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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Libby Schaaf
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

April 21, 2015

The Honorable City Council
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Second Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Gibson McElhaney 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:

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Elise Bernstein, Mayoral appointment for a three-year term beginning March 21, 2015 and ending March 20, 2018, filling the seat previously held by Latees McLeod to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

Jian Hong, Mayoral appointment for a three-year term beginning March 21, 2015 and ending March 20, 2018, filling the seat previously held by Merlin Nwupon to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

Grace Wright, Mayoral-reappointment for a three-year term beginning September 3, 2014 and ending September 2, 2017 filling the seat previously held by herself.

Phyllis Stevenson, Mayoral- reappointment for a three-year term beginning October 19, 2014 and ending October 18, 2017 filling the seat previously held by herself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf
Mayor

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Libby Schaaf". The signature is written over the printed name and title.

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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
JIAN HONG AND ELISE BERNSTEIN, AND THE REAPPOINTMENT
OF GRACE WRIGHT, PHYLLIS STEVENSON, AND LORRAINE
ROSENBLATT TO THE COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

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

WHEREAS, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities consists of fifteen (15) members serving three-year staggered terms with no more than two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, 51% of Commission members must be persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has appointed Jian Hong and Elise Bernstein, and reappointed Grace Wright, Phyllis Stevenson, and Lorraine Rosenblatt 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 following appointments to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities:

Jian Hong for a three-year term beginning September 3, 2013 and ending September 2, 2016, filling the seat previously held by Lori Ann Dotson

Elise Bernstein for a three-year term beginning September 3, 2012 and ending September 2, 2015, filling the seat previously held by Lateef McLeod; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's following reappointments to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities:

Grace Wright for a three-year term beginning September 3, 2014 and ending September 2, 2017 filling the seat previously held by herself

Phyllis Stevenson for a three-year term beginning October 19, 2014 and ending October 18, 2017 filling the seat previously held by herself

Lorraine Rosenblatt for a three-year term beginning September 3, 2014 and ending September 2, 2017 filling the seat previously held by herself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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

RESUME FOR ELISE R. BERNSTEIN

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ELISE R. BERNSTEIN

Submitted As Part Of Application For Appointment To
the Oakland Mayor's Commission On Persons With Disabilities

EXPERIENCE IN SERVING ON BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS:

From 1993 until my resignation in July 2008, I served as a member of the
Beverly MA Mayor's Commission on Disabilities. For several of those terms
I served as Co-chair of the Commission.

EDUCATION:

Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA MSW 1967
Stonehill College, North Easton MA A.B English 1962

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Brooksby Village Peabody MA 01960
Manager Of Social Work Department
September 2001 Until Retirement In April 2007

HOME HEALTH VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION
Lawrence MA
Social Worker 2000-2001

BAY AREA VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION
Beverly MA 01915 1987-2000

Many other positions as Social Worker and in Social Work Management
Starting in September 1963 until my retirement in April 2007

REFERENCES:

KEVIN M. GALLANT
Member of Beverly MA Commission On Disabilities
617-573-9153 ((Work)
978-922-4541 (Home)
email: kevin.gallant@state.ma.us

STEPHEN C. REYNOLDS
Former Colleague On Beverly MA Commission On Disabilities
978-927-3066 (Home Office)
email: stevereynolds@comcast.net

Jian Hong

EDUCATION

Laney College—AA in Apply Graphic Design/Digital Imaging, Present
 Mills College—MFA in creative nonfiction, May 2011
 University of California, Berkeley—B.A. in English, May 2007

WORK EXPERIENCE

9/2014-Present: Freelance Graphic Designer

- Design logos, business cards, newsletter, brochures, booklets, menus, posters, letterheads, and envelopes.

PUBLICATIONS**Articles**

"Hill Residents Wendy MacNaughton and Caroline Paul Publish Lost Cat." *The Potrero View*, San Francisco, April 2013 (p19, p26).

"A Life of Rugs." *The Potrero View*, San Francisco, March 2013 (p19)

"Killing Time at a Local Laundromat." *The Potrero View*, San Francisco, February 2013 (p5).

"Navigating Muni in a Wheel Chair." *The Potrero View*, San Francisco, February 2013 (p6, 26).

"Downtown High School Principal Enjoys Job." *The Potrero View*, San Francisco, December 2012, (pages 11 and S16).

"Wheels." *Mills College Community Teaching Project Anthology 2009-2010*, Oakland, CA

"A Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities." *UC Berkeley's Transfer Student Handbook: A Guide For New Transfers 2005-2006*, Berkeley, CA

WORK IN PROGRESS

Wheels (memoir project)

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Guest Speaker, "Being a Writer," English 269AB Foundations in Reading and Writing, College of Alameda, CA, October 2011

Presenter, "Mapping Travel Memoir *Catfish and Mandala* with Google Maps and Earth," Mills College, CA, May 2011

Presenter, "Teaching Writing," Theories and Strategies of Teaching Writing Class, Mills College, CA, November 2010

Panelist, Real Life Plenary Session – "Self-Determination," Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (APIDC), Long Beach, October 2010

Presenter, "Music and Writing," Theories of Creativity and Teaching of Creative Writing, Mills College, CA, May 2010

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Presenter, "Memoir Writing," Theories of Creativity and Teaching of Creative Writing, Mills College, CA, April 2010

Attendee, "Real People, Real Voices," Disability Rights Organization ADAPT Conference, Tennessee, March 2006

Presenter, Prospective Student Workshop, Transfer Center, UC Berkeley, April 2005

Panelist, "Student Life," Prospective Student Workshop, Transfer Center, UC Berkeley, March 2005

Panelist, Disability Awareness Student Panel, UC Berkeley, March 2005

Presenter, "College Writing: English 1A," Pasadena City College, CA, March 2003

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Theories and Strategies of Teaching Writing Class, Fall 2010

Mills College, Oakland, CA

- Participated in a graduate class that facilitated the creation and development of a personal grading rubric, sample syllabus, and personal teaching philosophy

Theories of Creativity and Teaching of Creative Writing, Spring 2010

Mills College, Oakland, CA

- Participated in a graduate class that facilitated the creation and development of a personal grading rubric, admission requirements for creative writing programs, creative writing undergraduate major, sample syllabus, and personal teaching philosophy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fairmount Apartments, Oakland, CA, Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

English Instructor

- Taught high school students once a week for five weeks creative memoir writing and integrated technology into classroom

College of Alameda, CA, Fall 2010

English Teaching Assistant for Pre-transfer English 201AB

- Led small groups, facilitated discussions, tutored, assessed homework, and lectured on grammar

Mercy Retirement and Care Center, Oakland, CA, Summer 2010

English Instructor

- Taught five elders one week creative writing including poetry, fiction, and nonfiction

Mills College's Community Teaching Project, Oakland, CA, Spring 2010

English Instructor for Oakland Word

- Taught Cantonese speakers once a week for five weeks creative memoir writing

Berkeley Technical Academy, Berkeley, CA, Summer 2007

English and Math Tutor

- Tutored high school students twice a week in English and in math fundamentals including algebra, geometry and basic math

East Bay Conservation Corporation, Oakland, CA, Spring 2006

English and Math Tutor

- Tutored over 13 students once a week in English and in math fundamentals including algebra, geometry and basic math

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley; Transfer, Re-Entry and Student Parent Center

Outreach Mentor, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

- Conducted outreach for prospective Vista Community College students by visiting the college over 30 times, answering prospective students' questions regarding life at Cal and admissions procedures

University of California, Berkeley; Disabled Student's Residence Program (DSRP)

Outreach Recruiter, Fall 2005; Peer Mentor, Fall 2005-Fall 2006

- Visited Vista Community College and Pasadena City College to encourage the enrollment of students with disabilities into UC Berkeley

- Developed a resource guide for prospective students with disabilities
- Mentored an incoming UC Berkeley student, assisted and supported student in college transitions

PROJECTS

Mills College, Non Fiction Prose (English 284), Spring 2011

- Edited and narrated a six-minute footage, "living among the dead," utilizing Windows Live Movie Maker and Audacity

Mills College, The Craft of Nonfiction (English 226), Spring 2010

- Created a 10-minute book trailer project, "Total Eclipse," utilizing Windows Movie Maker

Pasadena City College, Creative Writing (English 5A), Fall 2007

- Created a 5-minute student film project, "The Lost Sea Man," utilizing Windows Movie Maker

University of California, Berkeley; Literature and Disability (English 175), Spring 2006

- Edited a 39-minute documentary film project, "ADAPT: Real People, Real Voices," utilizing Windows Movie Maker

University of California, Berkeley; Shakespeare (English 117S), Summer 2005

- Edited a short student film project, "Othello," utilizing Windows Movie Maker

Pasadena City College; HTML, JavaScript Classes, Fall 2001-Summer 2003

- Created peer study group file sharing; designed class websites

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

10/12-4/13: Non-fiction freelance writer for *The Potrero View*, San Francisco

- Newspaper writing and editing

580 *Split*, Oakland, CA

Reader for the annual journal of the arts and letters in nonfiction at Mills College, December 2009

- Critiqued stories

SKILLS

Computer: HTML, JavaScript, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe CC Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Windows Live Movie Maker, MS Office, Audacity

Language: Fluent in Cantonese and English