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MEMORANDUM

To: Ignacio de la Fuente, President, Oakland City Council

CC: Ceda Floyd, Office of the City Clerk

From: Jane Brunner, Councilmember District One

Date: 02/19/04

Re: **APPOINTMENT TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

I would like to appoint Jessica Pitt as the Community and Economic Development Committee representative to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Brunner", written over a horizontal line.

Jane Brunner
Councilmember, District One

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JESSICA PITT AS A MEMBER OF
THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 74826 C.M.S. creates the Budget Advisory Committee, one of whose members are nominated and approved by the City Council and;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.74826 C.M.S. specifies that members of the Budget Advisory Committee are to serve two 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 Councilmember Brunner, the following individual is hereby appointed to the term set forth below:

Jessica Pitt, Community and Economic Development Committee Representative, to complete the term beginning May 25, 2003 and ending May 25, 2005, filling a position formerly held by Courtney Ruby.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, WAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, 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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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate

Urban Strategies Council, Oakland, CA 1999-present

Director of the Capacity Building and Field Building Unit. Responsible for program management, administration, budgeting, and fundraising. Provide technical assistance to national community development efforts in the areas of strategic planning, organizational development, collaboration, community-based planning, and capacity building. Develop resource materials and practical tools for community development practitioners. Direct policy and advocacy projects on a range of poverty-related issues.

Research Associate

Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, based in New York City

August 1998-August 1999

Lead researcher on an evaluation of the Neighborhood Strategies Project, a comprehensive community building initiative implemented through community-based collaboratives in three New York City neighborhoods. Research culminated in two published studies, one on community-based collaboratives and the other on the technical assistance needs of community building initiatives.

Research Associate

Aspen Institute Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives for Families and Children, New York, NY August 1998-August 1999

Oversaw the development of a public web site that serves as a clearinghouse for information on comprehensive, community building development strategies: <http://www.commbuild.org/>.

Executive Director

Westcott Community Development Corporation, Syracuse, NY 1996-1998

Oversaw the creation of a start-up CDC; planned and implemented a business retention and attraction program; coordinated physical infrastructure improvement projects; organized community planning forums; developed organizational plan; and raised \$200,000 annually in grants.

Planning Consultant

City of Syracuse Tomorrow's Neighborhood's Today, Syracuse, NY 1997

Assisted the Office of Community Development with the design and implementation of a city-wide, resident-driven neighborhood planning process.

Research Assistant

Department of Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 1993

Assisted team of Cornell researchers with a four county participatory action research study on linking literacy training and community development in rural communities in New York State.

Strategic Planning Consultant

Program on Employment and Workplace Systems, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 1994

Facilitated a strategic planning process for the Seneca Nation of Indians in Western New York, resulting in a comprehensive five year community plan.

Outreach Director

International Development Exchange (IDEX), San Francisco, CA 1989-1991

Directed international grants program supporting grassroots community development initiatives in Asia, Africa, and Latin America; initiated a public education program linking U.S. citizens in educational partnerships with Third World communities; conducted project evaluation visits to Asia; coordinated board and volunteer committees; wrote funding proposals.

Major Donor Fundraiser

Neighbor to Neighbor, San Francisco, CA 1987-1989

Solicited major contributions from donors for a national campaign to end U.S. intervention in Central America through personal visits and phone contact, resulting in \$4000-\$8500 per month contributions and increased membership; wrote funding proposals; organized special events; designed and implemented budgets, monthly plans, and record keeping systems.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rockridge Community Planning Council, Board Secretary, Oakland, May 2003-present

City of Oakland District One Community Development Board, Board Member, Oakland, 2002

ArtShip Foundation, Pro-bono Organizational Development Consultant, Oakland, 2001-2002

EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning, May 2002

Dissertation: "Comprehensive Community Initiatives: Local Institutional Capacity and Neighborhood Governance"

Masters in City and Regional Planning, May 1993

Thesis: "Linked Development: Bridging the Economic and Social Service Divide"

Wesleyan University

B.A. in Government, June 1987

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Scholl Foundation, Community Development Scholar Award, 1998

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)-Fannie Mae Foundation Award for Best Student Paper on Housing or Community Development, 1997

Emerging Scholars Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), 1996

Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1995

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1995

President's Council of Cornell Women Research Award, 1995

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