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Enactment Date:	<u>10/26/2022</u>
By:	<u>er</u>

To: Board of Education

From: Gary Yee

Subj: Appointment – Vincent Stewart – Audit Committee

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Ratification by the Board of Education of President of Board’s appointment of Vincent Stewart to the Audit Committee, effective October 27, 2022, for unexpired term ending January 31, 2024.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The duties of the Audit Committee, as defined by Board Bylaw 9131, is to recommend to Board selection of independent auditors, review and advised Board of Education on all audit findings regarding District Budget, Parcel Taxes and General Obligation Bonds, adequacy of financial controls, concerns and perform other duties enumerated in said Bylaw.

The Audit Committee is composed of seven members, with staggered terms, appointed pursuant to membership criteria established by Board Bylaw 9131, with an individual's terms of appointment limited to a maximum of three two-year consecutive terms or the fulfillment of unexpired terms thereof.

The appointment of Mr. Stewart will bring the Committee to six-sevenths of its membership.

I, pursuant to Board Bylaw 9131, hereby nominate Vincent Stewart, as a member of Audit Committee, and recommend Board ratification of her appointment.

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Attachment: Application: Vincent Stewart (Redacted In Part)

**Profile**

Vincent

First Name

Stewart

Last Name

vincent.stewart@att.net

Email Address

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Audit Committee: Submitted

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Oakland

City

CA

State

94612

Postal Code

**Which Board of Education election district (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7) do you live in? \***

District 3

Mobile: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Business: (510) 763-2444

Alternate Phone

Children Now

Employer

Vice President, Policy & Programs

Job Title

Non-Profit Executive

Occupation

**Employer's Street Address**

1404 Franklin Street, Suite 700

**Employer's City**

Oakland

**Employer's State**

CA

**Employer's Zip**

94612

**Work Phone**

5107632444

**Work Email**

vstewart@childrennow.org

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## Interests & Experiences

**Please explain briefly your interest in serving on this Committee, Commission or Board:**

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As an advocate for public education in California for the past 25+ years and a former OUSD parent, I believe that my knowledge of education policy and experience working in all segments of public education (K-12, community college, and 4-year universities) will bring a valuable perspective to the Audit Committee. In addition, I have worked in private philanthropy managing a grant portfolio in excess of \$13 million that required the review and verification of the audits and financial health of both public and non-profit organizations. Lastly, in my work as an advocate, I am committed to ensuring all resources but especially those intended to increase and improve services for students with the greatest needs (students from low-income families and English learners, among others) are received and allocated to achieve equity, full access to learning opportunities, and improved student outcomes.

**Please indicate your other community involvement (work with public agencies, volunteering, other Committees, Commissions, Boards, groups, etc.):**

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Girls Inc. of Alameda County, past Board Member; East Bay Economic Development Alliance, Business & Employers Resources Committee, Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, Member; Lurie College of Education, San Jose State University, Dean's Advisory Board, Member; Science from Scientists, California Advisory Council, Member; Montera Middle School, OUSD, School Site Council, past Chair and past Member; West Coast Children's Clinic, past Board Vice Chair and past Member; University of California Senior Leadership Institute; American Management Association, Effective Executive Communications; Leadership Sacramento, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Class of 2007; African-American Advocates Association, past Member; Cal Aggie Alumni Association, Member.



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**Educational Background – e.g. college and/or university, degree/major, vocational and/or training, certificates, technical training, etc.**

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS B.A. Political Science and B.A. Economics (double-major),  
December 1991

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## Demographics

Choosing not to answer any of the questions in this section will not disqualify you from consideration or serving.

**Ethnicity**

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African American

**Gender**

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Male

**Socio-Economic Group**

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None Selected

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**Verification**

Please indicate your agreement with the following statement

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I have reviewed and understand the duties of the Commission or Committee for which I am submitting this application. I agree to perform said duties. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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I Agree

Your application must be **completed and submitted on-line via this web form**. For assistance, if needed, or response to questions, please contact Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Executive Assistant, Board of Education, Oakland Unified School District, 1000 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94607-4033 or 510/879-8658 or via email at [Edgar.Rakestraw@ousd.org](mailto:Edgar.Rakestraw@ousd.org). Your application must be **submitted** by the applicable deadline, if any.

**Note: This application and your responses are a Public record and subject to disclosure.**

# VINCENT W. STEWART

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- **Diverse skill set that aligns to multiple settings and issue areas.** Strategic planning, project management, staff management and development, and policy analysis.
- **Demonstrated ability to deal appropriately and effectively with all levels of individuals.** Work collaboratively with high-profile leaders in various fields and settings.
- **Strategic and professional manager.** Plan, execute and finalize multiple projects according to strict deadlines and within budget.
- **Highly skilled communicator.** Present before groups from 10-500 people.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/2016-Present

### **Children Now**

Oakland, CA

#### ***Vice President, Policy and Programs***

Serve as a member of the Executive Leadership team. Manage and oversee policy teams, programs, and research, as well as lead the organizational assessment of Children Now's programmatic efforts as measured by progress on key indicators aligned to project goals. In addition, provide leadership for Children Now's Education Team and its education policy agenda, TK-12 through higher education, and workforce development and preparation.

#### ***Executive Director, California STEM Network***

Manage and lead the California STEM Network, a project of Children Now, and a coalition of partners committed to expanding Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities for all children in California. Engage in public policy and advocacy, communications and outreach, and convene leaders and stakeholders from K-12, higher education, business and industry, government, science and technology, research, community-based organizations and the philanthropic community to foster innovation and to scale and sustain effective STEM teaching and learning. Responsible for executing on network goal to ensure that all of California's students have access to high-quality STEM curricula and instruction, with a particular emphasis on women and students of color.

5/2013-7/2016

**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE**

Sacramento, CA

***Vice Chancellor, External Relations***

Oversee External Relations of the California Community Colleges, the nation's largest system of higher education with more than 2.1 million students on 113 campuses. Manage both state and federal governmental relations and strategic partnerships with philanthropic organizations. Represent the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor's Office before the legislative and executive branches of state and federal government. Formulate and advance the system's legislative agenda. Serve as senior advisor to the chancellor and member of the executive management team of the Chancellor's Office.

5/2010-5/2013

**THE JAMES IRVINE FOUNDATION**

San Francisco, CA

***Senior Program Officer, Youth Program***

Manage grant portfolio in excess of \$13 million focused on the implementation and expansion of Linked Learning, which seeks to connect challenging academics, rigorous career-technical education, real-world work experiences, and support services for all students but low-income students in particular. Lead design, development and implementation of \$4 million demonstration project to extend Linked Learning into community colleges and co-manage independent project evaluation. Develop and execute strategy to engage business and industry with particular emphasis on providing work-based learning opportunities for high school students. Lead development of framework and strategy for applying Linked Learning principles in postsecondary institutions with emphasis on ensuring students successfully transition from high school to college, persist and complete a certificate, credential or degree. Lead foundation efforts to implement state policies favorable to Linked Learning and secure state resources to facilitate long-term sustainability. Present program strategy and foundation initiatives to external audiences. Create partnerships with other funders in service to program mission of ensuring all students are college and career ready.

9/2009-5/2010

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Sacramento, CA

***Associate Director, Institutional Relations, State Governmental Relations***

Responsible for the development and implementation of the University's advocacy program, particularly as it relates to the state budget act. Work with campus leadership to identify, recruit, and engage third-party supporters to advocate on behalf of the University and its budget and policy priorities. Manage advocacy staff and oversee contract with vendor providing technical support and platform for e-advocacy and communication. Manage the day-to-day operations of the University's Office of State Governmental Relations, including primary responsibility for

the development of the office budget, allocation of resources, and oversight of administrative staff. Serve as the representative of the Office of the President and a member of the University's External Relations leadership team.

8/2007-9/2009

**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**

Sacramento, CA

***Assistant Secretary for Higher Education, Governor's Office of the Secretary of Education***

Principal advisor on all legislative and policy issues relating to postsecondary education, career technical education and workforce development. Oversee and review agency legislative proposals regarding postsecondary education, career technical education and workforce development for consistency with Administration policy. Develop and present policy recommendations to the Secretary of Education and Governor's Office. Work collaboratively with other agency and department executive staff. Represent the Secretary in meetings and negotiations with executive, legislative and agency staff. Participate in the development and execution of new policy initiatives for the Administration. Serve as a surrogate for the Governor and the Secretary of Education at public events and engagements. Portfolio of issues includes, but not limited to, higher education, adult education, career technical education, education technology, school facilities and K-12 teacher preparation. Manage the implementation of the *100,000 New Teachers*, *20,000 New Engineers*, *Troops-to-College* and *California Nurse Education* initiatives for the Office of the Secretary of Education. Member of the Secretary's Cabinet and senior management team overseeing agency staff. Represent Secretary in Governor's Cabinet.

12/2004-8/2007

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Davis, CA

***Director of Federal Government Relations, Davis Campus***

Responsible for the management of federal government relations and in that capacity, acted as the official campus representative to the federal government. Managed and analyzed legislative, policy, political and budget issues that impacted UC Davis. Participated in the formulation of campus positions and communication strategies. Served as the campus liaison to the UC Office of Federal Government Relations in Washington, D.C. In consultation with the UC Davis Office of Research, identified and communicated the university's federal research budget and policy priorities. Served as the initial point of contact for federal elected officials on legislative, budget and issue-oriented inquiries. Managed and coordinated campus leadership meetings and academic briefings with federal elected officials. Served as the advisor to the Chancellor and campus leadership on the federal budget and appropriations, legislation and policy and political issues that impacted UC Davis. Raised campus visibility and familiarized federal lawmakers with the UC Davis campus and its many resources.

Served as a key member of the UC Davis Government and Community Relations and University Relations senior management teams. Provided leadership on strategic planning, budget priorities and human resources issues. Developed and monitored budgets for federal government relations, advocacy and community and regional outreach programs.

7/1999-12/2004 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Sacramento, CA

***Legislative Director, Undergraduate and Graduate Education, Business Operations***

Served as a senior advocate and spokesperson in Sacramento on matters related to undergraduate and graduate education, educational outreach, university faculty, and campus business operations. Cultivated and maintained working relationships with members of the State Legislature, the Governor's Office, administrative agencies, other colleges and universities, representatives of public K-12 education, and other stakeholders. Monitored and analyzed legislation to determine policy, fiscal, and legal implications for the university. Worked with various divisions of the Office of the President, ten campus administrations, and university faculty to develop legislative positions. Drafted position letters, legislative bill language and amendments, testimony, and arranged and prepared for expert witnesses. Collaborated with the university's Federal Governmental Relations office on federal issues that bear upon state and UC policy.

12/1996 - 7/1999 **CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

West Sacramento, CA

***Federal Relations Liaison and Legislative Advocate***

Identified, researched and analyzed federal and state legislation affecting public K-12 education. Recommended association positions and crafted legislative advocacy strategies. Prepared testimony, background materials, and policy briefings. Managed the association's federal advocacy efforts. Coordinated annual advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., and state lobby days and conferences. Designed and implemented training for local governing board members in effective advocacy techniques. Coordinated and mobilized statewide network of school board member liaisons to state legislators and managed association's computerized advocacy systems. Represented the association before the State Legislature, Governor's Office, administrative agencies, departments, boards and commissions. Authored advisories and alerts on legislative issues, and articles for association publications.

7/1996 - 12/1996 **HUNTER/RUIZ**

Sacramento, CA

***Contract Legislative Advocate***

Represented clients before the State Legislature, Governor's Office, administrative agencies, departments, boards and commissions. Managed

legislative agenda for national electronics association. Researched and analyzed state environmental legislation, rules and regulations.

7/1991 - 5/1996 **LUCAS ADVOCATES, INC.**

Sacramento, CA

*Legislative Advocate*

Represented clients before State Legislature, Governor's Office, administrative agencies, departments, boards and commissions. Managed legislative and regulatory agenda for statewide environmental and trade association. Researched and analyzed state environmental legislation, rules and regulations.

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS**

B.A. Political Science and B.A. Economics, December 1991

**ADDITIONAL  
SKILLS &  
ACTIVITIES**

Girls Inc. of Alameda County, Board Member

East Bay Economic Development Alliance, Business & Employers

Resources Committee, Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, Member

Lurie College of Education, San Jose State University, Dean's Advisory Board, Member

Science from Scientists, California Advisory Council, Member

Montera Middle School, School Site Council, past Chair and past Member

West Coast Children's Clinic, past Board Vice Chair and past Member

University of California Senior Leadership Institute

American Management Association, Certificate in Effective Executive Communications

Leadership Sacramento, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Class of 2007

African American Advocates Association

Cal Aggie Alumni Association