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Letter of Nomination

November 25, 2014

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

Dear President Kernighan and members of the City Council:

The Mayor hereby appoints the following person as a member of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

**CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Ron Zeno** Mayoral appointment to serve as the Mayor's representative for a four year term beginning April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2018 to the Children's Fairyland Board of Directors, filling the seat previously held by Georgia Richardson.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan  
Mayor

I was born and raised in Oakland attending local schools, (St Leo's, St. Mary's College Prep, Merritt, Laney, and others).

I tend to spend time in Fairyland. I fell in love with it back when I was a child. Fairyland has always been a safe getaway for me.

Hello. I am Ron Zeno, Executive Director at Safe Exchange, Inc. A 501 c3 agency here in Oakland and in Concord as well. We provide court ordered supervised visitation for children whose parents are getting divorced or kids who have been abused by one or both parents. We often take kids to Fairyland while they visit with a parent. Fairyland provides them with fun and excitement while spending time with their parents. For me, having to facilitate these sometimes bitter and saddening sessions, Fairyland offers me, well, the chance to be someone who brings every child happiness, Santa Claus. While portraying this persona, I am whisked away into a world of wonder while bringing a child's fantasy to life. A fantasy of my own is about to come true! I have been cast as the Red King in the upcoming Fairyland Puppet Theater, "Alice in Wonderland." Serving on the board brings my own personal dream with Fairyland, full circle.

Peace.

Ron Zeno  
Executive Director  
Safe Exchange, Inc.

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CITY ATTORNEY

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RON ZENO TO THE CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 70531 C.M.S. creates the Children's Fairyland Board of Directors (the "Board") and Resolution No. 79001 C.M.S. amends the composition of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 79001 C.M.S. and the Bylaws of Children's Fairyland state that the Board consists of eleven (11) members, seven appointed by the Board and four appointed by the City of Oakland, three appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council and one a City Administrator's designee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of Oakland Children's Fairyland, Inc., dated October 26, 2006, note that its Board's function is to assist Children's Fairyland by providing funds and services and to develop, cultivate and advocate greater public interest in Children's Fairyland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Jean Quan has appointed Ron Zeno to serve a four year term, subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ron Zeno to serve a four year term beginning April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2018 to the Children's Fairyland Board, filling the seat previously held by Georgia Richardson:

**IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,  
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - KALB, PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN, GIBSON MCELHANEY, SCHAAF, GALLO,  
BROOKS, REID AND KAPLAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTIONS-

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Oakland City County