



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 12, 2007

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Appointment of Wise Allen to the Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) Board of Commissioners

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt a resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Wise Allen for a two year term to the Berkeley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

BHA operations have been in troubled status since 2002. In October 2005, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) gave the BHA until June 30, 2006 to achieve a passing score on a range of performance indicators. BHA failed to achieve a passing score. As a result, HUD required the City Council to remove itself from the BHA governing board and create an independent board responsible for oversight of BHA's operations.

On February 27, 2007, the Berkeley City Council approved the concept of establishing a Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. State law mandates the following criteria for commissioner selection:

- Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; The Board consists of seven commissioners, including two tenant members of the BHA.
- The Mayor designates the first chairperson (designation not subject to confirmation by the City Council).
- Term limits: 2 Commissioners shall be designated to serve for 4 years; 1 Commissioner shall be designated to serve for 3 years; 1 Commissioner shall be designated to serve for 2 years; 1 Commissioner shall be designated to serve for 1 year. The tenant commissioners both serve for 2 year terms. Successors will be appointed for 4 year terms, except tenant commissioners who will continue to serve 2 year terms. The Mayor appoints successors, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Council.

The City Council confirmed the appointment of six commissioners to the BHA Board at the May 22, 2007 joint City Council and Housing Authority meeting. Former City Manager Wise Allen would fill the remaining two year term appointment.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Mayor Tom Bates, (510) 981-7100.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Resume of appointment.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF WISE ALLEN TO THE BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34270

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Berkeley, as the governing body of the City of Berkeley, declared itself to the Commissioners of the Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) and appointed two tenant Commissioners pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34290; and

WHEREAS, BHA operations have been in “troubled” status since 2002. In October 2005, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) gave the BHA until June 30, 2006 to achieve a passing score on a range of performance indicators. BHA failed to achieve a passing score. As a result, HUD required the City Council to remove itself from the BHA governing board and create an independent board responsible for oversight of BHA’s operations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34293, the Council of the City of Berkeley adopted a resolution on May 22, 2007 determining that it shall no longer function as the BHA Board as of June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2007 the Mayor appointed and the City Council by a majority vote confirmed the appointment of 4 Commissioners and 2 tenant Commissioners to the BHA Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34270; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Berkeley is an office filled by election of the people; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor of the City of Berkeley that Wise Allen is hereby appointed to serve as a Commissioner of the Berkeley Housing Authority Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it supports the Mayor’s determination regarding the qualifications of Mr. Allen and hereby confirms the Mayor’s appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the City of Berkeley that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34272(a), Mr. Allen is appointed to serve a two-year term.

**Attachment 2
RESUME**

**Wise Edward Allen
1020 Sierra Street
Berkeley, CA 94707**

EDUCATION

Harvard Institute For Educational Management (June 1998)

Ph.D. in Social & Clinical Psychology (June 1976)
The Wright Institute, Berkeley, CA (September 1972 to June 1976)

M.S.W. in Clinical Social Work (June 1965)
Howard University, Washington, D.C. (September 1963 to June 1965)

Certificate Program in Social Science
University of California, Berkeley, CA (September 1961 to June 1963)

B.A.in Social Welfare/Sociology (January 1958)
San Francisco State University, S.F., CA (September 1953 to January 1958)

LICENSES

Community College Supervisory Credential
Community College Teaching Credential in Psychology, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Public Service and Administration
Clinical Social Work, State of California, License No. L2367
Clinical Psychology, License No. PSY10030, State of California

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001 to Present: Retired: President Emeritus

11/94 to 2001

President, Merritt College

Chief executive officer for Merritt College. Responsible to the Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District for the administration of Merritt College. Duties include: Administering all aspects of college operation, curriculum, instruction, business, administration, finance, personnel, construction, maintenance of physical facilities, student services and educational planning. Provide administrative leadership, preside over the decision-making process and participate in the governance structure of the college to ensure that all decisions are in accord with district and state policies.

August 1988 to
September 1997

Vice Chancellor of Educational Services, Peralta Community College District

Assisted the Chancellor in the administration of the Peralta District. Responsible for all educational services district-wide including direct supervision of the District Office departments of Grants Development and Monitoring, Research, Planning and Development, Occupational and Instructional Services, Student Services Programs, Telecommunications, and Admissions and Records. Responsible for Child Care Centers Districtwide, including personnel and budget supervision. Assisted in the development and recommendation of new programs, including contractual arrangements with sources external to the District.

August 1987 to
July 1988

Interim Vice Chancellor, Peralta Community College District
Administrator in charge of the District-wide Instructional Program, Physical Plant, Grounds, and Police Services. Directly supervised District-wide Child Care Program, the District Office departments of Grants Development and Monitoring, Research, Planning and Development, Occupational and Instructional Services, Students Services Programs, Admissions and Records, and Telecommunications. Developed and managed the budget for the Office of the District Vice Chancellor and the District-wide Child Care Center Program.

October 1984 to
September 1987

Dean of Instruction, College of Alameda
Administrator in charge of the occupational and academic instruction programs for the college, which included supervising, planning, implementing and coordinating development of the instructional programs.

February 1982 to
October 1984

Assistant Dean of Instruction, Laney College
Administrator responsible for the Communications, Arts and Physical Education Division. Duties and responsibilities included supervising, planning, implementing and coordinating development of the instructional program of the Division; working with administration, faculty, staff, students, college committees and councils to assure that instructional goals and delivery systems of the Division were meeting student needs. Developed and administered Division budget. Oversaw faculty and other personnel to ensure that the Division is operating within its fiscal capacity.

September 1981 to
September 1982

Lecturer, San Francisco State University
Taught Clinical Psychology to graduate students working toward their Masters degree in Psychology.

February 1980 to
May 1981

City Manager, City of Berkeley
Held overall responsibility for administration and organization of all city departments, including a staff of almost 2,000 people. Responsible for the implementation and enforcement of all laws and ordinances of the city, the appointment, supervision and removal from office of all employees; the preparation of an annual budget of approximately \$70 million. During my administration, I created the following: a) worksite committees which consisted of labor, management and the consumer to identify problems and to implement change without the usual bureaucratic delays (had positive impact on morale), b) risk management and liability reduction --occupational health, safety and stress reduction, workers' compensation, medical services for employees.

September 1976 to
February 1980

Assistant Dean of Instruction, Social and Behavioral Sciences, College of Alameda
Responsible for supervising, planning, implementing and coordinating the instructional program and implementing staff development programs, budgeting and staffing patterns. Served on the labor/management negotiating team.

January 1972 to
August 1976

Full-time Faculty Member, College of Alameda
Taught a variety of courses in Sociology and Psychology.

October 1968 to
December 1971

Administrative Hearing Officer, State of California
Heard appeals from actions of County Welfare Departments limiting or denying public assistance to applicants and recipients; interpreted and applied state and federal laws; made administrative rulings and prepared written decisions.

January 1968 to
September 1968

Project Director, Alameda County Welfare Department
Conducted a research study on the feasibility of using welfare families as foster parents.

June 1966 to
December 1967

Child Welfare Supervisor, Alameda County Welfare Department
Supervised the work of six professional social workers in a foster care placement unit. Worked closely with the juvenile court, probation department and other community agencies.

June 1965 to May 1966	<i>Adoption Worker, Alameda County Welfare Department</i> Responsible for conducting adoption case studies and recommending for or against adoption. Determined whether a child was legally available for adoption; analyzed the physical, mental, emotional and economic factors in the prospective adoptive home and evaluated the suitability of the family for the child.
December 1960 to September 1963	<i>Caseworker, Alameda County Welfare Department</i> Provided casework services and financial assistance to disabled and economically needy families and individuals.
June 1958 to 1960	U.S. Army

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of California Community College Administrators
 International Association of City Managers
 American Psychological Association
 National Association of Social Workers
 Academy of Certified Social Workers
 American Society of Clinical Hypnosis
 San Francisco Academy of Hypnosis
 Association of Black Psychologists
 Alameda County Association of Psychologists

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Board Member, East Oakland Counseling Center
 Mental health clinic for low-income incorrigible youth.

Past Board Member, Berkeley Support Service
 Community agency for homeless people.

Founding Member and Past President, West Coast Childrens' Center, Albany
 Mental health clinic for low-income children.

Member, Oakland Rotary

Member, Oakland Chamber of Commerce