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Mr. John Podesta
Chief of Staff
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Podesta:

I'm contacting you at the suggestion of Leon Panetta. And, just to provide a bit of background on me, I served as Jerry Brown's Press Secretary when he was Governor and Willie Brown's when he was Speaker. None of that is terribly relevant, but I wanted you to know my request comes with some portfolio.

When Willie Brown left his job as Speaker after 15 years in 1995, amazingly, nothing was done for him. So, a few of us got together with Speaker Villaraigosa to plan a spectacular two day event in Sacramento to honor Willie Brown.

On the evening of July 11 Speaker Villaraigosa will host a supper for about 65-70 folks--close friends and family, and people who were involved in the Willie Brown Speakership. On the morning of July 12, the festivities will move to the floor of the Assembly Chamber. There, the current Speaker will dedicate a permanent desk to Brown; we are hoping to name the upper Rotunda the Willie Brown Rotunda and placed a bronze bust of the Mayor; and I have asked the Governor to declare July 12 Willie Brown Day in California. Mayor Brown, of course, knows of none of this. He only knows he is to be in Sacramento on these two days.

We were hoping President Clinton could attend one or both of the events. We could help build some other activities around the trip if that would be helpful. In lieu of that, we'd love to have the President live via satellite, or lastly, a taped message. We would also appreciate a letter from the President. I've taken the liberty of preparing a draft, thinking that might lessen the burden on your team. If the attached letter, or some version thereof works for you, please mail it back to me at 915 L Street, Suite 1180, Sacramento, Ca 95814 and I will make sure it is read on Sunday evening and presented to the Mayor.

I know we're asking for a lot, but I hope some of this has piqued your interest. I am reachable at (916) 322-6319 or (916) 446-9299 in the evening.

Thank you for your help.


Bobbie Metzger

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DRAFT/PROPOSED LETTER TO SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR WILLIE BROWN FROM
PRESIDENT CLINTON:

"Friendship makes prosperity more brilliant, and lightens adversity by dividing and sharing it. "
Cicero

You have been a true and loyal friend and I will be forever grateful. I only wish I could be in Sacramento with you as you are honored for your 15 years of service as Speaker of the California State Assembly.

You led that most august body with a clear sense of purpose, fairness, and dignity. Your desire to work with the members of both houses and both parties made you the most effective Speaker ever. Your brilliance always gave you the edge, but you never used it to diminish or hurt anyone. You separated policy from politics and embraced advocates and adversaries in the name of good government. Your loyalty to your friends and your ability to always fulfill your commitments was, and remains, without compare.

I am proud to call myself your friend and am overjoyed that you are being honored today.