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Letter of Nomination

September 19, 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 persons as members of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

**COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Amy Burns**, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning September 3, 2009 and ending September 2, 2012, filling the seat previously held by **Eugenie Barton**.

**Margarita Diaz**, Mayoral re-appointment to serve the term beginning September 3, 2011 and ending September 2, 2014, retaining the seat she currently holds.

**Lorraine Rosenblatt**, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning September 3, 2011 and ending September 2, 2014, filling the seat previously held by **Philip Smith, Jr.**

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan  
Mayor

Amy Burns

**SUMMARY OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

***Skyline High School, Oakland, California (Sept 1, 1998-present):  
Job Title: SDC-SH teacher***

Special Education for School Site- Designed newsletter and workshops on issues such as inclusion, differentiated instruction, classified laws,, behavior and learning modifications. Developed SH dance for students. Coordinated WALKATHON benefiting special needs students. Organized thank you luncheon for general education teachers.

Skyline PTSA President-Surveyed teachers to see how volunteers could better serve the school. Organized speakers to highlight strength of Skyline for monthly meetings. Represented organization at Mayor's Summit. Coordinated with other family groups to better utilize parent input.

Oakland Education Association-Membership Co-Chair, Site Rep- Helped administration work with staff based on contract agreement. Organized union socials. Supported certificated staff with evaluations advocating for administrative leadership and guidance.

Special Educator Mentor - Guided, advised, coached, and demonstrated lessons and classroom management skills for new teachers in moderate/severe program.

Para-professional Planner - Trained staff of para-professionals in classroom procedures, educational strategies. Responsible for scheduling, personnel. Created and implemented district workshop on para-professional skills regarding teamwork and communication.

Coordinator for Link Crew, BEST BUDDIES- Peer mentoring program for incoming freshmen. Organized four other teachers and 70 students in teaching leadership skills, pro-social skills, and counseling skills. Involved coordinating projects with general education teachers, administrators, families, counselors and the freshmen. Brought in Best Buddies to the campus (peer mentoring program for special needs students and general education students).

School Site Council Special Educator Representative-Reviewed budget expenditures with administrator, parents, teachers, students and community.

Other positions: Focus on Results liaison, Member of School Restructuring Committee, WASC Committee

**SUMMARY OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued):**

Special Education Teacher-Created daily lessons based on state standards, designed behavior contracts, tested students using Brigance, CMA and CAPA assessment, implemented weekly community outings, coordinated IEP meetings

*Global Language Institute, National Tax College, South Korea (1996-1998)*

English Language Teacher-Developed a global perspective regarding education.

**EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS:**

*\*Tier 1 Administration Credential Program CSUEASTBAY June 2008 passed School Leaders Licensure Assessment 01/08 for California*

*\*California State University, Sacramento, Education, Special Education, M.A. Phi Kappa Phi*

*\*University of California, Berkeley-History, B.A.,*

*\*CREDENTIALS-Education Specialist Instruction/Moderate-Severe, Multiple Subjects, History/Social Science, CLAD*

**REFERENCES:**

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Clifford Solari, Fieldwork Supervisor, Deputy Superintendent, Vallejo Unified School District (retired), (510) 885-4145, [edid@csuhayward.edu](mailto:edid@csuhayward.edu)

Troy Johnson, Principal Skyline High School, (510) 879-3060,  
[Troy.Johnson@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Troy.Johnson@ousd.k12.ca.us)

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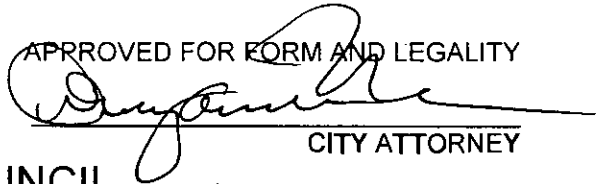
Lorraine Rosenblatt

- September 2005-Present American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, Oakland, CA
- Emergency Preparedness Instructor for Bay Area Counties
  - Outreach Coordinator for the Functional Needs and Access Community
  - Community Events Coordinator for Alameda County
  - Case worker for Hurricane Katrina and local fire and disaster victims
- September 2004-September 2010 Commissioner-Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Oakland, CA
- Co-chair of Education, Employment and Outreach Committee
  - Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Access Advisory Council
- September 2002-June 2005 Programs Coordinator for the Greater Bay Area National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oakland, CA
- Coordinated programs for persons and developed a resource guide for the persons with Multiple Sclerosis
  - Established self-help groups and produced workshops designed to address the issues particular to persons with Multiple Sclerosis
- 1996-2002 Synagogue and Education Administrator  
Congregation Netivot Shalom, Berkeley, CA
- 1988-1995 Office Manager-Montclair Data Services Corporation, Oakland, CA
- 1987 Executive Director-Business Women's Expo, Oakland, CA
- 1986 Assist. Volunteer Coordinator Festival at the Lake, Oakland, CA
- 1984-1985 Assist. Volunteer Coordinator Children's Hospital, Oakland, CA
- 1980-1983 Manager OXFAM, London, England
- 1967-1980 Retail Buyer Jamesway Corp., Secaucus, NJ

Education  
Queens College, Flushing, New York

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AMY BURNS  
AND LORRAINE ROSENBLATT, AND THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARGARITA  
DIAZ TO THE COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (MCPD)**

**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**, Ordinance No. 9968 C.M.S., adopted August 5, 1980, and amended by Ordinance No. 11864 C.M.S., adopted March 12, 1996, created the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to address issues germane to accessibility, services and civil rights for persons with disabilities; and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities consists of fifteen (15) members serving three year staggered terms with no more than two consecutive terms, and 51% of Commission members must be persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Jean Quan has appointed Amy Burns to complete the three-year term previously held by Eugenie Barton, and appointed Lorraine Rosenblatt and re-appointed Margarita Diaz to serve three-year terms 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 appointments and re-appointment to the terms set forth below:

**Amy Burns**, Mayoral appointment to complete the term previously held by Eugenie Barton, which began on September 3, 2009 and will end on September 2, 2012.

**Margarita Diaz**, Mayoral re-appointment to serve the term beginning September 3, 2011 and ending September 2, 2014, retaining the seat she currently holds.

**Lorraine Rosenblatt**, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning September 3, 2011 and ending September 2, 2014, filling the seat previously held by Philip Smith, Jr.

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

**AYES – BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, DE LA FUENTE, BROOKS, KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID**  
**NOES -**  
**ABSTENTION –**  
**ABSENT -**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Oakland City Council