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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

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

2003 OCT 21 PM 3: 25 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-

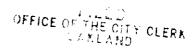
ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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

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Education



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1992 - Present	Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee Ph.D. Candidate (1997) Major: Homiletics Collateral Discipline: American Church History
1989 - 1992	Vanderbilt Divinity School

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	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

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1996 - 2001 Instructor of Preaching and Worship

Saint Paul School of Theology

5123 Truman Road

Kansas City, Missouri 64127

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FROM : PARKS CHAPEL AME CHURCH

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, <u>The Inhuman Race: The Racial Grotesque in American Literature and Culture</u>
(<u>Homiletic</u>, 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 Experi	ence
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

References Furnished Upon Request

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

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