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Office of the Mayor
Jerry Brown
Mayor

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Letter of Nomination

November 4, 2003

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:

Health and Human Services Commission

Donna Allen, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning October 21, 2003 and ending October 21, 2006, filling the position former held by Melanie Shelby (1/14/01-8/11/03).

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

Sincerely,

JERRY BROWN
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Brown", written over a large, stylized circular mark.

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DONNA ALLEN
AS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11996 C.M.S. creates the Health and Human Services Commission, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11996 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Health and Human Services Commission 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 by the nomination of the Mayor, the following individual is hereby appointed to the term set forth below:

Donna Allen, to complete the term beginning October 21, 2003 and ending October 31, 2006 filling a position formerly held by Melanie Shelby.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland,
California

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Curriculum Vitae
Donna Eleanor Allen

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Education

- 1992 - Present Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee
Ph.D. Candidate (1997)
Major: Homiletics
Collateral Discipline: American Church History
- 1989 - 1992 Vanderbilt Divinity School
Nashville, Tennessee
Master of Divinity (1992)
- 1986 - 1989 Meharry Medical College
Nashville, Tennessee
Medical Doctorate Student
- 1982 - 1986 Seton Hall University
South Orange, New Jersey
Bachelor of Science (1986)
Major: Biology

Academic Awards

- 1992 - 1994 Fund For Theological Education Black Doctoral Student Award at
Vanderbilt University
- 1990 - 1992 Benjamin E. Mays Scholar at Vanderbilt Divinity School
- 1989 - 1990 Martin Luther King Jr., Scholar at Meharry Medical College
- 1982 - 1986 Barton Scholar at Seton Hall University

Research Interests

Theories of Preaching, Preaching From Womanist Perspectives, The History of Preaching, American Church History, Religion in America, African American Church History, and Rhetoric.

Professional Experience

- 2004 - Spring American Baptist Seminary of the West
2606 Dwight Way
Berkeley California 94704
- 1996 - 2001 Instructor of Preaching and Worship
Saint Paul School of Theology
5123 Truman Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64127

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1990 - 1995 Graduate Student Research Assistant, Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies,
Vanderbilt Divinity School (VDS)
Nashville, Tennessee

Duties: monitor Leadership for Social Ministry Project, assist in the planning of national and local conferences and workshops.

Fall 1994 Teaching Fellow in Homiletics, VDS

Duties: worked with graduate students in Introduction to Homiletics. Instructed students in exegesis, theological reflection, sermon structure, and analysis.

Spring 1993 Teaching Fellow in History of American Religion, VDS

Duties: lead two weekly discussion seminars with graduate students on course reading assignments. Assisted in writing and grading exams.

Fall 1992 Teaching Fellow in History of African American Religion, VDS

Duties: lead discussion seminars with undergraduate and graduate students on course reading assignments. Assisted in writing and grading exams.

1992 - 1993 Associate Director of Field Education, VDS

Duties: develop field education placements sites, trained placement site supervisors, lead a weekly seminar group on theological reflection in ministry, read student evaluations and assignments and awarded credit.

Book Reviews

Leonard Cassuto, The Inhuman Race: The Racial Grotesque in American Literature and Culture
(Homiletic, Winter, 1999 *forthcoming*)

Published Sermons

Divine Human Dance, McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, May 2001

Lectures

The Gladstone Festival of Preaching, McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, January 2000, "The Implications of Womanist Thought In Black Preaching".

The Pedagogical Patterns Project, A Lilly Endowment Project-Mining of The Motherland, July 2000
Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina.

Contemporary Patterns in Black Preaching, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2000,
"Celebration In Sermon Illustration as Theological Intent In Black Preaching"

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Ministerial Experience

- 1998 -- present Pastor
Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
476 Thirty Fourth Street
Oakland, California

- 1997 - 1998 Itinerant Elder in the Northwest Missouri Conference of the Fifth Episcopal
District of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

- 1989 - 1996 Itinerant Elder in the Thirteenth Episcopal District of the AME Church.

- 1995 - 1996 Assistant Pastor
Payne Chapel AME Church
Nashville, Tennessee

- 1993 - 1994 Pastor
Allen Bethel AME Church
Lewisburg, Tennessee

- 1991 - 1992 Graduate Student Seminar Leader, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Duties: lead weekly discussion group for graduate students on Spiritual
Formation.

- 1990 - 1991 Chaplain
Meharry Medical College Hubbard Hospital
Nashville, Tennessee

Duties: pastoral care for patients, visitors, and medical staff

References Furnished Upon Request

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