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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
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Letter of Nomination

November 17, 2009

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

Dear President Brunner and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter section 601, the Mayor has appointed the following person as member of the following Board or Commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

Civil Service Board

Michael Siegel, Mayoral appointment to complete the term beginning May 5, 2009 and ending May 4, 2012, filling the seat previously held by Peter Ross.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald V. Dellums".

Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

MICHAEL JOHN WEILLS SIEGEL

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2009

Honors: Dean's List; Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights

California State University, Hayward, CA

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, May 2003

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

B.A. in Comparative Literature, with honors, *magna cum laude*, May 1999

EXPERIENCE

LEGAL WORKER

- **Siegel & Yee**, Oakland, CA
Incoming associate, August 2009 - present
New hire at small civil rights firm.
- **Center for Constitutional Rights**, New York, NY
Legal Intern, January 2008 – May 2008 (full-time)
Research and drafted legal memoranda, participated in outreach and education efforts, and generally supported the work of this nonprofit human rights litigation organization. Focused on accountability for military contractors and civil rights class action litigation.
- **Cornell Law School**, Ithaca, NY
Research Assistant for Professor James Henderson, May 2007 – August 2007
Researched, wrote, and edited materials for torts and products liability textbooks.

NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP

- **Oakland Leaf**, Oakland, CA
Founder, Executive Director, May 2002 – August 2006
Envisioned, incorporated, developed, and led a nonprofit education agency providing creative education programs to low-income children and youth. Designed and managed programs, hired and supervised staff, wrote grants, cultivated donors, recruited students and parents, and promoted organization citywide.
- **Oakland Small Schools Foundation**, Oakland, CA
Co-Founder, Staff, January 2003 – July 2004
Incorporated and developed a nonprofit foundation established to raise funds and provide technical support for new, public “small schools” in Oakland.

URBAN EDUCATION

- **ASCEND K-8 School**, Oakland, CA
Teacher, School Founder, Development Coordinator, March 2002 – June 2004
Co-founded and taught fifth grade, seventh grade, and physical education classes at a new small public school in a low-income, diverse Oakland neighborhood. Developed curriculum, developed family partnerships, and led fundraising efforts.
- **New Voices Middle School, M.S. 827**, Brooklyn, NY
Teacher, August 2001 – March 2002
Taught eighth grade humanities at a public middle school.
- **Jefferson Elementary School**, Oakland, CA
Teacher, August 1999 – June 2001
Taught third grade at a public elementary school. Served on site leadership council.
- **Teach for America**, Oakland, CA
Corps Member, 1999 – 2001
Member of national organization focused on improving public education in low-achieving school districts across the country. Led community outreach committee in Oakland.

POLITICAL ORGANIZING

- **National Lawyers Guild**, Ithaca, NY
President, Student Chapter; Committee Member, Military Law Task Force; 2007 – 2008
Led Cornell student organization. Organized panel discussion and week of awareness on military security contractors that garnered regional media coverage. Elected to national steering committee of attorneys and legal workers focused on issues of military law.
- **Iraq Veterans Against the War**, New York, NY and Washington, D.C.
Winter Soldier Legal Coordinator, 2007 – 2008
Organized attorneys and helped develop legal strategies for a conference that presented testimony from dozens of U.S. service members about war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **Oakland Education Association**, Oakland, CA
Union Representative, 1999 – 2001, 2002 – 2003
Elected site representative. Worked for new teacher support, curriculum development, and safe conditions. Elected national representative to the National Education Association.
- **Siegel for School Board**, Oakland, CA
Campaign Manager, January 1998 – June 1998
Coordinated father's successful district-wide campaign for Oakland school board. Recruited 100 volunteers. Facilitated fundraising and communications. Led get-out-the-vote operations.

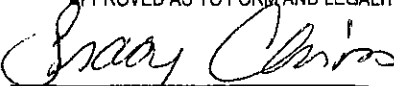
ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Spanish**. Proficient speaker, reader, and writer of Spanish language.

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CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL SIEGEL AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 8979 C.M.S. creates the Civil Service Board whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11777 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Civil Service 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 pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Michael Siegel to the Civil Service Board to complete the term beginning May 5, 2009 and ending May 4, 2012; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that failure of a board or commission appointee to abide by the City of Oakland's Conflict of Interest Code shall be cause for removal pursuant to section 601 of the City Charter.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California