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Dr. Ackerman came to San Francisco from Washington, DC where she had been superintendent for two years, after being promoted from the position of assistant to the chief schools executive.

Dr. Ackerman led San Francisco's public schools from 2000 until she resigned in 2006, after repeated clashes with some school board members and the teachers union. At the time, African American leaders in San Francisco supported Ackerman and said the board was trying to micromanage her.

During her tenure, she is credited with improving the achievement gap in the district. She achieved this feat by redirecting resources and

teachers into underperforming schools that were heavily attended by African American and Latino children and creating Dream Schools.

In 2004 and 2005, San Francisco schools led the state in student achievement. In 2005, SFUSD was also a finalist for the Broad Prize for Urban Education that is given to the nation's top urban school district.

When she first took over the helm of SFUSD, Dr. Ackerman also uncovered widespread fiscal problems in the district's facilities department. She brought in the FBI and City Attorney's office to investigate fraudulent activity by companies and individuals and recouped \$50 million for the district.

After leaving San Francisco, Ackerman taught at Teachers College, Columbia University for two years. She then headed the Philadelphia schools from 2001-2011. Again she increased the achievement levels of student in the inner city school district.

In 2010, she received the Richard R. Green Award from the Council of Great City Schools. The award is given to the nation's top public school leader. Michael Casserly, the executive director of the Council of the Great City Schools, said in a statement, she was a tireless champion of urban public education and a relentless warrior on behalf of urban children. Casserly said her 45 year career in public schools "stands alone as one of the nation's most important contributions to urban schools."

After leaving Philadelphia, to be near her family, she settled in Albuquerque where she became an education consultant. She was also a member of the Southwest Women's Law Center Board of Directors.

The oldest of five children of a minister and a teacher, Arlene Cassandra Randle was born on January 10, 1947 in St. Louis, MO.

She attended a segregated elementary school in St. Louis, before becoming one of 50 African American students in

a 3,000 student high school. Though experiencing racism there, she excelled in high school and was a member of the National Honor Society.

She said growing up under segregation made her the leader that she later became, because she understood the importance of a quality education and the importance of resources.

She attended what is now Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis and graduated

with a degree in elementary education. She earned master's degrees in education from Washington University and Harvard and a doctorate in education from Harvard.

She began her career in a St. Louis suburb where she taught elementary and middle school. She rose through the ranks to become a middle school principal and school district administrator, before leaving to become an administrator in the Seattle schools in 1992.

Throughout her career, she mentored many up and coming educational administrators. She served in the urban superintendents' program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and also the superintendents' academy run by the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation.

Dr. Ackerman is survived by two sons, Anthony and Matthew Antognoli; four granddaughters; and several brothers and sisters.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLAN AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD PARCELS E AND UC-3

The U.S. Department of the Navy, in coordination with state and federal environmental regulatory agencies, encourages the public to comment on its Proposed Plan for cleanup of Parcels E and UC-3 at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, California. The Proposed Plan summarizes the remedial (cleanup) alternatives evaluated by the Navy and explains the reasons for identifying the preferred alternatives to address contamination at Parcels E and UC-3.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Navy invites interested members of the public to review and comment on the Parcels E and UC-3 Proposed Plan during a Public Comment Period, from February 13, 2013, to March 15, 2013. Public comments must be submitted in writing and must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than March 15, 2013. Alternatively, members of the public are invited to attend a Public Meeting on February 28, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Public comments to the Proposed Plan will also be accepted at this meeting. If you have any questions or wish to comment on this project, please contact Mr. Keith Forman, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator, BRAC Program Management Office West, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego, CA 92108-4310; keith.s.forman@navy.mil; (619) 532-0913 office phone; (415) 308-1458 cell phone; (619) 532-0995 fax.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Navy will host a Public Meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan, answer questions, and accept public comments:

Date: February 28, 2013 **Location:** Southeast Community Facility Commission Building
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Alex L. Pitcher Jr. Room
1800 Oakdale Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94124

FOR MORE INFORMATION

As of February 13, 2013, copies of the Proposed Plan and other site documents will be available for review at the two Information Repositories:

City of San Francisco Main Library
Government Information Center, 5th Floor
100 Larkin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 557-4500

Hunters Naval Point Shipyard Office Trailer
(Located across the street from the security entrance to the Shipyard)
690 Hudson Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94124

And on the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard website:
<http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil>

Click "BRAC 2005," click on "Prior BRAC Installations" drop-down menu, and then select "Former NSY Hunters Point."