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Letter of Nomination

February 7, 2006

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:

Commission on Persons with Disabilities

Kelvin Brand, Mayoral appointment, serving the term beginning September 4, 2003 and ending September 3, 2006, filling the seat formerly held by Henry Leng.

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

Sincerely,

JERRY BROWN
Mayor

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Jerry Brown in black ink, extending across the bottom of the page.

KELVIN T. BRAND

OBJECTIVE Seeking employment within a public or private organization as an advisor and representative for the disabled community.

QUALIFICATIONS

- * Hearing-impaired; recognized as a leader within the disabled community, representing disabled (i.e. deaf and hearing-impaired, blind, mentally retarded, persons in wheelchairs).
- * Communicate clearly in written English on a one-to-one basis, with limited spoken English; friendly and personable
- * Experienced in the proposal and implementation of programs to fill needs and solve community problems, including interpreter service for the hearing impaired for employment contacts, medical needs and emergencies
- * In communication with leaders of major programs for the disabled in the United States and Canada

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Mayor's Commission on Disabled Persons, City of Oakland, California. COMMISSIONER. Appointed in January 1986; attend monthly meetings and contribute to discussion and recommendations on needs and problems related to architectural barriers, public relations, criminal justice, orientation systems for visually impaired, hard of hearing/deaf communication, and special education. Specific accomplishments in improved information services and program development:

- * Proposed and assisted in the implementation of Bayview District Day, a community information program regarding disabilities.
- * Coordinated City of Oakland program for tour of Japanese disabled visitors to Oakland, which included lunch served by Oakland High School disabled students.
- * Attended conference in Toronto, Canada, representing Oakland in meeting sponsored by the Information & Communication Services Division of the Department of the City Clerk to discuss needs and programs for the disabled.

Alameda County Paratransit Coordinating Council, Oakland, California. MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Act as representative and advisor in implementation of programs for the disabled including curb-to-curb transportation using modified vans, public information, handicapped parking, information and referral. Council is dedicated to the elimination of architectural, transportation and attitudinal barriers.

Oakland Private Industry Council, Oakland, California. ADVISOR. Proposed employment program for disabled persons which gained recognition as Most Improved Program in the city.

Deaf Self Help, Oakland, California. As six-month volunteer aide, taught independent living skills, assisted with intake process, answered teletype phone, typed, filed. Won merit award.

Lion's Club Center for the Blind, Oakland, California. As volunteer aide for six months, taught American Sign Language and independent living skills to deaf and/or blind individuals. Won merit award.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Ten years' experience as a photographer; two years as a scientific photographer; ten years as a janitor:

Freelance Photographer, Self-Employed, Oakland, California. Photographed subjects using still cameras with color and black and white film. Operate 35mm, 120mm, 4X5 cameras. Set up lighting operations. Use light meter and tripods. Mix and use chemicals for developing film. Process film negatives.

Scientific Photographer, IBM, San Jose, California. Made photographic copies of fragile documents and micrographic material, using 415 film (black and white) for disk computer programmer processing. Mixed chemicals, processed film and negatives, retouched negatives. Processed photos in dark room.

Janitor, Blue Inn, Oakland, California. Worked independently as the only janitor.

Janitor, West Point Academy, West Point, New York. Trained new janitors. Operated equipment including carpet cleaner, buffer/waxer, vacuum. Cleaned windows using building harness for upper levels. Tended boiler, shoveled snow. Used power and hand tools. Won awards for safe, clean, effective performance as a janitor (1969 and 1970).

Janitor, City of Greenwich Town Hall, Greenwich, Connecticut. Kept building in clean and orderly condition, with specific duties same as West Point Academy. Also maintained grounds, grass, trees, shrubs. Operated power lawn mower and edger.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, White Plains, New York
Graduate. Emphasis in vocational training. Participated in sports (basketball, football, tennis, wrestling), Boy Scouts, Business Club.

OHLONE COLLEGE, Fremont, California
Completed 30 units. Emphasis in photography and drafting.

ACADEMY OF ARTS COLLEGE, San Francisco, California
Completed 12 units. Emphasis in photography.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

2006 JAN 26 PM 2:35 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELVIN BRAND AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 9968 C.M.S. creates the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11864 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities 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:

Kelvin Brand, Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning September 4, 2003 and ending September 3, 2006, filling a position formerly held by Henry Lang

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