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September 30, 2011

Martha Fluor, President
California School Boards Association
3100 Beacon Blvd., P.O. Box 1660
West Sacramento, CA 95691-1660

Dear Ms. Fluor:

I am writing to support the nomination of Charles Ramsey to the position of CSBA Director At Large, Black. Mr. Ramsey is a leader not only for his own Board, but for other school members across the State, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Ramsey facilitates a discussion group of school board members that is a valuable resource for us to learn from one another. In addition, he is eager to show and share his experiences with West Contra Costa Unified. Recently, Mr. Ramsey hosted me and my staff on a tour of the capital construction program in his district. It is our intention to build on this collaboration.

Mr. Ramsey understands the many issues and challenges school board members confront, and is eager to help us work together. His leadership on the CSBA Board would be welcome.

Sincerely,

Jody London
President, Board of Education

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September 30, 2011

Martha Fluor, President
California School Boards Association
3100 Beacon Street
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Dear Ms. Fluor:

It is with great pleasure that I support the Nomination of Charles Ramsey as candidate for the position of Director at Large CSBA, Black, as set forth in the Resolution adopted by the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education September 7, 2011. I have known Charles for many years and I truly know he will bring to the position integrity, leadership and the knowledge of how to bring a group of people together for results. Charles started a list serve in CSBA Region 7 two years ago that has grown to include many members from across the state where we discuss pressing issues that affect the governance structure across the state. He has also spearheaded many discussions with CSBA Leadership which better serves the membership. As a Member of Oakland Unified School District Board of Education and Voting Delegate of CSBA for 4 years, I am very aware of the type of leadership needed for the Board of Directors of CSBA and Charles Ramsey is the perfect person for the position.

Sincerely,

Alice A. Spearman, Director
Oakland Unified School District
CSBA Delegate, Region 7



2011 Director-at-Large, American Indian, Black or County Nomination Form

Please submit a separate nomination form for each nominee.

The nominations for Director-at-Large must be made by a CSBA member board and the nominee must be a board member from a CSBA member district or county office of education. (Only a CSBA member County Board of Education may submit a nomination for the Director-at-Large, County seat.) The U.S. Postal Service postmark or fax deadline for the nomination form and the required two letters of recommendation is **Friday, September 30**.

Two letters of recommendation are required to be submitted with this nomination form.

The governing board of the Oakland Unified School District or County Office Board of Education voted to nominate Charles T. Ramsey as a candidate for the following Director-at-Large position: (please indicate)
(Nominee name)

- Director-at-Large, American Indian
- Director-at-Large, Black
- Director-at-Large, County

The nominee is a member of the West Contra Costa School District or County Office Board of Education, which is a member of CSBA. The nominee has given permission to be nominated.

 9/14/11
 Signature of the ~~Board Clerk~~ or Board Secretary Date

Return the nomination form and two letters of recommendation to:
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 California School Boards Association
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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Board of Education
September 14, 2011

File ID Number: 11-2536
Introduction Date: 09/14/11
Enactment Number: 11-1616
Enactment Date: 9-14-11
By: BY

To: Board of Education
From: Alice Spearman, Board Representative, CSBA Delegate Assembly
Subject: Nomination - Charles T. Ramsey - Board of Directors, California School Boards Association

REQUEST

Adoption by Board of Education of Resolution No. 1112-0057 - Nominating Charles T. Ramsey, President, Governing Board, West Contra Costa School District, for at Large Seat, Black, on the Board of Directors of the California School Boards Association.

DISCUSSION

As my colleagues are aware the Board is a member of the California School Boards Association.

The Association has a Board of Directors that sets direction for the Association by establishing the vision, mission, strategic directions and ensuring that Association's activities remain focused on those goals and the issues identified in the policy platform, performing those duties described by Article IV, Section 1, of the Association's Bylaws.

The Association's Board of Directors consists of four officers; 21 regional directors; four ethnic directors-at-large; one county director-at-large; the California County Boards of Education president and any California board member serving on the National School Boards Association Board of Directors.

Presently, the Association is seeking through Friday, September 30, 2011, nominees for Directors at Large for American Indian; Black; and County. Any member Board of the Association may nominate an individual board member from a member district or County Office of Education to serve as one of the Directors at Large for which nominations are now being accepted.

I am asking my colleagues, as a Board, to nominate Charles T. Ramsey, President, Governing Board, West Contra Costa Unified School District, for the position of California School Boards Association Director-at Large, Black. Mr. Ramsey, an attorney in private practice in Oakland, has been a member of the West Contra Costa School Board since 1993. I believe that Mr. Ramsey, who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge about local Board issues - Student Achievement, Fiscal Responsibility, Student Safety - will not only make an excellent addition to the Association's Board but also will be an effective advocate for improvement of education for all pupils and for African American pupils, in particular, as an Association Board Member.

Mr. Ramsey's nomination form is attached. I am further requesting that the President of the Board and I be authorized to write the two required letters of recommendation and that the Secretary be authorize to send the nomination documents to the Association by September 30, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by Board of Education of Resolution No. 1112-0057 - Nominating Charles T. Ramsey, President, Governing Board, West Contra Costa School District, for at Large Seat, Black, on the Board of Directors of the California School Boards Association.

AS:ER:lf

Attachment: Resolution No. 1112-0057

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 1112-0057

Nomination- Charles T. Ramsey- Board of Directors, California School Boards Association

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District is a member of the California School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association Board of Directors sets direction for the Association by establishing the vision, mission and strategic directions and ensuring that Association's activities remain focused on those goals and the issues identified in the policy platform, performing those duties described by Article IV, Section 1, of CSBA's Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association Board of Directors consists of four officers; 21 regional directors; four ethnic directors-at-large; one county director-at-large; the California County Boards of Education president and any California board member serving on the National School Boards Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association is currently seeking through Friday, September 30, 2011, nominees for Directors at Large for American Indian; Black; and County; and

WHEREAS, any member Board of the California School Boards Association may nominate an individual board member from a member district or County Office of Education to serve as one of the Directors at Large for which nominations are now being accepted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District hereby nominates Charles T. Ramsey, President, Governing Board, West Contra Costa Unified School District, for the position of California School Boards Association Director-at Large, Black; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President of the Board and one member of the Board who is a member of the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association shall each write one of the required letters of recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Board is authorized to forward the required nomination documents-candidates' form and the two letters of recommendation-to the California School Boards Association with a postmark of not later than September 30, 2011.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

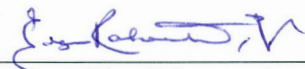
AYES: Christopher Dobbins, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, David Kakishiba, Vice President Jody London, President Gary Yee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alice Spearman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District at a publicly noticed Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2011.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary of the Governing Board
Oakland Unified School District

LEGISLATIVE FILE

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