



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(D)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 10, 2006

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Ballot Appointments
of Community Relations
Board Nominations to the
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Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

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Miami-Dade County, Florida

October 10, 2006

INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

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- Homeless Trust
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- Human Services
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- Water & Sewer

Honorable Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
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111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220
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RE: Community Relations Board Nominations to the Independent Review Panel

Pursuant to the County Code, section 2-11.43, the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board nominates the following three individuals for appointment by the Board of County Commissioners to one seat on the Miami-Dade County Independent Review Panel.

1. Ms. Jean Robert Lafortune
2. Ms. Bess McElroy
3. Migna Sanchez-Llovens

Please find enclosed a copy of the respective resumes for these candidates. These three candidates have an extensive history of engaging in community service work through their volunteerism in this community. Each of the nominees are Miami-Dade County electors, who serve on no other County Board and who are willing to commit to a three-year term calling for up to eight hours of volunteer service per month.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Community Relations

Enclosures

c: Eduardo Diaz, Ph.D., Executive Director
Independent Review Panel

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RESUME
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Academic Credentials:

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1983-1986 BA – FIU – School of Public Affairs
1980 – 1985 AA – Miami-Dade Community College

Professional Credentials:

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2003- Present Division Director
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Caribbean Training Education Center
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EDUCATION

M.S. - Human Resource Administration
B.A. - Psychology
A.A. - Social Work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Real Estate Investor/Mortgage Broker
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Member Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition
Member Democratic POWER Club
Member Mt. Sinai M.B. Church
Member of several civic, religious and professional organizations
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Employer: Law Offices of Bennet H. Brummer, Public Defender

Title/Occupation: Attorney – Assistant Public Defender

Business Type: Legal representation of indigent clients charged with criminal offenses

Business Address: 175 NW First Avenue, Miami-Dade County

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Date of Birth: 06/30/59 Residence in Dade: 12 years

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Education:

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