



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2005

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

FROM: Councilmember Nadel

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Budget Advisory Committee

It has come to my attention that the term for my appointee to the Budget Advisory Committee is about to expire.

I would like to re appoint Maeve Elise Brown to this seat.

Please contact Amanda Brown-Stevens with any questions regarding this matter at x7031.

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAEVE ELISE BROWN AS A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 74826 C.M.S. creates the Budget Advisory Committee, one of whose members are nominated and approved by the City Council and;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.74826 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Budget Advisory Committee are to serve two 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 Councilmember Nadel, the following individual is hereby appointed to the term set forth below:

Maeve Elise Brown, District 3 Representative, to complete the term beginning May 25, 2005 and ending May 25, 2007, filling a position that is vacant.

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



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MAEVE ELISE BROWN

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles CA
Juris Doctorate, 1987

Public Interest Law Foundation, 1984-1987
Moot Court Honors Program 1985-1987

UCLA, Los Angeles CA
A.B., Political Science, International Relations, June 1984

Dean's List
Alpha Lambda Delta, Freshman Honors
UCLA Political Science Honors Society
International Political Science Honors Society

LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue)	Spanish (advanced)	French (advanced)	Farsi (intermediate)
Japanese (beginner's)	Italian (intermediate)	German (intermediate)	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, Predatory Lending, Section 8 Homeownership and Rural Housing Service Foreclosure Avoidance Initiatives 4/2002-Present

National Housing Law Project, Oakland

As Director of NHP's Rural Housing Service Initiative, provide training and technical support to public interest attorneys and housing counselors on legal requirements and foreclosure avoidance tools in the U.S.D.A.'s Rural Housing Service, single-family programs. Activities include national survey on topic and development of all training materials for initiative.

As Director of NHP's Predatory Lending Initiative, work jointly with National Consumer Law Center to provide training nationally to community groups, housing authority staff, governmental officials, housing counselors, attorneys and others on spotting and avoiding predatory home mortgage schemes and understanding the legal remedies available to those embroiled in such, including fair housing claims. Promote development of local and regional resources to combat predatory lending in the home mortgage market, with a special focus on the Bay Area of California. Activities include development of all training materials for initiative.

As Director of the Section 8 Homeownership Initiative, provide training nationally to housing and redevelopment officials, consumer agencies, and other organizations regarding the nature of this program, its requirements, and a wide variety of practical realities and concerns in implementation. Provide technical assistance nationally to such groups on a day to day basis. Track and comment on federal policies associated with this program. Plan and conduct seminars, in-person trainings and teleconferences. Disseminate information on latest developments via articles and a national listserv. Activities include development of training materials for initiative.

In addition, as Staff Attorney, conduct research and provide technical assistance in additional, specialized subject areas, including voucher utilization, source of income discrimination, and credit discrimination. In all subject areas, draft articles for national publication, provide technical support to public interest attorneys, governmental staff, private attorneys and other advocates nationally on a wide array of federally subsidized housing policies and programs, and related issues. Staff California state-wide housing hotline and engage in administrative activities, including managing student interviewing and hiring throughout the year, research for fundraising purposes and various other ad hoc committees. Took lead on organizing NHP's 2004 Housing Justice Network Conference.

Contract Attorney, Housing Unit 10/01-3/02

East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA (affiliated with Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley)

Developed Practice Manual for EBCLC Housing Unit, detailing California eviction defense procedures, relevant court practices, and other relevant housing issues, such as habitability problems and lock-outs. Supervised eviction defense clinic at Oakland courthouse, which activity included preparation of pleadings, supervision of interns and counseling of clients. Managed and trained volunteer attorneys for EBCLC's housing clinics.

Director, Community Economic Development Unit, 11/96-4/00

East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA (affiliated with Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley)

Founded the Community Economic Development Unit at East Bay Community Law Center. As Director of the unit, provided direct service and supervised interns in economic development work, including legal research, transactional work and community outreach. Tasks involved intensive interaction with community members, NGO's, governmental agencies and elected officials. Lead organizer in development of community response to lack of credit/financial services for low-income people, which work culminated in the development of a community development credit union, in coalition with community members and groups. Spearheaded all aspects of credit union's development, including extensive community organizing, as well as conducting research and market analysis preparatory to requesting federal charter for the credit union. Prepared chartering documents (5-year business plan, supporting documentation), supervised interns, and volunteers in all aspects of development. Raised 1.1 million dollars in below-market interest capital for start-up, and 55,000 dollars in grants for other start-up costs.

Director, Housing Unit, and Clinical Teacher, 11/96-4/00

East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA (affiliated with Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley)

Managed and directed all housing related legal work for the office. Legal work focused on eviction defense, including fair housing claims when appropriate, as defense and affirmatively as administrative claim with HUD. Charted office policy on housing casework and client selection. Supervised, assisted and evaluated staff attorneys and volunteer attorneys. Supervised, taught and evaluated legal interns and paralegals. Oversaw volunteer-staffed monthly housing clinics and conducted clinics personally. Conducted other special trainings for members of the public, governmental staff and staff of non-profit organizations on landlord-tenant law, local rent control regulations and fair housing law. Provided advice to and consulted with local fair housing organizations (Sentinel Fair Housing and Housing Rights, Inc.). Negotiated and litigated cases (jury trials and court trials, administrative hearings, appeals). Counseled clients on emergency and appointment basis. Taught classes within semester-long Clinical Practice Course. Conducted regular legal clinics for the public and for other professionals.

Special projects:

- Spring 1998, assisted director of International Human Rights Clinic at Boalt Hall School of Law in week-long fact finding trip to Dominican Republic and Haiti on human rights abuses. Reviewed reports, memoranda and statutes, primarily in Spanish. Interviewed and supervised law students in interviewing, in Spanish and French, community members, staff of non-governmental organizations, and governmental staff. Reviewed petition (in Spanish) submitted to Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in preparation for mootng law students arguing before the Commission.
- Assisted EBCLC in development of teaching goals for required Clinical Practice Course.
- Participated in office-wide strategic planning process.
- Managed national summer hiring program for all units in office on annual basis.

Supervising Attorney, and Clinical Teacher, 1/93-11/96

East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA (affiliated with Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley)

Engaged in all aspects of clinical law practice. Negotiated and litigated cases (jury trials and court trials, Section 8 and rent board administrative hearings, appeals), including submitting an Amicus Brief to Zuniga v. Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, (1995) Court of Appeal of the State of California, Second Appellate District, Division Four, Super.Ct.No. BC063576. Supervised, taught and evaluated legal interns

and paralegals. Taught classes within required, semester-long Clinical Practice Course. Conducted regular legal clinics for the public and for professionals.

Staff Attorney, 7/89-1/93

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, East Los Angeles Office, Los Angeles, CA

Engaged in day-to-day general public interest law practice. Negotiated and litigated cases (jury trials and court trials, administrative hearings, appeals), including litigation and appeal of Salazar v. Maradiaga, (1992) 10 Cal.App.4, Supp.1, 12 Cal. Rptr. 2d 676. Provided technical assistance to client groups, including grant writing, non-profit incorporation, and other aspects of organizational development.

Volunteer Attorney, 8/89-12/91

Labor Defense Network, LAFLA, Los Angeles, CA

Supervised law students at night clinic assisting persons with labor problems.

Volunteer Attorney, 12/89-10/90

Domestic Violence Clinic, LAFLA, Los Angeles, CA

Union President, 2/91-1/93

Union of Legal Services Workers, LAFLA, Los Angeles, CA

Chief negotiator in wage-reopener of 1991, and in re-negotiation of entire collective bargaining agreement in 1992. Handled all legal and administrative issues for local union of approximately 116 members.

Attorney, 2/89-7/89

Law Office of Suzuki and Ito, Los Angeles, CA

Researched and drafted arguments for general civil practice, including topics related to banking, and criminal appeals.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, AFFILIATIONS

California Bar, 1988 to present

American Bar Association, 1988-1995

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 1990-1995

Women in Legal Services, Member since 1990, Board Member 1994-1999

East Bay Housing Organizations, Member 1993-2001, Board Member 1995-1997

National Center for Lesbian Rights, Board Member 1996-1999

Hand to Hand Self-Defense Center (Martial Arts School), Board Member 1998-2000

People's Community Partnership Federal Credit Union, Board Chair, Chief Fundraiser 2002-present

AWARDS

1997 Housing Rights, Inc., Service Award

1998 Legal Aid Association of California Staff Attorney Award of Merit

2003 Alameda Business Women's Attorney of the Year Award

2004 Workin' It, Women in Business Award

OTHER EXPERIENCE/TRAINING

Accounting Basics Course, UC Berkeley, 1999.

JAMS/Endispute Advanced Advocacy in Mediation Training, 1996.

WordPerfect, Microsoft Word

PUBLIC SPEAKING (selected appearances)

Numerous appearances over career, including, most recently Federal Reserve Board National, Community Development Conference, Los Angeles, 2004, and Credit Discrimination Forum at Boalt Hall, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Credit Discrimination in Subsidized Housing*, Clearinghouse Review, September 2005.
- *Federal/State Fair Housing Regulation of Finance for Affordable Housing*, Chapter in American Bar Association's upcoming, 2005 Guide to Affordable Housing Development
- *Section 8 Homeownership and Community Development Credit Unions—Perfect Partners*, The Federal Credit Union, Jan/Feb 2003, Volume 28, Number 1
- Numerous articles on Section 8 Homeownership, Source of Income Discrimination, Predatory Lending, Voucher Utilization, and other affordable housing issues for the Housing Law Bulletin, 2002 to present.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS

- Budget Advisory Committee, City of Oakland, 1/2005 to present
- Martial arts, volleyball, music, fiction writing.
- Trainer for Benchmark Institute (attorney training program), 1996, and 1999.

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