



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2004

TO: LaTonda Simmons
Boards and Commissions Management
Office of the City Clerk

FROM: Councilmember Larry Reid

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Planning and Oversight Committee of the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth

It has come to my attention that the seat for my youth appointee to the Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) of the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth is vacant.

I would like to appoint Pilar Whitaker to fill this seat on the POC through July 31, 2005.

Please contact my Chief of Staff, Iris Merriouns with any questions regarding this matter at x7007.

Cc: Touch Thouk, OFCY, DHS (150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 4216)

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Pilar Whitaker

To whom it may concern:

Attached is my resume for the position of Oakland Fund for Children and Youth committee member, which is a position that I have taken great interest in. Upon my first introduction to the OFCY by my good friend, Julia Weisner, whom is also a member of the council, I immediately recognized this as something that I would like to become involved in. I truly believe that it is of immense importance that the youth in the city of Oakland are provided with positive outlets, such as youth centers and after school programs in order to ensure our development into productive and successful members of society.

As a teen who has faced many adversities herself, such as the death of my father just earlier this year as well as the lifetime mental illness of my mother, I truly understand the need for children and teens to be provided with care and involvement from adults. It is to my belief that children must be guided properly in order to ensure their success in a society that is so infused with negativity and obscurity. In addition, I feel that children and teens gain confidence when they are apart of a positive environment that is created and tailored to their specific needs, therefore, gaining the confidence to begin to climb the social ladder at a young age. Thus, I whole-heartedly feel that it is my duty as a youth to have a voice in my community in order to make things better for my peers, myself, as well as future generations.

Sincerely,

Pilar Christina Whitaker

Skyline Student

Pilar Whitaker

Scholastic Profile

Throughout my High School career, I have achieved and accomplished many of my personal and academic goals. During my time studying in the Center for International Commerce program in Long Beach, California at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, I have been able to maintain a weighted 4.0 GPA during my first two and a half years in High School. It was at Long Beach Polytechnic High School that my English teacher nominated me for the prestigious NCTE award. After moving to Oakland at the beginning of the second semester of the '03-04 school year, my GPA rose to 4.16, despite the trials of adjusting to a new environment at a new school. I am currently taking two classes at Laney Community College in order to better myself academically and to better prepare myself for college.

Extracurricular Activities/ Experience

Oracle Newspaper, Skyline High School, Oakland, Ca (2004-current)

Editor-in-Chief: It is my responsibility to oversee the production of the publication of Skyline's newspaper, the *Oracle*. I must make sure that everyone meets their deadlines as well as making sure that the overall quality of the paper is above and beyond the standard. In addition, I am required to stay at school until late in the evenings in order to ensure the production of the newspaper when we are on deadline.

Library Volunteer, San Leandro Main Library, San Leandro, Ca (2004)

Tutor/ Overseer of children's activities: Director of children's games and activities under the supervision of the Librarian. Help with the Summer Reading Program and making sure that everything is organized.

Before and After Club, Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Long Beach, CA (2003-2004).

President/ Establisher of club: Director of club affairs and overseer of all club activities, such as fundraising and our plethora of community service projects that were completed. In addition, the club took a major part in the Long Beach Polytechnic Multicultural Fair, which promotes awareness of other cultures through food and music.

Newspaper Staff Member, Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Long Beach, CA (2002-2004).

Writer: Responsible for writing a multitude of articles for the newspaper, which is entitled the *High Life* on a bi-monthly basis. Almost all of my news stories were published in the award winning paper.

Library, Signal Hill Library, Signal Hill, CA (2002-2003)

Volunteer/ Tutor: Responsible for administering and giving homework and reading help to Kindergarteners through 4th Graders as well as reading children's books to children.

National Make a Difference Day, Long Beach, CA (2004)

Volunteer: I was apart of a group that cleaned the school as well as its surrounding neighborhood. I spent a few hours being apart of a group that extensively cleaned an alley and helped plant flowers there as well.

Young Black Scholars / Black Onyx, Long Beach Polytechnic High School,
Long Beach, CA (2002-2004)

Club Member: Took part in club meetings as well as club fundraisers.

Dance, Long Beach Polytechnic, Long Beach, CA (2001-2003)

Dance Class Member: Danced daily in preparation for the annual spring dance show. I also helped fundraise to support the dance department.

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PILAR WHITAKER AS A MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S FUND PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Article XIII of the Oakland City Charter creates the Children's Fund Planning and Oversight Committee, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and City Council and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76141 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Children's Fund Planning and Oversight Committee are to serve one year terms, 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 Councilmember Reid, the following individual is hereby appointed to the term set forth below:

Pilar Whitaker, as Youth Representative for District 7 to the term beginning July 30, 2004 and ending July 31, 2005, to fill the position formerly held by Maribel Diaz.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, WAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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