MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15D1

TO: Honorable Chairperson Bruno Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 26, 2007

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Ballot Appointment to the Independent Review Panel

Please select one (1) nominee on the attached ballot to fill a vacancy on the Independent Review Panel (IRP) created by the term expiration of Julia Dawson (incumbent).

1. Julia Dawson (incumbent)
2. Donna L. Ginn
3. Sherry L. Ulsh

Section 2-11.43 (a) of the County Code provides that the Board of County Commissioner's shall appoint one IRP member from a slate of three (3) qualified persons submitted by the League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County has submitted the names of the above noted nominees as qualified candidates from which an appointment can be made.

The League of Women Voters' letter of recommendation and the resumes of each candidate are attached for your review.

KS: sm
Attachments

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT

Miami-Dade County, Florida

June 26, 2007

INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE JULIA DAWSON
Vote (✓) for One

Julia Dawson (incumbent)	☐
Donna L. Chin	☐
Sherry L. Ulsh	☐

Commissioner _____
(Please *sign ballot)*

Commission District Number _____

THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

4th June 2007

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

Dear Dr. Diaz:

The three names that have been so long in coming, as nominations, one of which will be selected for the continuation of the seat for the League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County on the Independent Review Panel (IRP) are:

1. Julia Dawson
2. Donna Ginn
3. Sherry Ulsh

Their resumes are attached for you to forward to the Chairman of the County Commission for final approval.

Sorry it took so long. I was happy to just say continue the representation as is, however, that was not my call, as was pointed out by your very able assistant Segrario, who I might add is one in a million. It took sometime to get three names and then I had intervening family death and illness that causes one to focus elsewhere. Julia, I am told by all reports, has represented the League well and served the Miami-Dade community well in her capacity on the IRP. I was very pleased to receive that feedback. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Judith Cannon, President

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JULIA DAWSON

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Miami, Florida 33129
Mobile (305) 215-5255

RESUME

Experienced and dedicated advocate and attorney committed to securing the human rights of all people on local, national and international levels. Proven leader and administrator who delivers both strategic and tactical solutions to public and private organizations for a variety of social causes. Skills include advocacy, legal advice, fundraising, mobilization, campaign administration, grant writing, and communications. Strong presentation and facilitation skills and demonstrated writing ability.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Fundraising: Demonstrated success working as part of a team or independently to raise funds for campaigns and human rights issues.

Fundraising Coordinator for SAVE (Safeguarding American Values for Everyone), SAVE Dade, and SAVE Dade Action PAC, Miami. Instrumental in raising over $1.3 million in eight months to fund defense of Miami-Dade County's Human Rights Ordinance from repeal by referendum. Developed and supervised successful training program using volunteers for fundraising phone banks.

VISTA Grant Writer for Best Buddies International, Inc., Miami. Obtained $180,000 in foundation grants for the programs of Best Buddies, International, a non-profit organization with the mission of enhancing the lives of people with mental retardation by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships with non-disabled peers and integrated employment.

Fundraising Coordinator for Miami Workers Center, Miami. Developed an individual donor fundraising project to augment foundation funding for this nonprofit organization's leadership and advocacy programs for low-income Liberty City residents. Increased awareness of the organization's work through community outreach and monthly events.

Legal and Organizational Advocacy: Effectively advocated for individuals in both the private sector and in publicly funded programs.

Coordinator, Nurse Alliance of Florida. Responsible for the day-to-day management of the largest non-profit statewide voice for registered nurses. Planned and implemented statewide events and membership growth from 10,000 to more than 20,000 bedside nurses.

Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Greater Miami. Advocated for low-income families for equal access to public programs. Provided legal advice regarding government entitlement programs and represented clients at hearings.

Associate Attorney, Law offices of Peter G. Angelos. Managed Miami office for this Baltimore based firm representing plaintiffs injured by asbestos exposure. Worked with local trade unions to inform members of potential exposure and their legal rights.

Associate Attorney, Law Offices of Gold & Fox, Miami. Practiced general civil law.

Teaching and Training: Provided educational workshops and communication tools to a variety of populations.

Senior Organizer for SAVE (Safeguarding American Values for Everyone), SAVE Dade, and SAVE Dade Action PAC, Miami. Developed and implemented and supervised screening and endorsement process for political candidates for SAVE Dade Action PAC.

Teaching Associate, University of Miami School of Medicine, Barry University, and Miami Dade Community College in Miami, and Nova Southeastern School of Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale. Taught first and second year medical students and physician's assistant students appropriate physician/patient interaction and how to perform examinations on professional patients.

Benefits Educator, Worksite Communications/Fringe Benefits Management Company, Miami. Made presentations to county employees to assist them in understanding the choices available with their benefits.

Coordinator for Miami-Dade County, Sexual Harassment Outreach and Education Project/Florida Women's Consortium. Organized and presented public workshops on how to identify and respond to workplace discrimination and sexual harassment, including legal remedies and local resources.

Director, Legislative Update Seminar, Co-sponsored by the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers and the Dade County Bar Association, Miami. Created and delivered legal seminar on current legislative changes in major areas of legal practice. Authored course materials and secured continuing legal education credits for participants.

EDUCATION:

Juris Doctor, Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C.
Admitted to the Florida Bar as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all Courts in the State of Florida. Florida Bar Number 293016

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, University of Florida College of Arts and Sciences, Gainesville, Florida.

Florida Certified Family Court Mediator, American Arbitration Association, Miami, Florida. Certification Number 2519F.

PRO BONO COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Pro-Bono Mediator for Miami-Dade County Equal Opportunity Board, Miami. Mediated cases brought to the Equal Opportunity Board alleging discrimination or sexual harassment.

Volunteer Attorney Advocate for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dade County Bar Association Put Something Back Program.

Editor, *A Florida FACT Sheet, Lesbian and Gay Legal Rights,* Published in 1993, 1994, 1997, by the Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association.

Director for Legislative Update Seminar co-sponsored by the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers and the Dade County Bar Association.

Volunteer Attorney for Dade County Bar Association program to provide legal representation to refugees at Krome Detention Center.

Volunteer Legal Counsel for tenants at Lee Park Apartments, Inc., a 117 unit housing cooperative for middle and low income families supervised and subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Special Counsel for the National Organization for Women, Dade County Chapter, amicus curiae brief supporting abolition of the common law doctrine of interspousal tort immunity in Florida, filed in cases before the Third District Court of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court

RECOGNITIONS:

Aqua Girl 2003 Community Service Award Presented by the Women's Fund of the Gay and Lesbian Foundation of South Florida - *In Recognition of Your Service to Our Community*

Building Bridges Award Presented by Gay Black Pride South Florida - *For the Strength of Your Commitment to Our Community and for Being A Bridge Over Troubled Waters*

Outstanding Advocate Award Presented by GALLA (Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association) - *For Exemplary Human Rights Activism*

Patricia Ireland Award Presented by the Dade County Chapter of the National Organization for Women - *For Generosity of Spirit, Time and Talent to Further the Cause of Women's Rights*

BOARDS, COMMUNITY GROUPS and ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Past and Present

Miami Workers Center, Board of Directors
Miami-Dade County Independent Review Panel, First Vice Chairperson
Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition
City of North Miami Community Relations Board
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Miami-Dade Branch (NAACP)
SAVE Inc. (Safeguarding American Values for Everyone), SAVE Dade, SAVE Dade Action PAC
Board of Directors, Executive Committee
American Civil Liberties Union – Greater Miami Chapter
Board of Directors
Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association Legal Defense and Education Fund
Board of Directors, Treasurer
Miami Clinic Access Project, Founder
Dade County Alliance Against Domestic Violence
National Organization for Women
North Miami NOW Chapter - Founder
Dade County NOW Chapter - President
Florida NOW - Legislative Director
Florida NOW - Lobbyist
National NOW - Board Member, Southeast Region
The Greater Miami Clothesline Project
Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association of South Florida
Board of Directors, Secretary, Treasurer
Community Pride Roundtable, Co-founder
Emergency Coalition for Choice
Florida Association for Women Lawyers - Dade County Chapter
Board of Directors; Scholarship Committee; Director, Legislative Update Seminar
Dade Democratic Executive Committee
Committeewoman, Issues Committee, Delegate to Florida State Democratic Convention
Florida Campaign for Feminists Candidates
Coalition for a Free South Africa, Treasurer
Florida Right to Privacy Coalition
Stop Bork Coalition
EEOC Advisory Council for Miami Dade Community College
Florida Democratic Party Women's Vote '84 Task Force
Delegate, Democratic National Nominating Convention 1984
Dade Community Coalition for Celebration of Women's History
North Miami Society for the Arts
1983 People's March on Washington - Miami Planning Coalition
Democratic Club of North Dade

Donna L. Ginn, CEO

Donna L. Ginn is CEO of Ginn Scroggins & Associates, an international organization and management development-consulting firm. Her expertise is in the areas of organization change, strategic planning, diversity, leadership and team development, and executive coaching.

Ms. Ginn had a fruitful twenty-year career at the Procter & Gamble Company. She lead the Organizational Development function for the Latin American Division another Organization Development and Human Resource departments of several different line and staff business functions. Her assignments spanned the US, Europe, and Asia.. Prior to her Latin American assignment, she served for two years as an executive on loan to the Superintendent of the Cincinnati Public School System.

Between 1967 and 1976 her career was focused in the biological sciences. She was a research technician with Procter & Gamble, St. Louis University School of Medicine, Miami University, and Wright Patterson AFB Aerospace Medical Research Department. Prior to that she was a clinical laboratory assistant at Middletown Regional Hospital.

She is currently an instructor/panelist at the Academy for Strategic Management through the Florida Institute of Government. Additionally, she is a Dean's Associate at the R. T. Farmer School of Business at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and an active member of her professional organization, the OD Network.

She completed her M.S. in Organizational Development at American University. Her undergraduate studies in Psychology and Zoology were completed at Miami University. She also received certification in Organization Development at the NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science and MIT's Sloan School of Management. She is certified to administer the Myers Briggs Type Inventory among other professional and personal development assessments.

Ms. Ginn has resided in Miami for fourteen years. She currently serves her community through membership on the Boards of Directors of the League of Women Voters, The Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida and Many Voices One Community. She is a member of the Links, Incorporated and the Continental Societies. She is a past member of the board of Governors of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the board of the YWCA of Greater Miami. She has served as president of the boards of the Urban League of Greater Miami and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati. Additionally, she served as Vice President of the American school, Escuela Campo Allegre, in Caracas Venezuela. She is a co-founder and Chairwomen Emeritus of the Black Executive Forum. She is an alumna of Leadership Miami and Leadership.

SHERRY L. ULSH

Sherry L. Ulsh is the Director, Marketing Account Administration for Burger King Corporation. In this capacity, she directs all finance, accounting, and business administration for the USA and Canadian Marketing Funds and the gift card and licensing programs. She has held positions in corporate, operations and marketing finance over a 20+ year career with Burger King Corporation. In addition, she was Executive Director of the Burger King McLamore Foundation which awarded over $1.6mm in scholarships in 2004. She is co-Founder and past Chair of The Women's Leadership Forum at Burger King Corporation.

Miss Ulsh received her Masters in Business Administration from University of Miami and a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She is a Board Member of Hands on Miami. She is active with United Way of Miami-Dade County through the Women's Leadership Initiative Executive Committee and as an Impact Committee member. She is a Leadership Miami graduate and Executive Committee member. She is a mentor with the University of Miami School of Business Mentor Program. In addition, Ulsh is currently Treasurer of the League of Women Voters for Miami-Dade County.

She has received awards from the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County - 2003 Thelma Gibson Excellence Award.