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Letter of Nomination

April 2, 2013

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

Dear President Kernighan and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter section 601, the Mayor, hereby appoints the following person as a member of the following Board or Commission, subject to the City Council's confirmation:

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

April Harper Mayoral appointment to serve the term beginning October 16, 2011 and ending October 15, 2014, filling the seat previously held by Sylvester Grisby.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan  
Mayor

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CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF  
APRIL HARPER AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 601 of the City Charter provides that members of City boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the affirmative vote of five members of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 8064 C.M.S, adopted November 13, 1969 and amended by Ordinance No. 11730 C.M.S., adopted July 26, 1994, establishes the Library Advisory Commission to advise and make recommendations on the operation and future development of the library system and to act as a liaison between the Library Department and the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library Advisory Commission consists of fifteen (15) members serving not more than two consecutive three year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Jean Quan as appointed April Harper to serve a three year term subject to confirmation by the City Council; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of April Harper to the Library Advisory Commission for a three year term beginning October 16, 2011 and ending October 15, 2014, filling the seat previously held by Sylvester Grisby.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,  
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - KALB, PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN, GIBSON MCELHANEY, SCHAAF, GALLO,  
BROOKS, REID AND KAPLAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTIONS-

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk

April Harper

March 26th, 2013

Oakland City Hall  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mayor Quan:

My name is April Harper and I am interested in appointment to the Library Advisory Commission. I think I am a strong candidate because I have experience in issues of social justice and education, and can effectively communicate the vital need of libraries to the community. In the fiscal year 2010, 2.46 billion items were circulated in U.S. Public Libraries; the highest number in ten years (Institute of Museum and Library Services, 200). Even with the internet, these numbers are only increasing and represents a growing need for public library services. In a time of tight state and county budgets, it becomes important to ensure that libraries continue to be fully funded.

As a Sociology major, I became acquainted with the connection between social justice and information access. My work in various public health nonprofits, such as Planned Parenthood, only served to underscore this connection. For example, I worked with many Oakland patients who revealed a true lack of knowledge of basic health issues. Information nurtures and empowers us; without libraries, it becomes impossible for those who are unable to afford a computer or books to educate themselves. In today's info-based society, libraries play an even more important role than they did ten years ago, providing internet access and community spaces for job seeking and computer literacy. As such, I am committed to public libraries as spaces of change and empowerment in Oakland, and think this mission can be accomplished most effectively when libraries are open six days a week. I am most interested in the advocacy/outreach and sixth-day subcommittee, where my superb oral and written communication skills can come into play. Moreover, I work well independently as well as part of a team, and I eagerly anticipate serving on the commission.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
April Harper

## APRIL HARPER

### EDUCATION:

Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology, June 2010 -- University of California, Santa Cruz

Education Abroad Program, Fall 2009 – UC Paris Center, French & European Studies Program

### HONORS & AWARDS:

3.94 G.P.A., with highest honors in the major

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

### EXPERIENCE:

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte – Central Hayward

Health Services Specialist *Hayward, CA* (October 2011- Present)

Completed patient intake and prepared patients for exams and procedures. Performed tests and blood draws, and educated patients on reproductive health issues and medication usage. Managed lab duties such as autoclaving instruments, stocking supplies and ensuring test accuracy for lab shipment.

Stanford University – Lorus International Camp

Residential Program Manager *Stanford, CA* (July 2011)

Managed a month-long International Fencing and Equestrian camp. Scheduled camp activities and directed ESL programs. Completed housing placements, organized dinners for parents and benefactors, and remained on call to ensure camper safety.

Borders Books & Music, inc.

Bookseller/Sales Associate *San Rafael, CA* (August 2010- May 2011)

Assisted customers in locating books and periodicals, made relevant book recommendations, completed online orders and in-store purchases, shelved and alphabetized merchandise.

Pirates Camp LLC, Stanford University

Professional Pirate *Stanford, CA* (Annually June 2009-2011)

Assumed the role of a 19th century pirate counselor for Stanford University's annual Pirate's Camp. Took care of children, taught pirate history and led activities such as treasure hunting and swashbuckling.

"God is Green" Research Assistant *Santa Cruz, CA* (June 2010-August 2010)

Assisted UC Santa Cruz professor Andrew Szasz in researching religious institutions and their views on environmental issues/activism. Research included reviewing demographic characteristics of religious denominations and analyzing relevant literature.

Student Health Outreach and Promotion - UC Santa Cruz

Volunteer *Santa Cruz, CA* (April 2010 – June 2010)

Specialized in sexual health promotion, peer outreach, and sale of safer sex supplies.

Publicized SHOP services and promoted condom use and HIV/STD awareness.

Santa Cruz AIDS Project and Needle Exchange

Intern *Santa Cruz, CA* (April - June 2009)

Worked at Santa Cruz Needle Exchange instructing participants on safe injection practices and methods of disease prevention. Executed administrative duties such as filing, answering phones, greeting clients and answering questions.

Participated in community outreach programs to raise awareness and spread knowledge of HIV risks. Created a safer sex "zine" to teach future Interns about the Santa Cruz AIDS Project and their mission.