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Office of the Mayor Honorable Libby Schaaf Mayor (510) 238-3141 Fax (510) 238-4731

Letter of Appointment

June 6, 2019

The Honorable City Council One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Second Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Kaplan and members of the City Council:

Pursuant to City Charter Section 601, the Mayor has reappointed the following people as a members of the following board or commission, subject to City Council confirmation:

#### **Board of Port Commissioners**

**Joan Story** to the Board of Port Commissioners to serve a term beginning July 11, 2019 and ending July 10, 2023, to fill the seat previously held by herself.

**Cestra Butner** to the Board of Port Commissioners to serve a term beginning July 11, 2019 and ending July 10, 2023, to fill the seat previously held by himself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Schaaf Mayor

#### JOAN H. STORY

Former President Joan Story joined the Board of Port Commissioners in 2015. She served as President from July 2017 to July 2018. She's of counsel to the international law firm of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP.

Ms. Story has more than 40 years of experience representing developers, foreign and institutional investors and corporate users of commercial real estate. Ms. Story is a graduate of Occidental College and received an MA in Political Science from UCLA and a JD degree from UC Davis School of Law. She and her husband, Robert Kidd, have been Oakland residents since 1977 and have two children who are also Oakland residents.

#### CESTRA "CES" BUTNER

Cestra 'Ces' Butner was elected President of the Board of Port Commissioners in July 2018. It was his second election as Board President. He first held the job from July 2013 to July 2014. President Butner joined the Board in 2012.

President Butner is the founder of Horizon Beverage Company, an Oakland-based beverage distributorship that supplies retailers in Northern Alameda County and Western Contra Costa County.

Upon graduating from the University of Missouri in 1975 and working in Minneapolis and Chicago for Fortune 500 companies, Mr. Butner settled in Oakland in 1981, working for a local beverage distributorship. By age 33, he became the youngest owner of an Anheuser-Busch wholesale operation in the country. Through acquisitions and expansions, Mr. Butner more than tripled the size of Horizon Beverage Company revenues, placing it among *Black Enterprise's* "Top 100 Black Owned Businesses" nationally.

Mr. Butner sold his business in 2015 and funded his charitable foundation – the "CesTRA Butner Family Foundation." The foundation is dedicated to funding educational efforts and opportunities for underserved African American and Hispanic youth in Oakland.

Commissioner Butner lives in Oakland with his wife Teresa and two daughters Raquel and Andrea. He has served on the boards of the East Bay YMCA, Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and as president of Sequoyah Country Club.



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Approved as to Form and Legality City Attorney's Office

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

#### INTRODUCED BY MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

#### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF JOAN STORY AND CESTRA "CES" BUTNER TO THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS

**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, article VII, Section 701 of the City Charter, as amended by Stats., November 1988 creates the Board of Port Commissioners to set policy for and govern the activities of the Port of Oakland, appointing is own Executive Director and approving its own budget and promoting and insuring the comprehensive and adequate development of the Port of Oakland through continuity of control, management and operation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Port Commissioners consists of seven (7) members serving 4-year terms, who are nominated by the Mayor and appointed by Council, and who must be residents of the city of Oakland, having resided in Oakland for one year prior to appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf has reappointment Joan Story and Cestra "Ces" Butner to the Board of the Port Commission, subject to confirmation by the City Council; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED:** pursuant to City Charter section 601, the City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's reappointments to the Board of Port Commissioners:

**Joan Story**, Mayoral reappointment to a four-year term beginning July 11, 2019 and ending July 10, 2023, to fill the seat previously held by herself.

**Cestra "Ces" Butner**, Mayoral reappointment to a four-year term beginning July 11, 2019 and ending July 10, 2023, to fill the seat previously held by himself.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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

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