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Office of the Mayor
Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

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Letter of Nomination

December 7, 2010

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

Dear Council Members:

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

Citizen's Police Review Board

Sarah Lynne Cohen, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning February 16, 2010 and ending February 15, 2012, filling the seat previously held by **Cara Kopowski**.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

SARAH LYNNE COHEN

Admitted to the State Bar of California, December 1986

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Juris Doctor

Spring 1986

University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Arts Political Science
Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

Spring 1981

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Industrial Relations Counsel IV

November 1994 – present

State of California, Department of Industrial Relations
Office of the Director – Legal Unit, San Francisco Headquarters

Represent the Director of Industrial Relations in public works and prevailing wage matters. Research and draft proposed administrative opinion letters and reconsiderations. Analyze pending legislation. Provide legal advice to Director on ongoing basis, work closely with Chief Counsel and lead team of statewide attorneys. Perform other labor and employment work as assigned in the areas of apprenticeship, workers compensation, personnel and wage and hour.

Cases litigated to the Court of Appeal: *Young v. Gannon, Department of Industrial Relations* (2002) 97 Cal.App.4th 209 (published opinion upholding Department's regulatory scheme for enforcement of ethical standards for workers compensation judges and upholding dismissal of judge for engaging in unethical behavior); *City of Modesto v. Department of Industrial Relations*, 2002 WL 1278074, No. F036603 (non-published memorandum opinion upholding application of state prevailing wage laws on a sewer construction project undertaken by a chartered city).

Staff Attorney

September 1988 – October 1994

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Employment Law Office/Labor Defense Network

Represented low wage workers in unemployment insurance appeals, wage and hour cases and other employment-related matters in administrative tribunals and state court. Coordinated the delivery of legal services at community clinics, providing to eligible clients representation at administrative hearings, counsel and advice and self-help. Recruited, trained and supervised volunteer lawyers and law students. Performed community outreach and education. Established referral and teaching programs with law school clinical departments. Developed educational materials including two videotapes (Spanish and English) about small claims court.

Legal Writer

Matthew Bender, Oakland

March 1987 - December 1987

Performed a wide variety of research and writing tasks. Updated existing publications. Wrote articles on California law topics.

Law Clerk

Law Offices of Anne Hipsman, San Francisco

August 1986 - March 1987

Researched and drafted pleadings, memoranda, motions and discovery requests and responses in wrongful termination and employment discrimination cases for sole practitioner.

Judicial Extern

Honorable Robert P. Aguilar

United States District Court

Northern District of California - San Jose

Fall Semester 1985

Researched and wrote weekly bench memoranda for law and motion calendar, attended weekly case conferences and prepared a draft opinion in a complex civil rights case.

Law Clerk

Boltuch and Siegel, Oakland

Summer 1985 & Spring 1986

Researched and drafted memoranda, pleadings and motions on labor law, wrongful termination and OSHA retaliation cases for a law firm representing individual employees and unions.

OTHER

Editorial Board Member

California Labor & Employment Law Quarterly

Publication of the State Bar of California, Labor and Employment Law Section

Summer 1999 - Winter 2003

Bar Examination Grader and Pre-tester

The State Bar of California

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CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH LYNNE COHEN AS A MEMBER OF THE CITIZEN'S POLICE REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11905 C.M.S. creates the Citizen's Police Review Board, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11905 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Citizen's Police Review Board are to serve 2-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 terms set forth below:

Sarah Lynne Cohen, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning February 16, 2010 and ending February 15, 2012, filling the seat previously held by **Cara Kopowski**.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, DE LA FUENTE BROOKS, REID, KAPLAN, AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS

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