA (Specialty Pharmacy Chain Division)**

Marketing Manager, Institutional Contract Manager, Patient Advocate

Responsible for Patient Advocacy, (501) (c) (3) donations, institutional contract negotiation, sales and development with hospitals, physician practices, multi-medical centers, others. Brochure development, promotional campaign development and instrumental in the opening of the Los Angeles store for this specialty chain of pharmacies. Private administrative assistant to the President of the firm. Other Projects during this time frame include, but are not limited to the following:

Principle Author: "Living With HIV" for NAPWA (National Association of Persons With AIDS), Washington, D.C./Video: Producer: "Living With HIV" for NAPWA/Med Express, the pharmaceutical arm of the National Association of People With AIDS. Additionally, featured speaker on "Nutrition/Long Term Survival" for persons with HIV/AIDS: National Update Conference on HIV/AIDS, Washington, D.C./March to the Lincoln Memorial. Featured performer: "For Our Friends", Atlanta, GA: a semi-annual benefit for Project Open Hand-Atlanta. Composer: Original Music and Lyrics for "Living With HIV" video/NAPWA: "Stand Against The Wind".

1993-1997

Independent Consultant in Medical/Speakers Bureaus

Lecture development series for Lisa Capalini, M.D./San Francisco, CA on "Medical Ethics in HIV Care". Promotional and marketing/sales development for programs for Scandipharm, Inc. (nutritional supplements) in both Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, promotional programs and (501) (c) (3) donation programs for Project Open Hand, NuBar, Inc. (nutritional supplement), others.

1984-1985

Vice President

**Belmont Personnel Services, Inc.
Belmont, CA**

Responsible for taking this local-only Executive Search firm to national scope in one year for the Mortgage, Title, Banking and Savings and Loan fields.

1982-1984

**Division Manager, Corporate Trainer, Vice President
Artemis Associates, Inc.**

Houston, TX

Took responsibility for activity in Mortgage, Title, Banking and Savings and Loan placements for this Executive Search Firm. Responsible for corporate training, including training manual development and creation.

1981-1982

**Consultant, Assistant Division Manager, Assistant Trainer
Kendall & Davis, Co.**

Houston, TX

Progressive Development from consultant through positions listed above in this Executive Search Firm specializing in both Technological (i.e.: Engineering/Data Processing/Defense) and Financial (i.e.: Mortgage Banking, Title Insurance, Savings and Loan) markets. When, in 1982, the parent branched off a separate company: Artemis Associates, Inc. (see previous).

B.P.S. Talent and Productions, Ltd.

Atlanta, GA

(simultaneous to teaching experience which follows)

Full charge partner, for silent partner, in this talent booking agency created and designed for booking talent at the Knoxville, TN World's Fair. Responsible for the largest booking contracts of cabaret and nightclub talent during the run of the fair. The company was dissolved at the close of the fair.

1976-1981

**Secondary English/Drama Teacher
DeKalb County/Cobb County School Systems
Georgia**

Junior and Senior English Literature and Composition Instruction. Year Book Sponsor, Drama Club Sponsor, State Drama Performance winner in 4 of the 5 years, Teacher of The Year Honors in 4 of the 5 years, Advanced Placement Instructor for the gifted, Senior Class Sponsor, Men's Gymnastics Coach (2nd place in state), Union Representative to the Federation of Teachers (FTA)-Legislative Chair.

University Study and Highlights

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 1971-1973

Theatrical and Creative Writing Scholarship Student, First Sophomore ever admitted into Senior level Directing Curriculum.

The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 1973-1974

Theatrical Scholarship, Theater Major/English Minor

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 1974-75

B.A., Secondary English Education, Dean's List Graduate

University Newspaper Entertainment Editor and Theatrical Critic.

President, Lake Merritt Business Association (current)

Full responsibility for this merchant/citizen-based Association for the East Lake/18th Street/Park Business Corridor.

Volunteer of the Year/2001-2002/African American State of Emergency Task Force/Alameda Co. Health

Panelist/Education and Prevention/1.5mm in Grant funding for local CBOs/Alameda Co. Health Dept. (2)

Skills:

Organizational, promotional, marketing, personnel selection/interviewing, training manual/procedural development, training seminars, event co-ordination/operation, campaign organization, project development and implementation, motivation of personnel, bookkeeping, computer word-processing, english grammar and composition, secondary education, teaching, the performing arts: directing, production, selection, artistic sensibilities. Others.

Gladys Hudson Jones

Life Motto:

I always refuse to accept the limitations which society puts on people with disabilities. Because of what I experienced during my life as a person with a disability, I will always push for people with disabilities to go and thoroughly join into the mainstream of life.

Background and Experience:

At birth I was diagnosed with an internal physical disability, which should have impaired my life's activities. I had 13 brothers and sisters. I refused to accept any limitations set for me. I taught myself to play seven different musical instruments. Despite my disability, I always pushed myself to participate in the "regular activities" of my siblings and other children.

1960/63: Castlemont High School: As a high school student, I organized two special physical education classes for students with disabilities, who were not able to participate in the regular physical education classes.

1972/1984: General Motors/United Auto Workers Union. Hired by General Motors as an assembly line worker under their GS 71 designation. This was a special designation for workers with disabilities. Because of my performance at General Motors, the United Auto Workers Union, UAW, paid for additional training in Detroit, Michigan, enabling me to become a UAW representative and advocate for their workers with disabilities.

1990s/2001: Volunteer at disabled granddaughter's schools, particularly, Skyline High School. Ensured that classes were structured so that students with disabilities could meet the graduation requirements and graduate. Consistently met with the principle of Skyline High School, the Oakland Public School Board, OUSD Superintendent, and other parents of students with disabilities, informing them of programs and trainings.

1980/2001: Al Electric: Participated in placing people with disabilities in electrician apprenticeship programs. Assisted two persons with disabilities to obtain their electrical contractor's license. Advocated for members of the disability community to learn the electrician's trade until the owner's death in 2001.

Current Memberships:

Alameda/Contra Costa Counties Transit Advisory Board for the Disabled

The United Seniors of Alameda County Board

The Sojourner Truth Housing Congressional Board—providing information to disabled and seniors

Current Community Participation:

The Center for Independent Living: I consistently promote training for the disabled community.

Oakland Public Schools: As the mother of 3 children, grandmother to 15 children, and aunt to many nieces and nephews, a few of whom are disabled. I stay on top of all their education, volunteering at their various schools to ensure that they obtain the knowledge and skills, which will enable them to succeed in life's mainstream.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT PITTMAN AND
GLADYS HUDSON AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 9968 C.M.S. creates the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11864 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities 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 term set forth below:

Robert Pittman, Mayoral appointment to serve the position beginning March 23, 2004 and ending September 2, 2006, filling the position previously held by Victoria Burns

Gladys Hudson Jones, Mayoral appointment to serve the position beginning December 14, 2004 and ending September 2, 2006 filling a position formerly held by Nancy Philips Crosby.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE, (DISTRICT 2 VACANT)

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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