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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

July 7, 2009

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

Dear President Brunner and members of the City Council:

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

Paramount Theatre of the Arts Board of Directors

Omar Benjamin, Mayoral reappointment to serve the term beginning October 2, 2008 and ending October 1, 2012, filling the seat he previously held.

Tom Hart, Mayoral reappointment to serve the term beginning October 2, 2008 and ending October 1, 2012 filling the seat he previously held.

David Johnson, Mayoral reappointment to serve the term beginning October 2, 2008 and ending October 1, 2012 filling the seat he previously held.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor



OMAR R. BENJAMIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Omar Benjamin was appointed by the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners as Executive Director of the Port of Oakland effective February of 2007. Mr. Benjamin is responsible for the administration and operations of the Port organization and reports to the Board. Mr. Benjamin was most recently the Deputy Executive Director of Operations for the Port of Oakland, where he had oversight of the Port's revenue divisions: Maritime, Aviation, and Commercial Real Estate. Mr. Benjamin was previously the Director of Commercial Real Estate for the Port of Oakland and has been with the Port since February of 1997.

Prior to joining the Port of Oakland, Mr. Benjamin was the Chief Operating Officer for Al Anwa USA Inc. (Los Angeles). He directed investment, development, business operations and managed a \$700 million diversified real estate investment portfolio. Mr. Benjamin also served as Chief Operating Officer for Newfield Enterprises International and worked in Paris, France for four years as an investment manager for The First Investment Capital Corporation.

Mr. Benjamin holds a B.S. degree in business administration from California State University, East Bay. He serves as Vice President of the California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA). He is a full member of the Urban Land Institute and serves on its San Francisco District Council's Executive Committee. Mr. Benjamin also serves on the Board of Directors for community organizations such as the Paramount Theatre of the Arts, the Center for Elders Independence and the Oakland Economic Development Corporation.



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Thomas W. Hart

Executive Vice President,
Manager, Shorenstein Family Office



Tom Hart joined Shorenstein in 1982. He is responsible for overseeing the company's community, political, and governmental relations in the San Francisco Bay Area and plays a leading role in the company's development activities. Mr. Hart also oversees the management and administration of a portfolio of investments held by members of the Shorenstein family.

Mr. Hart is a board member of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR), Urban Land Institute San Francisco District Council, and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Mid-Market Project Area Committee.

Professional Experience

Prior to joining Shorenstein, Mr. Hart worked as a vice president of development for Marriott International in Washington, D.C. where he was responsible for development, acquisition or joint venture for over 7,000 hotel rooms in 15 properties. In 1972 and 1973, Mr. Hart served as Special Assistant to President Richard Nixon at The White House.

Education

Mr. Hart graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S., and from Harvard Business School with an M.B.A.

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David P. Johnson

Executive Director

Career Milestones

- Twenty years directing administrative, public affairs and public policy staff, operations, and programs in both the public and private sectors.
- Three years leading and assisting managers and technicians in the acquisition of entitlements for planned unit residential/commercial developments, of 2,400, 3,000, and 210 units.
- Developing and implementing strategies for effective relationships necessary to achieve institutional and business success with: elected and appointed public officials, the media, the private sector, and the community.
- Three years working for clients in residential real estate, providing seller/buyer counseling, market analysis, marketing services, contract preparation and management, and inspection and escrow management services. Providing company marketing information and advice to fellow Realtors.
- Four years leading a business retention organization in a partnership with the business community, neighborhood leaders and the city, with the focus on business and employment growth and economic development issues management.

Professional Experience

Executive Director

Oakland Commerce Corporation
1995 - Present

Reporting to the Board of Directors, lead and manage a not-for-profit corporation with the mission to retain and grow local companies and employment. Accomplish mission by working with local and area elected and appointed officials, businesses and business organizations, neighborhoods groups and leaders and city staff at all levels.

Realtor

Prudential California (Mason McDuffie) Real Estate
Oakland, CA
1993 - 1996

Provide and manage professional real estate services and advocacy for buyers and sellers. Serve as mentor to new Realtors. Provide company-marketing information and counsel to fellow Realtors. Provide Broker Price Opinions to lenders. Management Committee member.

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Principal

**Johnson, Icaj-Johnson Assoc.,
Public Affairs & Management
Oakland, CA
1991-1993**

Providing clients with public affairs and management services. Research and counsel regarding strategies and players for major business determining relocation options. Research and counsel on short and long-range plans for public non-profit. Developed plan for Public Affairs program for local developer.

Chief of Staff**Asst. for Policy Development**

**Mayor
Oakland, CA
1988-1991**

Manage staff of nine in support of the Mayor carrying out his responsibilities as the City's chief elected official: community, policy and legislative leadership, City budget development oversight, selection and appointment of board, commission, and committee members, media relations, inter-governmental relations, film production development, ceremonial functions, and special Mayoral programs. As Assistant, policy development and intergovernmental relations

Principal

**Johnson, Icaj-Johnson Assoc.,
Public Affairs & Management
Oakland, CA
1987-1988**

Counsel to and research for the City of Oakland Redevelopment Agency, Office of Economic Development & Employment, evaluating public and private sector management systems for business retention/expansion programs.

Vice-President, Public Affairs

**Blackhawk Development Corporation
Danville, CA
1984-1987**

Manage various aspects of the entitlements process for the 2,400 unit Blackhawk, and 3,100 unit Canyon Lakes housing and country club projects, as well as the entire entitlements process for the 210 unit Anderson Ranch development. Direct community relations program.

Achievements

- Negotiated development parameters and conditions of approval with County and City elected officials and staff, labor, community leaders and organizations.
- Managed planning, architectural and engineering consultants in negotiations with City staff, Planning Commissioners and City Council members.

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Blackhawk, Cont'd.

- Assisted in the negotiations (that included five other developers and the City of Danville), in the creation of a \$16 million assessment district for the Sycamore Valley to pay for roads, traffic signals, parkway landscaping, a park, and other infrastructure improvements.
- Managed a team and community committee that successfully lobbied Sacramento elected and appointed officials for extraordinary state K-12 school construction funds.
- Managed political, community, and development-related media relations.
- Managed corporate leadership role in the community, including community contributions.

Public Affairs Manager
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Oakland, CA
1980-1984

Manage the governmental and community relations programs for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, with oversight of 40 management employees in their local and state government contact roles. Analyze and assess regional and local leadership, issues, events, and trends. Develop and enhance relationships with local and state legislators both directly and through the Division's key contacts, working closely with the company's state lobbyists to address the company's legislative needs. Direct and coordinate media relations staff on public affairs matters

Assistant to the Executive Director for Public Affairs
Port of Oakland
Oakland, CA
1977-1979

Develop and manage Port's Public Affairs program. Serve as liaison with state and federal lobbyists on legislative and regulatory matters. Manage public affairs-related media matters through the Marketing Department. Achievements - Created and administered the Port's first Public Affairs program, with the mission to achieve and maintain effective relationships with and positive decisions from local elected and appointed public officials, labor, community and corporate leaders.

Chief of Staff
Mayor
Oakland, CA
1970-77

Managed a staff of five in support of the Mayor carrying out his responsibilities as the City's chief elected official. Researched and developed policy initiatives, managed media and community relations. Represented the Mayor at official and civic functions, on various community civic boards and committees, and served as liaison with the City Manager's Office, department heads and their staff. Achievements • Established and managed formal liaison role with City Manager and staff to address policy issues and respond to citizen questions, concerns, and complaints.

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Administrative Analyst

**Budget & Research Department
City of Oakland
Oakland, CA
1969-1970**

Work with department heads to prepare selected portions of the annual budget of the City, and analyze internal administrative policies and issues. Achievements - Prepared General Government budgets, analyzing, City Council policy directives, program and staffing needs and changes, spending patterns and revenue trends. General Government departments included Mayor & City Council, City Manager, City Auditor, City Attorney, City Planning, Retirement System, and the Building Permits & Inspections Department. Budgets ranged from under \$1 million to \$3 million, and varying levels of staff

Student

**Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
University of Pittsburg,
Pittsburg, PA
1967-1969**

Urban Management program, with Master's Thesis on the Council- Manager form of government.

Volunteer

**Peace Corps
City of Trivandrum
Kerala, India
1965-1967**

Assisted local education, and district and State health leaders in the development of local and District public health education and disease prevention services in the State of Kerala, India. Established public health education and disease prevention program for local elementary school.

Education

Masters Degree, Public Administration - University of Pittsburg, 1971

Bachelor of Science Degree, Psychology - University of Washington, 1965

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Community Activities**Current:**

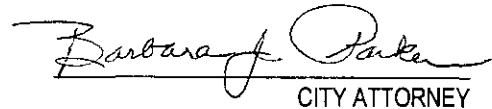
Board of Directors, Scotlan Youth and Family Center
Board of Directors, West Oakland Commerce Association
~~Board of Directors, New Oakland Committee~~
Board of Directors, Paramount Theater of the Arts
Coliseum Commerce Center Advisory Committee
Planning & Construction Committee, Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Alliance for Business Directors' Council
Fly Oakland Forum
Waterfront Roundtable
Friends of the Fox Theater
Chair, Business Caucus, New Oakland Committee

Past:

Policy Board, University-Oakland Metropolitan Forum
Economic Development Panel, University-Oakland Metropolitan Forum
Holy Names College Business Symposium Planning Committee
Steering Committee, Bay Area Economic Forum
Minority/Community Equity Participation Task Force
Incorporator & Chair, Board of Directors, Oakland Convention Center
Board of Directors, Oakland Convention and Visitors Bureau
Board of Directors, Oakland Museum Association
Board of Directors, Coalition of Labor and Business
Bioscience Center Development Committee
San Ramon Valley Citizens for Improved School Facilities
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, City of San Ramon
Bay Area Water Policy Consensus Committee

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING OMAR BENJAMN, TOM HART AND DAVID JOHNSON AS
MEMBERS OF
THE PARAMOUNT THEATER OF THE ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland owns the Paramount Theatre of the Arts property which is at 2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612; and

WHEREAS, the Paramount Theatre of the Arts, Inc. a California non profit corporation was created for the purpose of operating and managing the Paramount Theatre; and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Paramount Theatre of the Arts, Inc. provide that members of the Board of Directors for the corporation shall be elected by the Board, subject to the concurrence of the Mayor and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 55001 C.M.S., the City of Oakland entered into an operating agreement with the Paramount Theatre of the Arts, Inc. in the year of 1975 under which the Paramount Theatre of the Arts, Inc., agreed to operate the Paramount Theatre under the terms and conditions specified in the operating agreement, as it may be amended from time to time; and the operating agreement's initial term was for the period beginning October 1975 and ending June 30, 1976 and thereafter runs from year to year; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55076 C.M.S. and the Articles of Incorporation of the Paramount Theatre of the Arts, Inc. and the bylaws of the Board of Directors of the corporation specify that members of the Paramount Theatre of the Arts Board of Directors are to serve 4 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 Oakland City Council's and Mayor Ron Dellums' concurrence with the Board of Director's nominations, the following individuals are hereby appointed to the terms set forth below:

Omar Benjamin, reappointment to serve the term beginning October 2, 2008 and ending October 1, 2012, filling the seat he previously held.

Tom Hart, reappointment to serve the term beginning October 2, 2008 and ending October 1, 2012 filling the seat he previously held.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND

PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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