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Letter of Nomination

July 19, 2005

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

Dear Councilmembers:

Upon nomination of the Mayor, the following person is hereby appointed as a member of the following Board or Commission:

**Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board**

Deborah Taylor, Mayoral re-appointment to serve the term beginning February 12, 2005 and ending February 11, 2008, filling the seat in which she currently sits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

**JERRY BROWN**  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Brown', written over the printed name and title.

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# Biography

**Deborah L. Taylor** is a native of California and resides in Oakland. Ms. Taylor is owner of DEVONSHIRE Management Group, a fundraising and event management firm specializing in political campaigns. She started her fundraising career in 1980 with former Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. (Mayor of Oakland ). During the 1980's, Ms. Taylor was very active in Democratic Party politics. She was elected twice by voters to the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee; served as National Committee Delegate to the Democratic Party Nominating Convention in 1984, 88 and 1992 and was the Finance Director for the California Democratic Party in 1994.

Ms. Taylor's fundraising client list mirrors her activism. She has worked with Bay Area legislators Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Assemblywoman Wilma Chan and, activists organizations Rainforest Action Network and Americans for Democratic Action. Ms. Taylor served on the legislative staff of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina and former State Senator now Congresswoman Diane E. Watson. As a legislative deputy, Ms. Taylor's primary oversight was economic development, job training and parks.

In addition to campaign fundraising, Devonshire Management Group provides consultant service for event planning and implementation, sponsorship recruitment, strategic planning and outreach and public relations for non-profit organizations and businesses.

Ms. Taylor civic services include Commissioner, City of Oakland Charter Review Board, Parent Representative, Oakland Military Institute College Academy and member of the Oakland Ballet Gala 2002 Committee. She has also served as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Child Support Advisory Board, the San Fernando Valley Mobility Action Committee and the Pacoima Enterprise Zone. Her community Board service includes the Oakland Opera Theater, Heal the Bay, Bridgefocus, the Pacoima Youth Coordinating Committee, the Los Angeles Women's Appointment Collaboration and the Women's Foundation.

Ms. Taylor is a graduate of California State University Hayward (CSUH) where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Human Development.

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING DEBORAH TAYLOR AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL RENT AND RELOCATION BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 8.22 Oakland Municipal Code creates the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 8.22 Oakland Municipal Code specifies that members of the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board are to serve three 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 individual is hereby appointed to the term set forth below:

Deborah Taylor, as Natural Representative, to serve the term beginning February 12, 2005 and ending February 11, 2008, filling the position formerly held by herself.

**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:

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