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Office of the Mayor
Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

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Letter of Appointment

July 7, 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:

Budget Advisory Committee

Victoria Kolakowski, Mayoral appointment to the at-large seat, recommended by Council member Kaplan to complete the term beginning May 25, 2009 and ending May 24, 2011, filling the seat previously held by Thomas Doctor.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

VICTORIA S. KOLAKOWSKI

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

San Francisco, CA

Administrative Law Judge I-II

1/2007 – Present

Presides over quasi-judicial hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles related to electricity regulation, primarily transmission projects and energy procurement. Presides at pre-hearing conferences and rules on discovery disputes and pre-hearing motions. Drafts and submits proposed decisions to the Commissioners within the deadlines imposed by policy, statute and regulation.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

San Francisco, CA

Administrative Law Judge I (Limited Term Position)

1/2006 – 12/2006

Presided over quasi-judicial hearings and other hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Code, the Administrative Procedure Act and the regulations of the Insurance Commissioner. Presided at pre-hearing conferences and ruled on discovery disputes and pre-hearing motions. Drafted and submitted proposed decisions to Presiding ALJ and Insurance Commissioner within the deadlines imposed by policy, statute and regulation.

CALIFORNIA ELECTRICITY OVERSIGHT BOARD

Sacramento, CA

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel

3/2005 – 1/2006

Senior Staff Counsel

12/2004 – 1/2006

Staff Counsel, Range C-D

8/2003 – 12/2004

Represented the California Electricity Oversight Board (CEOB) and the People of the State in complex litigation before State and Federal courts and agencies, primarily before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the United States Courts of Appeals.

- Board's lead in multi-party team litigating remedies for market manipulation during the California energy crisis of 2000-01, as well as negotiator on settlements totaling over \$3.2 Billion.
- Responsible for filings on California Independent System Operator (CAISO) wholesale market redesign.
- Responsible for proceedings regarding CAISO budget and cost recovery charges, including negotiating requirement for the first functional review of CAISO operations.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

San Francisco, CA

Utilities Engineer, Range C

2/2003 - 8/2003

Project lead on team developing implementation rules and procedures for state law on monitoring the maintenance and operation of electric power generating facilities.

TELEGEN CORPORATION

San Mateo, CA

General Counsel and Vice President of Legal Affairs

8/2001 – 8/2002

Chief Administrative Officer

8/2001 – 8/2002

Chief Patent Counsel and Vice President of Intellectual Property

4/2000 – 8/2002

Chief legal and administrative officer for Telegen, a publicly traded company which developed flat panel displays; and its majority-owned subsidiary Telisar, which developed high-speed data broadcast systems.

- Responsible for all legal issues for the companies, including intellectual property, securities (quarterly and annual SEC filings, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, Rule 144 clearances, and Regulation D and S offerings), human resources, immigration and finance.
- Managed outside counsel and in-house patent agent, as well as accounting and audit staff.
- Negotiated and drafted agreements with partners in the United States, Russia, England, Japan and China.
- Managed 125+ invention patent portfolio and obtained disclosures from inventors.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent and trademark applications, both domestic and international.
- Lead counsel on patent infringement and other lawsuits, and successfully argued appeal before U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst I-III

San Francisco, CA
4/1999 - 4/2000

Telecommunications policy expert for state government utilities regulatory agency. Served in the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, an independent division representing the interests of utility customers in Commission proceedings.

- Testified in hearings and workshops, conducted depositions, drafted responsive pleadings, and advised management on policy issues.
- Expert on implementation of local competition provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the technology underlying emerging telecommunications issues, especially infrastructure integration.

VICTORIA S. KOLAKOWSKI
Attorney at Law

Oakland, CA
8/1997 - 4/1999

Solo patent attorney, primarily drafting patent applications in the electrical and mechanical arts for other attorneys on a contract basis.

AMPEX CORPORATION
Patent Attorney

Redwood City, CA
8/1996 - 4/1997

In-house patent and licensing attorney in historical technology leader in magnetic recording and video imaging fields with a 500+ patent portfolio.

VICTORIA S. KOLAKOWSKI
Attorney at Law

Berkeley, CA
7/1993 - 8/1996

Solo patent attorney, primarily drafting patent applications for other attorneys on a contract basis.

MCCUBBREY BARTELS MEYERS & WARD
Associate Attorney 9/1990 - 6/1993

San Francisco, CA

Prepared and prosecuted domestic and foreign patent and trademark applications related to a variety of electronic and mechanical arts, particularly telecommunications and medical devices. Drafted over a dozen validity and infringement opinion letters, as well as numerous litigation pleadings.

VICTORIA S. KOLAKOWSKI
Attorney at Law

New Orleans, LA
10/1989 - 8/1990

Sole practitioner of general civil and criminal legal practice hearings in federal and state courts.

EDUCATION

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION
Master of Divinity

Berkeley, CA
1998

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
Master of Science, Electrical Engineering

New Orleans, LA
1990

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Juris Doctor, American Jurisprudence Award in Patent Law
Master of Public Administration, Budget and Finance

Baton Rouge, LA
1989

TULANE UNIVERSITY
Master of Science, Bio-Medical Engineering

New Orleans, LA
1987

NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA
Bachelor of Arts, Natural Sciences

Sarasota, FL
1982

GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSIONS

Public Works Commission, City of Berkeley, CA

Vice Chair - 1996

Advised the Council on maintenance, repair, and capital improvement of streets, sidewalks, sanitary sewers, storm drains, City buildings, communication systems, vehicles and equipment, and undergrounding of utilities. Led subcommittee on infrastructure. (Appointed by Dona Spring)

Human Welfare and Community Action Commission, City of Berkeley, CA

Chair - 1993-95

Member - 1992-96

Advised the Council on social welfare programs serving the poor, including recommendations for \$1.8 million in contracts for non-profit organizations. (Appointed by Carla Woodworth)

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Interfaith Working Group, Philadelphia, PA

Treasurer (2008-Present)

Non-profit organization that undertakes Internet-based projects to address religious diversity, racism and justice concerns of the LGBT community. Operates the <http://www.transfaithonline.org> and <http://www.alliesgather.org> websites.

Transgender Law Center, San Francisco, CA

Vice-Chair (2009-Present)

Board (2006-Present)

Civil rights organization advocating for transgender communities through legal services, public policy advocacy, and educational opportunities.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Board (1994-95)

Provides case management, peer advocacy, housing, medical care, anonymous testing, and other services for the homeless confronting HIV/AIDS.

COMMUNITY HONORS

HONORARY MARSHAL, *San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration*

2007

DIGNITY AWARD, *Santa Clara County Council of Churches*

2006

OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF BERKELEY, LESBIAN/GAY ADVOCATE,
City of Berkeley Commission on the Status of Women

1995

WOMAN OF THE YEAR, *East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club*

1994

Admitted to practice before all state and federal courts in California, as well as the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the D.C. Circuit, Federal Circuit and Ninth Circuit

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Barbara J. Parker
CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF VICTORIA KOLAKOWSKI AS A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 74826 C.M.S. created the Budget Advisory Committee, whose members are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council and;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 74826 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Budget Advisory Committee are to serve two 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 the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of the following individuals for the terms set forth below:

Victoria Kolakowski, Mayoral appointment to the at-large seat, recommended by Council member Kaplan to complete the term beginning May 25, 2009 and ending May 24, 2011, filling the seat previously held by Thomas Doctor.

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