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Letter of Nomination

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May 30, 2006

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:

Board of Port Commissioners

Kenneth Katzoff, Mayoral re-appointment, serving the term beginning 7/11/2006 and ending 7/10/2010, filling the seat he currently holds.

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

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Jerry Brown in black ink, extending across the bottom of the page.
JERRY BROWN
Mayor

PRINCIPAL ATTORNEYS

Kenneth S. Katzoff is a litigation attorney with an emphasis on litigation of construction defect and designer liability claims. He has served as lead attorney in numerous complex construction litigation matters both as plaintiffs' and defendants' counsel.

Mr. Katzoff is a graduate of Tulane University and the University of San Francisco law school, where he received his J.D. degree in 1981. He has served as a law clerk for the United States Department of Justice, in the United States Attorney's office in San Francisco, with an emphasis on litigation of tax cases. From 1981 until 1983 he practiced law at the firm of Hancock, Rother & Bunshoft, in San Francisco, specializing in the field of personal injury tort defense.

In 1983, Mr. Katzoff left the Hancock firm to establish his independent law practice in Berkeley, California. In this practice he has successfully handled commercial, real estate, and personal injury related civil litigation. Currently his practice focuses on litigation of issues arising from real estate transactions, construction defects, engineering and architectural errors and omissions, and other issues generally relating to the construction and real estate industry.

In 1999, Mr. Katzoff and Mr. Riggs, representing a homeowner, tried a major construction defect and real estate case involving damage from the "Northridge" earthquake to a jury in Los Angeles County Superior Court. After a three week trial the jury returned a total verdict in favor of Katzoff & Riggs's client, and the firm's client received an award of attorney's fees and expenses-in excess of \$300,000.

Mr. Katzoff is a member of the Alameda County Bar Association, the Bar Association of San Francisco, and the American Trial Lawyer's Association. Mr. Katzoff is admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California.

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING
KENNETH KATZOFF AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the City Charter creates the Board of Port Commissioners, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter specifies that members of the Board of Port Commissioners are to serve four 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 reappointed to the term set forth below:

Kenneth Katzoff, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning July 11, 2006 and ending July 10, 2010, filling the position formerly held by himself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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