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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to state that I have known Mrs. Mamie Ruth Sampson for many years, first in her capacity as staff of the library, and later as a valued friend. I met her approximately 14 years ago when she joined the staff of the Francisquito Library when it was located in the 2100 block of University Avenue. From my initial perspective as a patron of the library and later from the perspective of an elected official, I have observed her developing into the very professional person she is today.

Because of my council involvements, I have had opportunity to work with Mrs. Sampson on problems which were impacting on this community, and especially those problems which occurred in the Council Building. Several years ago I solicited the assistance of Mrs. Sampson and Dr. Seabrook, former superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District, to help with children who were creating problems in the other parts of the building as well as in the library. As a Black woman and mother, Mrs. Sampson recognized the exuberance and creativity of the children; she understood that the children needed, and merited, firmness, consistency, direction, and approval; furthermore, she realized that their energies had to be guided into positive channels or they would have taken over the building. Some of the children may balk at first when they come into contact with her high standards and firm expectations for them; soon, however, they become acclimated and respond in positive ways.

As a councilmember for the past five years, serving this year in the capacity of Mayor, I salute Mrs. Sampson. She is a very valuable asset to the community. We are indeed fortunate to have her involvement because her patience, commitment, and caring for the children (and adults) does not end with the finish of her work shift or the boundaries of the library.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara A. Mouton
Mayor