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Office of the Mayor Honorable Ronald V. Dellums Mayor

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Letter of Nomination

May 15, 2007

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

Dear Council Members:

Upon nomination of the Mayor, the following persons are hereby appointed as members of the following Board or Commission:

Youth Advisory Commission

Cesar Gabriel San Miguel, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2008 filling the slot of Kenisha Bogans.

Christina Jiang, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning November 3, 2006 and ending November 2, 2008 filling the slot of Lafiea Gary.

Gabriela Agramont, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June, 2009 filling the slot of Eagan Brown.

Elizabeth Agramont, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2008 filling the slot of Ricky Michael Robinson.

Amber Arnold, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning November 3, 2006 and ending November 2, 2008 filling the slot of Diana Tran.

Jessica Devereaux, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2007 filling the slot of Brianna Cane.



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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Ronald V. Dellums

Mayor

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

My name is Cesar Gabriel San Miguel. I am a 13-year-old Oaklander, born and raised in this beautiful City. Next fall I will start 8th grade at Saint Lawrence O'Toole School, where I am an honor student and the eighth grade class president.

One of my interests has been the environment. For the past seven years I have volunteered on every Earth Day and Bay to Creek Day, and have planted daffodils and organized clean-ups with my classmates. When I was six years old I signed up to be a volunteer with the City of Oakland's Keep Oakland Beautiful program, formerly know as Grime Busters and We Mean Clean. I adopted my block and committed to keep it clean, which I continue to do to this day.

Currently I work as a volunteer with the Dimond Recreation Center as Counselor in Training. Last May I was the only Oakland resident to receive the Bay Area Community Heroes Award. Over the years I've received a number of recognitions for community service (please see attachments).

In this day and age youth face many problems. One prominent issue is peer pressure. The desire to fit in is what makes some youth make bad decisions like joining a gang, or doing drugs, etc. The lack of pride in themselves and in their City translates to problems for youth all over Oakland. Youth need to see other youth doing good things, making right decisions, and being proud of themselves. We need more youth role models to set an example for others.

I was nominated by my school principal and accepted into the "People to People World Leadership Forum." Next spring I will be going to Washington, D.C. The training I will receive at the "World Leadership Forum" will help me to gain additional leadership skills to make a difference in my community (please see attachment).

I would be a great addition to the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission because I myself battle with the same problems and issues other young people are facing, and I can understand what other teenagers are going through. I can also promote environmental awareness and encourage youth to participate in community service. I have a unique view on health and eating habits because I have been a vegetarian my whole life. And finally, because of my Mexican heritage, I can bring a bilingual and bicultural perspective to the table. Therefore I believe I will be a great addition to the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission.

Sincerely,



City OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Whereas, Mr. Cesar Gabriel San Miguel has shown tremendous pride and dedication to his neighborhood by volunteering his Saturday mornings to sign up for the City of Oakland's Adopt-A-Spot program; and

Whereas, Cesar Gabriel San Miguel, three years ago at the young age of 6, decided that he would take responsibility for his neighborhood and its appearance; and

Whereas, Cesar Gabriel San Miguel is the youngest volunteer to ever participate in the Adopt-A-Spot program to combat litter and garbage on Magee Avenue, between California Street and Harbor View Avenue, and has continued to wear his orange vest as a badge of honor for his part in keeping our streets clean; and

Whereas, Cesar Gabriel San Miguel met Sandra Steen, of the City of Oakland, and was given his official pick-up-stick and orange vest, and has shown through his actions, of how the residents in our city can take pride in keeping their streets clean; and

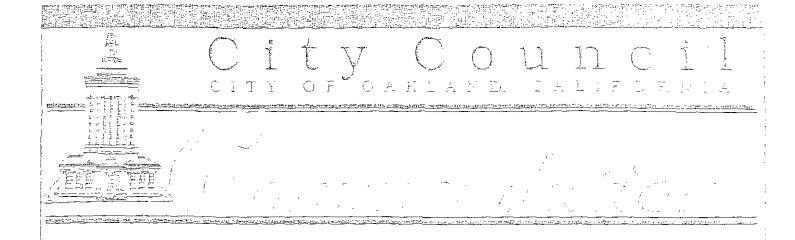
Whereas, Cesar Gabriel San Miguel, at the young age of 9, continues to clean Magee Avenue with the assistance of his parents. Silvia and Ron, and has now encouraged his younger brother Daniel (age 6) to also work on Saturday's to keep their block clean; and

Whereas, The neighbors have presented young Cesar Gabriel San Miguel a plaque commending his efforts, and the City of Oakland has erected a sign designating this area as "Cesar's Clean Up Territory", now. therefore be it

Resolved: That I. Larry E. Reid, Vice Mayor for the City of Oakland. on behalf of the City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council, do hereby commend Cesar Gabriel San Miguel for his pride and dedication in keeping his neighborhood free of litter and debris, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the residents of Oakland recognize and appreciate the example that has been set by this young citizen in his efforts to contribute to his community.

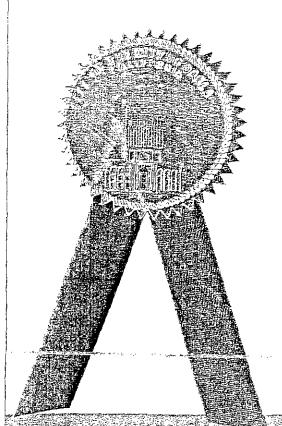
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To: The News Media

Re: Oakland Student Accepted into People to People Academic Program

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People to People World Leadership Forum

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Cesar San Miguel, a student at St Lawrence O'Toole School, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. San Miguel will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., March 5-11, 2007 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History. San Miguel will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

San Miguel was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1958.



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Dear Mayor and members of City Council,

My name is Christina Jiang. I grew up in a single-mother immigrant home. When I first moved to Oakland, all I heard is how non-literate and dangerous it is. However, the city wasn't like what people gossiped. Lake Merritt provides a beautiful view and a free fitness center. Unlike other cities' downtown that are noisy and dirty, Oakland downtown with the busy traffic going in and out keeps a clean environment. The biggest lie that I figured out is about the youth in Oakland. "They shoot each other every night," "They sell drug everywhere," and "Do not ever walk on the street alone." Those over-heard phrases are so untrue about juveniles. I love Oakland, and I hate to see other people put down the city I live in. I want to make changes and to make people feel proud of being an Oakland resident.

I kept myself involved with student activities since I transferred to Skyline High School in 2005. Last school year, I helped raise about \$3,000 dollar for Hurricane Katrina, collected and donated over 1000 cans of food to the Salvation Army for Thanksgiving, and assisted the Youth Center to get the School Safety Ambassador Program. Eventually I became the student representative on the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education. I advice the Board on student needs, improvements of school facilitates, and other issues that OUSD student might have. However, I realized a lot of the youth problems are not school related, such as, lack of motivation and hope, minimal family support, and lack of student empowerment and involvement in Oakland. I began to seek other opportunities so I can express my ideas to help change and improve those situations. Luckily, I found the Youth Advisory Commission and I'm very interested in becoming a member.

I understand being a member on the Youth Advisory Commission requires time and dedication. Also one must be a role model in order to engage other people to take responsibility. In the past few years, I committed a lot time participating youth events, such as 9th Annual Woman Health Conference, Oakland High Schools Peer Resource Conference, School Safety Ambassador Training, and other programs and workshops. This summer, I was invited to go to the 2006 National Student Leadership Conference and LEAD Congressional Student Leadership Conference. During my term being the Student Representative on the Oakland Board of Education, I never missed a meeting and was always on time. In January, I wrote a letter to board asking them to consider using a one-page send home School Accountability Report Card which can be easily interpreted into different languages, so that the non-English speaking parents be informed as well. Every family will be guaranteed an update just like the others with or without Internet access. Being a student at a public school and a teenager in Oakland, I see problems that the adults would never know. However, my abounding past experiences prepares me to come up with useful solutions to those issues.

I enjoy being a leader in my school and community. Also, I'm a big fan of politics. I think the most essential action that the City of Oakland should take right now is to hire more police officers to ensure people's safety and lower the crime rate. There have been 81 homicides since Jan. 1st. How can the city be better if people can't even physically and emotionally feel safe? The city government should hold mandatory violence prevention workshops in every elementary, middle and high schools to increase the awareness of this matter. In the busy world we live in ioday, parents offen

unintentionally neglect their children, thus, minimal family caring and support became one of the major problems among Oakland youth. When kids don't feel like there's someone who cares for them, they often want to give up in their life. This led to lack of motivation and hope, which caused students to fail in academic field. The city must provide more mental and emotional support especially for adolescents, and the adolescent clinics should have counselors that teenagers trust and willing to speaking to. The establishment of Youth Center at every individual school would be another excellent option. The last issue for youth that I think the city should focus on is life skill training and job opportunities. To ensure we become quality and productive members of society, the city has to provide extra training other than what we learn in school. It's time that the city takes initiative to work with the school district to ameliorate these situations.

Other than being a student leader and youth activist, I love to make short films about today's teenager life. My dream is to become a founder and CEO of a Bay Area Teen TV Station. I want to go to USC and major in Business Administration and Cinematography. I'll come to Oakland and give it back to the community after pursuing my film career. I believe youth are a very important part of a city's legislation. I want to offer teenagers opportunities to show the world who they are and what they need. A TV station, in this case, would be an extraordinary place.

As you can see, I'm a very involved person. Academics are very important to me. I kept an average GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) with 3 AP classes on top of those extracurriculum activities. I'm academically qualified for this position as well as experientially. I have tremendous leadership abilities to go along with my relentless work ethic. I'm highly motivated and willing to put in the time and effort to see a project through completion. I have many past achievements and I want to keep making positive changes. With the ability to speak 3 different commonly used languages, I'm confident that I will be an excellent youth member on this commission. The city needs youth to make changes, and we need the city to make those changes happen. I believe that enriched academics, career orientated guidance and youth empowerment are substantial to young people. I insist that Oakland should continually provide youth equal opportunities and resources for us to become successful and functional members of society. Lastly, I hope you would consider me for this wonderful position.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christina Jiang

Gabriela Agramont

Office of the Mayor: Jerry Brown c/o: Youth Leadership and Development 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4211 Oakland, CA 94612 510.238,3245

Esteemed Mayor Brown and City Council Members:

Hello, my name is Gabriela Agramont. I am currently a resident of Oakland and loving every day of it. This year, I am attending Orinda Academy, but I am still living in Oakland. As you already know, Oakland is really big. It is so big that it is prone to bring in more crimes, homicides, and drugs. It is the people that decide whether Oakland will rise and succeed or crumble and fall, but the way I see it, Oakland is starting to crumble. Now, I know that it sounds bad, but I believe with time and patience, with the right guidance and support, Oakland can become a better place.

I am now entering the 9th grade at Orinda Academy. Before the seventh grade, I really didn't care about school and I wasn't doing very well academically either. But when my mother and father talked to me about how important it was to get good grades and to do your best and exceed in all you can at school, I finally tried to do all that I could, and bring my grades up. Now that I have been to many Oakland Public schools I know what it is like being there. Some of the problems that I feel youth are facing at schools in my community are: lack of resources, bad influence from TV, music, and magazines, drugs, peer pressure, and having no motivation. Youth are mostly influenced by what they see and hear from the media and exploited music. As a result, we see more teens on the streets dealing drugs, vandalizing, having sex and committing horrible crimes rather than going to school and getting an education. If children did not have this strong of an influence from these things, children would take advantage of the opportunities that they have, and succeed enough to go to college. If we tried harder to show these children toward the right path than we would have more educators, doctors, researchers, entertainers, and leaders. By accomplishing this, we can see to it that Oakland can rest, for it will know that the future of the city will rise and prevail.

One important thing that I see in improving Oakland is to have more programs in school to help encourage kids to be motivated to learn. For instance, programs like SOAR, D.A.R.E., and after school programs that help kids stay off the streets and teach them why drugs, peer pressure, and hazing are bad. The schools should put money toward getting more resources if they are complaining that they don't have many. Schools can

introduce programs like SOAR to help kids learn more about computer programs. If you start at the bottom (schools in danger of closing) and if you don't close those schools down, I think we will be able to work those schools up and encourage the kids to try harder and to never give up and always follow through.

I would be a great addition to the Youth Commission because I follow through with the things I am given and the things I want done. I know how to bring up Oakland and how to reach out to the people unaware of the situations that are happening. Though at first as a young girl I did not care or understand things in full detail, I now understand things clearly and am able to help those in need of good influence and motivation. I think that being on the Youth Commission will bring up Oakland to its full potential.

After I graduate from high school, I would like to attend either UC Berkeley or Harvard. When I go to either one, I will earn my Ph. D in Medicine, take health courses, minor in language, mostly in Spanish and French. But my real goal is to become a Diabetes researcher so I can try to find a cure for my father and all the others who suffer from type one and two diabetes.

Gabriela Agramont-Justiniano	

cc: Council President Ignacio De La Fuente - District 5, Nancy Nadel - District 3, Larry Reid - District 7, Desley Brooks - District 6, Jane Burner - District 1, Henry Chang - At-Large, Jean Quan - District 4, Patricia Kernighan - District 2, John Russo - City Attorney

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Elizabeth Agramont

Office of the Mayor: Jerry Brown c/o: Youth Leadership and Development 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4211 Oakland, California 94612 510.238.3245

Esteemed Mayor Brown and City Council Members:

My name is Elizabeth Agramont. I live here in Oakland and enjoy its prosperity. I attend a private school in Orinda, but have lived in Oakland for the majority of my life. As you probably already know, Oakland is a large city, and because of this, it has many advantages. Though, you may also have seen, heard, and dealt with some of its disadvantages too. Oakland is more than just a city, it is an environment, and a home. Oakland is its people, and truly it is the people who decide the fate of their city. Having said that, I believe that with the right guidance and support, the people of Oakland will aspire to do the right thing.

I am now entering the 10th grade at Orinda Academy (a private school). But, since kindergarten through the 8th grade, I have attended schools in the Oakland Unified School District. So, I feel I can say, I know what public schools are like. Throughout my life, nothing really mattered to me. I always lived by the moment, never having the motivation to think ahead, or really do anything at all. But, since then I have changed dramatically. In my life I have felt that I was never given what I needed. That is, until I went to a school called Montera. At Montera they offered art, music, Spanish, math tutoring, Techbridge- which is a science enrichment program for girls, and various types of clubs. Students could even start their own. I felt that someone was finally reaching out to me. I had gained a desire, a will, and want to learn. Having different educational programs such as music, art, and science seems like such a small thing. Though, from experience, I can tell you it makes such a difference between a child's success or his/her failure. Having these programs is not impossible, all that matters is what is your top priority. Is the education of the students of the Oakland Unified School District up there?

One thing that I would do to help improve Oakland is to make schools more like the Oakland School for the Arts. We already know that what they do works. We should give the Oakland School for the Arts key resources that would help them <u>earn</u> an even greater success. If schools in Oakland are low scoring, instead of closing them down we should have programs like K.I.P.P. take their place, and encourage kids to join SOAR so they can catch up on skills they may have missed. We should start at the bottom of the line, with schools that are on the danger of closing. Don't believe this is impossible. This is going to be difficult at first, but with enough effort, it can, and will be done.

I would be a great asset to the Oakland Youth Commission because I know what I want to get done, have ways of finding out how it can get done, and will not stop until it is completed. I know what it takes to help bring up Oakland, and of resources that we have here that people are unaware of, or not taking advantage of. I have told you the story of how I was a clueless little girl, and how now I am motivated to helping everyone else. I feel that being on the Oakland Youth Commission will finally bring to action what I have said for the past 6 years.

After I graduate from high school, I would like to attend Stanford University. Once there, I will do my utmost to earn my Ph.D. in Psychology, take business courses, minor in language, specifically Spanish, Italian, and French. I would also like to become a writer, writing in various different genres and aspects of our lives.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano

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Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Letter of Intent

August 14, 2006

Amber Arnald

To The Oakland Mayor & City Council:

My name is Amber Arnold. As a seventeen-year-old senior, I will be a prospective student of Met West High School located in Oakland, CA. I am a very ambitious and determined person who loves to take on a challenge. My education and the direction of my future are aspects of my life that I take seriously. I have consistently maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout my high school career. In my institute of higher learning, my field of study will be Foreign Language Interpretation and Linguistics. I plan to go on to graduate school to further prepare myself for my line of work. I have aspirations of becoming an international interpreter, and eventually establishing my own interpreting agency. I am currently employed by the City of Oakland's Parks & Recreation Department as a recreation aide at F.M. Smith Recreation Center. I have worked in the company of young children for two years, with ages ranging from 5 to 14. With this job comes understanding and insight of the youth and the issues and problems that they face today. This job has also inspired me to be a positive role model for the youth.

This brings me to the point of why I feel that I would be a great addition to the youth commission. I feel that I have a lot to bring to the table. As I mentioned in my application, not only do I have experience in dealing with youth, but I also have experience in holding leadership positions at school and in my community. Many of my friends live in rough neighborhoods and they come to me for advice on certain situations that they see or that they are going through. So, I feel that if I could do that for my friends, then I could do it for other youth in the community. I have that drive and dedication to make a difference in Oakland and be a key element in how the youth is represented in the city. I was born and raised in Oakland and I see firsthand how the youth issues and problems have developed.

One of the main issues the youth face in my community is poor time utilization. Many of the young people don't know how to spend their leisure time wisely, especially during the summer when school is out of session. This usually results in

them getting involved in the wrong activities, with the wrong people. Two other major youth issues present in my community that go hand-in-hand are peer pressure and disfavored influence. Most kids automatically jump on the bandwagon and emulate what they see others do because they are at a stage where they are naïve and most vulnerable. Teenagers have proven to be very influential on the younger children of my community. Many of these younger children become shadows of the older kids because they feel that they are "cool to hang around" and want to be like them.

To address these issues aforementioned, I would first strategize the most effective way to go about handling them. I feel that if I assembled the leading youth who are well known in their community to become apart of the plan, then the impact would be so much greater. For the issue of poor time utilization, I would suggest that the youth get involved in more recreational activities (i.e. at centers, organizations, etc.). If there aren't any available in their neighborhood, I would suggest to the mayor and the city council that more places be provided to the youth so that they will have somewhere to spend their free time. For the issue of peer pressure and disfavored influence, I would suggest persuading those who have the most influence in the community to be a leader and do things that are positive. I think many would be surprised to know that the older youth don't know how much power they have and how they subliminally affect younger children. To the younger children, I would encourage them to find their own individuality and become leaders.

In conclusion, I hope you have learned more about me and my intent to be a member of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission. On a personal level, I would like to thank you for your support and all that you have done for the wonderful city of Oakland.

Sincerely,

Amber Arnold

To Mayor Jerry Brown and the City Council:

My name is Jessica Devereaux. I am 17 years old and currently work as a summer intern with the Office of the City Clerk through the Mayor's Summer Job Program.

In the fall I will be a senior at the Athenian College Preparatory School in Danville. The Athenian School houses some of the wealthiest and most academically driven scholars. Although I have been blessed to attend such a prestigious school, many of the peers that I have grown up with have not been so fortunate. I believe that a good education should not only be made available to those who have parents with income plentiful enough to support it, but equally to students of lower economic standings.

Due to the constant issues of public school funding, it is becoming increasingly difficult to improve this discrepancy. Many extra-cutricular activities that once were available through public schools have been cut. This is causing a large percentage of Bay Area youth to develop hobbies that have the potential to be detrimental to themselves and to the rest of their community. By orchestrating events and opportunities to get the youth of Oakland involved in communal affairs, I believe that many of the problems we are facing can be alleviated.

I would be a vital addition to the youth commission for the following reasons: I have gained a lot of experience dealing with youth (through events conducted by my church and other outside organizations); I understand issues that the youth are facing and can communicate them effectively in a public forum; and I am always eager to learn new things.

In the future I plan to attend a four year university with a major in business, continue to study a foreign language, and remain an active member in my community.

Sincerely,

Jessica M. Devereaux

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING CESAR GABRIEL SAN MIGUEL, CHRISTINA JIANG, GABRIELA AGRAMONT, ELIZABETH AGRAMONT, AMBER ARNOLD, AND JESSICA DEVEREAUX AS MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 10545 C.M.S. creates the Youth Advisory Commission, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11869 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Youth Advisory Commission are to serve two year terms, and appointments to fill a term of office are only to be for the remainder of that term; now therefore be it

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Christina Jiang, as Commissioner, is to serve the term beginning November 3, 2006 and ending November 2, 2008 filling the slot of Laifea Gray.

Gabriela Agramont, as Commissioner, is to serve the term beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2009 filling the slot of Eagan Brown.

Elizabeth Agramont, as Commissioner, is to serve the term beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2008 filling the slot of Ricky Michael Robinson.

Amber Arnold, as Commissioner, is to serve the term beginning November 3, 2006 and ending November 2, 2008 filling the slot of Diana Tran.

Jessica Devereaux, as Commissioner, is to serve the term beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007 filling the slot of Brianna Cane.

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