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July 6, 2004

President Pro-Tempore Ceasar Mitchell and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: License Review Board Appointment

Dear President Pro-Tempore Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Peggy Harper to serve the un-expired term of Warren Bruno in the category of APAB representative on the License Review Board for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Peggy Harper will serve the License Review Board with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

ATLANTA PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

2004 OFFICERS	
President	M. M. (Peggy) Harper
Vice President	Edward M. Gilgor
Recording Secretary	Conne Ward-Cameron
Corresponding Secretary	Robert S. Schreiber

MEMORANDUM

RECEIVED JUN 01 2004 CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE: May 24, 2004

TO: NPU Chairs and APAB Delegates

FROM: M. M. (Peggy) Harper

SUBJECT: **LICENSE REVIEW BOARD ("LRB") APPOINTEE**

At the May 17, 2004 General Meeting, I announced that Mr. Warren Bruno had notified me in writing that he was stepping down as the President's designee to the License Review Board and that I was entertaining nominations to fill his unexpired term.

Of all the boards and commissions that APAB has a voice on, I consider this board to be the most important because the decisions made by this body directly affect the quality of life in our neighborhoods. For this reason, although it is in my purview to either occupy this seat myself or personally appoint someone, I have decided that it would be more appropriate to receive nominations from the body at-large.

The LRB not only hears applications for the sale of alcohol at restaurants, grocery stores and convenience stores, but also applications for adult entertainment establishments, booting companies, and other occupations which require criminal background investigations by the Atlanta Police Department Under the leadership of Mr. Barney Simms, it has become more neighborhood friendly and more sensitive to the desires and wishes of residents.

Although the majority of alcohol license-related matters before the LRB have to do with bars and restaurants, it is my belief that the issues surrounding convenience stores and package stores faced by neighborhoods south of Ponce de Leon, especially those south of I-20, need a stronger voice on the board than they have now. Further, I note that the boards current composition does not include representation from those west-northwest areas plagued with beer and wine at convenience and small "grocery" stores.

Keeping that in mind, I ask that you search your neighborhoods for an individual who (a) is their own person, (b) is not easily swayed from their convictions, (c) can be fair but firm when required, (d) can devote 26 Tuesday evenings from 5 pm until the meeting is concluded (sometimes as late as midnight), (e) can pass a criminal background check and (f) is willing to provide APAB with periodic reports. Please provide me, no later than Friday, June 4, 2004, their name, full contact information, a short biography and reason why you believe they should be appointed. I would prefer you send this information electronically to min_yin@bellsouth.net. If that is not possible, please mail it to me at 685 Cooper Street, S.W., #13, Atlanta, GA 30315.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in selecting an individual for this most important position.

cc: Mr. Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff, City of Atlanta

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June 19, 2004

The Honorable Shirley C. Franklin
Mayor
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mayor Franklin:

As you may know, Mr. Warren Bruno, the APAB President's designee to the Atlanta License Review Board (LRB) resigned. On June 9, 2004, the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board decided to recommend to the general membership of APAB that our current President, Ms. M. M. (Peggy) Harper, fill Mr. Bruno's unexpired term on the LRB.

I announced this decision at the June General Membership meeting, held Saturday, June 19, 2004. The delegates present affirmed the Executive Committee's selection of Ms. Harper by a hand vote without opposition.

The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, hereby requests that you take the necessary action to confirm her appointment on the License Review Board. She is active not only in her respective community but citywide as well, and APAB believes she will serve the City and its citizens with honor and distinction. Ms. Harper's credentials are attached.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 659-1951. Ms. Harper can be reached at (404) 522-3231.

Sincerely,
Edward M. Gilgore
Vice President
attachment

cc: Mr. Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff, City of Atlanta
Mr. Ceasar Mitchell, Atlanta City Council President Pro Tempore
Ms. Carla Smith Chairperson, Atlanta City Council Committee on Council
Mr. Barney Simms, Chairperson, License Review Board
Lt. Karen Anderson, Atlanta Police Department License & Permits Division

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Email: min_yin@bellsouth.net

QUALIFICATIONS

Extensive public/private sector administrative and technical experience with emphasis on human resources, office/facilities management and program/project management. Life-long involvement with community advocacy and capacity building.

EDUCATION

BA. Economics Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, May, 1989 (Dean's List)

Professional Development

Renewal Community Initiative-Tax Incentives Workshop, US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November, 2003

Renewal Community Initiative-Implementation Strategies, US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Memphis, Tennessee, May, 2003

Renewal Community Initiative-Application Preparation, US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Knoxville, Tennessee, June, 2000

Undoing Racism, The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 1994

Volunteer Management, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, 1994

Time Management, Franklin Quest Company, Atlanta, Georgia, February, 1994

Legal Aspects of Hiring & Firing, Padgett-Thompson Associates, Milwaukee Wisconsin, July 1982

Effective Records Management, Tab Products, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, September, 1979

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Board Member, *Atlanta Renewal Community CoRA, Inc.;* appointed by APAB to represent the original Empowerment Zone neighborhoods.

Discussant, *Kenneth Cole Fellowship in Community Building and Social Change*, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, June, 2003

Presenter/Discussant, *DuBois Institute Conference on Affordable Housing*, Clark-Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2003

Member, *City of Atlanta Planning Advisory Board*(APAB), representing NPU-V, since 2000; Member Ad Hoc Environmental Sub-Committee since 2002; Corresponding Secretary, 2003; President, 2004.

Steering Committee Member, *Georgia African-American Historic Preservation Network* since 2002.

"Woman of the Year" Church/Mosque/Organization Honoree, *Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta 11th Annual Salute to Black Mothers*, 2001, nominated by Ropheka Rock of the World Ministries.

Presenter, *Civil Rights Health Symposium*, Morehouse School of Medicine, 2001.

Board Member, *Fulton County Strategies For Healthier Communities Task Force* since 2001; Chair, Harriet G. Darnell Center Strategies Task Force Tax Committee since 2001.

Founding Member, *Mechanicsville Ministerial Alliance*, 2002.

Board Member, *Grady Health Systems Pharmacy Advisory Board*; since 2000.

Board Member, *Atlanta City Council Gentrification Task Force*, 2000-2002; appointed by the Honorable Cleta M. Winslow, Atlanta City Council District 4 Representative.

Board Member representing the CEAB, *Atlanta Empowerment Zone Corporation Executive Board*, 2000-2002; Member, Human Services Committee.

Nominee, *WXIA Community Service Award*, 1999.

Board Member representing the Mechanicsville Neighborhood, *Atlanta Empowerment Zone Community Empowerment Advisory Board* (CEAB) since 1998; Chair, Human Resource/Administration Committee since 2002; Member, reorganized Revolving Loan Fund since 2000; Chair, Economic Development Committee 1999-2000, CEAB Representative to the 2000 and 2001 White House Conference on Empowerment Zones.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.)

The Atlanta Project, Atlanta, Georgia **01/94 to 12/94**

VOLUNTEER. Housing Minister & Village Steering Council Member, *Brown Village* (Cluster #9). Assist residents in the 12 predominately residential but economically diverse neighborhoods comprising the Brown Village (Cluster #9) with the creation and implementation of proactive resident-based initiatives to preserve, renovate and/or revitalize their neighborhoods. Facilitate corporate-sponsored seminars on purchasing and maintaining property and on general financial management. Identify sources to sponsor rehabilitation of homes for individuals on fixed incomes. Provide administrative and e-mail training for volunteers/staff; end-user repair of computers, fax and copy machines. Member of the TAP Housing Coalition that developed a neighborhood based code enforcement program; directly responsible for development of citizen's manual and reporting forms. (Program, as written, subsequently adopted by the City of Atlanta and renamed "Neighborhood Deputies Program").

American Foundation for the Blind, Atlanta, Georgia **12/92 to 08/93**

OUTSIDE CONSULTANT. Wrote run-time database application, using PAL for responses to 50-question instrument containing one free-form part per question; created secondary report applications using independent report generation software. Provided administrative and database training for staff. At Regional Director's request, reconfigured Regional Resource and Product Center to increase functional accessibility for visitors while allowing room to double as a meeting area. Conducted in-house and off-site product/adaptive technology demonstrations.

Resolution Trust Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia **03/90 to 12/92**

CONTRACT EMPLOYEE. Total management of automated systems to capture and report detailed information on repossessed real estate from insolvent financial institutions. Systems ranged in size from a 5,000 record run-time application, with 250 data element per record, to an 18,000-plus record mainframe application, with 400 data element per record. Responsible for secondary application development, report design & generation, specification & procedure development and monitoring for data integrity/system security. Regional End-User Database Trainer for bank managers, software & hardware technical support. Member of Regional Audit Team to ensure field office compliance with database policy/procedure. Was only trainer to have their regional class video taped for use at local levels.

Valuation Research Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin **05/81 to 09/83**

Managed $2.5 million employee benefit program consisting of 2 self-administered life, 1 self-administered LTD and 1 self-funded, self-administered health insurance programs for 100-plus employees in six states. Processed enrollments, changes, terminations; Reviewed health Pre-approved health claims, designed health claim form, ID card & reports to Third Party Administrator; computed/analyzed monthly/cumulative claim losses & benefit costs and prepared summary report for Secretary-Treasurer. Administered Worker Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, corporate state filing and corporate property/casualty insurance programs. Advised/assisted managers regarding hiring, firings & promotions; audited personnel paperwork for compliance with policy & procedure; compiled & reported monthly & year-to-date turnover rates & salary costs by cost center, with corporate summary, to CEO. Developed standardized offer letters; composed policy/procedure memoranda.

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia **07/78 to 02/81**

Total Management of multi-session summer program for 200 high school students. Established goals & program schedules; hired staff; developed participant application process/forms & program evaluation instruments; determined equipment, materials and facilities required; wrote post-program summary report to funders. Managed special initiative converting 10,000 inactive student records to microfiche using in-house filming and key-to-card data transfer. Developed procedures; defined manpower requirements; assisted with equipment selection; trained staff; interfaced with senior staff from other departments to assure document security & budgetary compliance; directed quality control review of computer generated documents and processed microfilm/microfiche. Also responsible for division's personal services, FF&E & supply/service account audits, monthly & quarterly inventories, and resolving budget and delivery discrepancies with other departments and outside vendors.

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