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Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
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Letter of Nomination

July 17, 2007

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

Dear Council Members:

Upon nomination of the Mayor, the following persons are hereby reappointed as members of the following Board or Commission:

Library Advisor Commission

Genevieve Katz, Mayoral reappointment to serve the term beginning November 17, 2006 and ending November 16, 2009.

Marian Wilson-Sylvestre, Mayoral reappointment to serve the term beginning November 15, 2006 and ending November 14, 2009.

Muhammed M. Alabi, Mayoral reappointment to serve the term beginning November 16, 2005 and ending November 15, 2008.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald V. Dellums', written over a horizontal line.

Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

Genevieve Katz

I moved to California in 1981, and to my current residence in Oakland in 1983. Prior to that I lived in New York. I have a BS in Education from NYU and a Masters in Architecture from Columbia University. I did design work for several large architectural offices in New York and when I came to California taught Computers in Architecture as Adjunct Professor at CCAC and Lecturer at UC Berkeley. I have numerous publications and two technical books to my credit.

I am active in my community in numerous ways. I am a member of the League of Women Voters of Oakland and have also served as past Vice President. I produced two cable shows for the League on "Juvenile Justice" and "Empowering Girls". I have been on the board of the Friends of the Oakland Public Library (FOPL) for the past four plus years. I am also a member of the American Association of University Women.

I have been interested in computer games targeted for girls for many years and produce two web sites, www.Games4Girls.com and www.Games4Women.com. My current focus is to create computer games to encourage career awareness in girls.

I have always had a keen interest in libraries. FOPL was a good introduction and I feel that serving on the Library Commission will allow me to be even more involved in Oakland's libraries. Information and free access to it is our very basic right. Libraries are a cherished good and we are in times where good things are decreasing in number. We have to think creatively and be active in protecting our libraries because they are a wellspring to other vital benefits.

4/7/03

MARIAN WILSON SYLVESTRE

WORK EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN RED CROSS Bay Area Chapter, East Bay Office
Senior Executive Officer
March 1995-Present

AMERICAN RED CROSS Bay Area Chapter, East Bay Office
County Executive
July 1988-March 1995

AMERICAN RED CROSS Bay Area Chapter, San Mateo County
Regional Manager
December 1983-July 1988

AMERICAN RED CROSS Bay Area Chapter, San Francisco County
Case Work Supervisor
March 1983-December 1983

AMERICAN RED CROSS Bay Area Chapter, San Francisco County
Director, Project New Pride
November 1980-March 1983

BAYVIEW HUNTER'S POINT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, San Francisco, CA
Child/ Family Therapist
February 1978-October 1981

SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Bayview Hunter's Point College District, San Francisco, CA
Teacher
January 1980-June 1980

CARDINAL McCLOSKEY HOME & SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
Foster Care Agency, Bronx, New York
Social Worker
January 1977-October 1976

PAYNE WHITNEY PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
New York Hospital, New York, NY
Psychiatric Assistant
June 1967-September 1974

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- California Personnel & Guidance Association-CPGA
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker-LCSW
- National Association of Social Workers- NASW
- Rotary Club of Oakland # 3
- East Bay Women's Political Action Committee-EBWPAC
- Facilitator and Graduate of National Red Cross leadership Institution
- Member of the City of Oakland Emergency Management Board
- Member of Alameda County United Way Executive Groups
- Member of Traveler's Aid Society Board
- Allen Temple Baptist Church Health Ministry Board

HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Institute of Mental Health Award- NMH
- Tiffany Award for Management Excellence
- Black Women Organized for Political Action 2002 Honoree
- Principal for a Day for three years (Oakland Unified School District)
- National HIV/AIDS Cultural Diversity Award-1990
- Congressional Recognition Award-2002

EDUCATION

ADELPH UNIVERSITY
Garden City, New York
MSW

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
New York, New York
Combined Students Program

Muhammad M. Alabi

1. Education and Work Experience

B.S. Business Administration
San Francisco State University 1984

M.A. Applied Economics
San Francisco State University 1991

For the past two years I have been a Principal at Jeanpierre & Co. CPAs where I supervise a group of ten auditors and two Management Consultants. I still operate my own company, Alabi & Associates, CPAs and Economists from my loft in Emeryville. My prior experience include five years as a senior accountant at Bank of America's international accounting department in San Francisco; two years as an auditor with Peat Marwick now KPMG in Oakland.

Affiliations: American Economic Association
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Muhammad M. Alabi

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Summary of Past Involvement with Emeryville

Since moving into Emeryville in late 2000, I have been a loyal citizen of the city. I have attended many of the Police and community sponsored events and participated in all the local elections with my wife. I have paid my business taxes to the city since moving to Emeryville and in addition, I was a math and science tutor at Golden Gate Library for two and half years.

Muhammad M Alabi

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Interest in the Library Committee

According to Eric Hoffer, a self-taught American philosopher (1902-1983), the central task of education is "...to implant a will and facility for learning; it should produce not learned but learning people. The truly human society, he went on, "is a learning society, where grandparents, parents and children are students together."

I subscribe to this philosophy, and it has been a guiding light for me for over two decades. I moved to Emeryville in late 2000, and in the summer of 2001 a couple of my friends offered to tutor math at the Golden Gate Library; they thought I'd be a good addition to their "team", and they asked me to join them. Don Waters, who coordinated the Teen Homework Assistance Program (THAP), suggested that we join as tutors twice a week.

For two and half years, I was a math and science tutor at the Golden Gate Branch, as well as the program's newsletter editor. The experience gained at tutoring teenagers of different backgrounds has opened my eyes to some of the needs of our libraries.

As a resident of Emeryville, and a board member of the Friends of Golden Gate Library, I believe that the education of our population both young and old is important for sustaining the economic growth seen in our community, and I believe the library is an important part of that process. If appointed to the Oakland Library Commission, I hope to work with other members in pursuing a policy dedicated to learning through the use of our library system.

A. Anderson
for S. Mosk

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MOHAMMED ALABI, GENEVIEVE KATZ, AND
MARIAN WILSON- SYLVESTRE AS A MEMBER
OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 8064 C.M.S. creates the Library Advisory Commission, whose members are nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11730 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Library Advisory 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 individuals are hereby appointed to the terms set forth below:

Mohammed Alabi, Mayoral re-appointment to serve the term beginning November 16, 2005 and ending November 15, 2008, filling the position previously held by himself.

Marian Wilson-Sylvestre, Mayoral re-appointment to serve the term beginning November 15, 2006 and ending November 14, 2009, filling the position previously held by herself.

Genevieve Katz, Mayoral re-appointment to serve the term beginning November 17, 2006 and ending November 16, 2009.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California