



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15D1

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TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 19, 2009

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Vacancy on the Planning  
Advisory Board

*Diane Collins*

Diane Collins, Acting Division Chief  
Clerk of the Board Division

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Pursuant to Chairman Moss' memorandum of April 15, 2009, attached for your information and review are the resumes of the following nominees and qualified candidates to fill one (1) at-large vacancy on the Planning Advisory Board (PAB).

Aramis Alvarez  
Christia Alou White  
Alyce Gowdy Wright  
William W. Riley (incumbent)

The foregoing nominations were submitted to the Clerk of the Board of by members of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2-107 of the County Code stipulates that nominations for the at-large appointments shall be submitted to the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to be voted on by the Board. One (1) at-large seat on the PAB became vacant as of October 6, 2008, due to the term expiration of Mr. William W. Riley.

The ballot and resumes of the nominees are attached.

Attachments  
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**COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT**  
Miami-Dade County, Florida

**May 19, 2009**

**PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD**

Vote (✓) for one (1)	
Aramis Alvarez	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christia Alou White	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alyce Gowdy Wright	<input type="checkbox"/>
William W. Riley (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Commissioner** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign ballot)

**Commission District Number** \_\_\_\_\_



# Aramis Alvarez, AIA

**ARAMIS ALVAREZ,**  
AIA  
Principal

**YEARS OF  
EXPERIENCE**  
43

**EDUCATION**  
Bachelor of  
Architecture/1959

**REGISTRATION**  
1970/Architecture/  
1970/#5178/Florida

Aramis "Mitch" Alvarez has more than 40 years experience in all aspects of architectural planning and design for a variety of corporate/office, transportation, institutional and commercial facilities. Mr. Alvarez has developed expertise in the design of spec developments including high rise office buildings, hotels and retail facilities. His body of work includes Douglas Entrance, the firm's headquarters in Coral Gables, and The Colonnade, a mixed-use complex in the center of the Coral Gables business district.

Mr. Alvarez's project experience includes:

Master Planning and Modern Houses for several communities in Puerto Rico- 1962- 1972

- 1) Santa Isidra Development, Fajardo Puerto Rico
  - Phase II - 239 Single Family Homes
  - Phase III- 250 Single Family Homes
  - Phase IV- 300 Single Family Homes
- 2) Villa Marina- Development of 200 Unit Garden Apartments 2nd home community surrounding a new 200 slip marina in Fajardo, Puerto Rico
- 3) Mansiones de Garden Hills- 85 luxury single family homes and two high rise condo towers- San Juan
- 4) Country Club Gardens- walk up apartments 96 Units

In Florida:

- The Banyans twonhouse development- 48 unit complex, South Miami
- The "Pescayo" Apartments in Marathon, FL Keys- 52 units
- The Douglas Entrance Apartments for JPI. 192 units high rise building
- The City of Coral Gables RFP- Apartments - 198 units - Midrise building

Douglas Entrance, Coral Gables, FL. A mixed-use complex and parking garage (1,900 cars), totaling 650,000 SF. The project, designed to complement the original historic structure with similar Mediterranean-style buildings, will ultimately include an urban center with high quality office space, a first

class European hotel, residential units, and fine shops and restaurants. Amenities ranging from informal outdoor seating to banquet facilities and formal dining for small parties.

Douglas Entrance, South Tower, Coral Gables, FL. The project, designed to complement the original historic structure with similar Mediterranean-style buildings, is a new 14-level, 171,000 SF office tower and retail space recently completed.

The Colonnade, Coral Gables, FL. A mixed-use development, expansion and renovation which includes a 4-star, 151-suite hotel, 210,000 SF office building, support retail and parking garage. All new construction echoes the scale and detail of the original 1920's building.

San Jose Marriott Resort, San Jose, Costa Rica. This 250-room resort with complete convention facilities was developed on an existing coffee plantation overlooking a scenic valley. The resorts Spanish Colonial architecture was inspired by the Owners desire to make a contribution to the Costa Rican heritage by emphasizing the country's Spanish origin. With this resort, they wanted to capture the essence, character and style of the original architecture of Costa Rica. The resort includes two restaurants, pool and spa and a beautiful golf driving range all of which make this property unique.

Santa Isidra Development, Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Design and construction of 239 single family homes. Preliminary design and plans for 2nd phase which included three-story garden apartment homes and marina with 200 slips. In phases III and IV, was responsible for Master Plan and design.

Paseo Mar Resort, Fajardo, Puerto Rico. A 500 acre parcel which includes over 900 residential units, country club, marina and a 18-hole golf course, pro-shop, hotel and retail shops.

# Aramis Alvarez, AIA (continued)

Republic National Bank of Miami, Corporate Headquarters, Coral Gables, FL. A fifteen-story, 320,000 SF facility serves as the administration complex for Republic National Bank, which serves all Central American Republics. On the ground level, three sides of the building are designed as pedestrian arcades which allow easy accessibility to the building interior. The main banking lobby is 18,595 SF.

Museum Tower, Miami, FL. A 282,000 SF 28-story office building, designed primarily for attorneys, provides an efficient, flexible, column-free floor plate capable of receiving increased live loads of attorneys' extensive law libraries. The building is a good neighbor on a tight urban site, across from Dade County's new cultural complex.

The Village of Merrick Park, Coral Gables, FL. A mixed-use development on 17 acres with 792,000 SF of retail space including: department stores, galleries, restaurants, retail shops, theater, hotel, residential units and 80,000 SF of office space (master plan only).

James L. Knight International Center, Miami, FL. This multiuse facility is the focal point of the City of Miami's downtown revitalization program. This facility includes a nineteen story, 615-room Hyatt Regency Hotel, 30,000 SF of exhibition space, 10,000 SF of meeting rooms and a 5,000-seat auditorium. The flexibility of the auditorium, which can accommodate events as diverse as a full scale Broadway Musical one night followed by a basketball game the next evening, allows the complex to enjoy a unique status among civic centers.

Banco Continental de Panama, Panama City, Panama. 50,000 SF of interior and architecture design for the bank's new corporate headquarters consisting of Banking Hall, Executive Offices and Operations areas.

Plaza Gran Caribe Shopping Mall, Vega Alta, Puerto Rico. This shopping center has a department store and a supermarket as anchor tenants in addition to over 50 other shops, kiosks and freestanding fast food stores. Glass enclosed elevators service the mezzanine level which contains a number of medical and professional offices. The basement level contains a 1,252-car parking garage. This project was planned and developed in two phases for a combined total of approximately 430,000 SF.

Pembroke Lakes Mall, Broward County, FL. A 1,100,000 SF single-level mall in Pembroke Pines, Florida. The mall, excluding anchor stores, is approximately 1,600 lineal feet. One of the major features of the Pembroke Lakes Mall project was an international food court which included approximately 20 food outlets offering a wide range of cuisine.

# Christia Alou White

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## EDUCATION

**University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD**  
Juris Doctor, May 1996

**Howard University, Washington, DC**  
Bachelor of Arts, Broadcast Journalism, Minor in Spanish, May 1991

## EXPERIENCE

**Miami Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Miami- Florida**

**7/06 – 04/08**     **Legislation and Policy Director, District 3**

- Write, research, and recommend county legislation and policy for Miami-Dade County Commission
- Liaison between county attorneys and elected official on legislative and legal matters
- Research national and local trends, and set districts legislative agenda
- Editor for District Newsletter
- Liaison between area's Hispanic community and Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners
- Lead policy and local initiatives for District Commissioner

**Ohio Civil Rights Commission**  
**(Government of State of Ohio)**

**1/04 – 2/06**     **Director, Office of Public Affairs**

- Agency spokesperson and government liaison
- Lobby and draft legislative language, consult with state legislators and the state executive branch on Ohio civil rights policies and related legislation
- Develop, deliver educational communications campaigns and initiatives, speeches, community and statewide briefings, agency newsletter, and all printed materials
- Research national and local civil rights laws and trends, and set the agency's legislative agenda
- Direct agency public relations and educational campaigns
- Plan and execute statewide events
- Supervise public affairs, legislative affairs, electronic publications and community service staff

**Executive Office of the Mayor Office on Latino Affairs**  
**(Government of District of Columbia)**

**4/02 – 11/03**     **Executive Director**

- Liaison between Latino community and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and District government agencies
- Supervise staff in community outreach, grants management, and oversee annual budget of \$3 million in grants to Latino community based organizations and programs
- Public relations and development of media campaign to inform Latino residents of important government services and programs, and political issues as they relate to the community
- Collaborate with embassies of Latin countries on accessing services for Latino community in the District
- Assist local Latino community-based organizations in the identification of funding opportunities and technical support in proposal writing and business development, and assist local Latino small businesses in technical support and economic development

**Self-employed**

**2/01 – 04/02**     **Attorney**

- Representation of individuals and corporations in mergers and acquisitions, immigration, family, and labor and employment law, quality control/ privilege review of documents produced to the Federal

Trade Commission for mergers (Pepsi/Gatorade, Pillsbury/GM, Northrup Gruman, Valero Oil Refineries, Compaq/Hewlett Packard)

- Immigration and Family Law, Pro Bono, Ayuda, Inc. (Hispanic Women's Legal Services) and supervise student attorneys in client representation
- Consultant for start-up business, UrbanLearn, Inc. (Latino youth education and professional development programs)

**Verrill & Dana, LLP**, Washington, D.C. and Portland, ME

1/98 – 1/01 **Legislation and Sports Law Specialist and Labor Associate**

- Lobbied members of US Congress for baseball anti-trust, Major League Baseball Players Association
- Marketing and public relations for recruitment and retention of clients
- Representation of migrant workers and class members in labor and employment disputes against large corporations
- Supervised staff, administrative and client recruiters, to successfully build Sports Law professional representation practice
- Provide counseling to colleges and universities on regulations for eligibility, gender issues, recruitment and equal employment
- Legal research
- Counseled corporate clients in labor relations, employment mediation, equal employment opportunity issues, client education and training, immigration and employment contracts

**Shapiro, Robinson & Associates**, Baltimore, MD

4/97 – 12/97 **Attorney/Latino Client Services Director**

- Supervised staff in recruitment of Latino clients
- Recruit clients through marketing activities
- Coalition building for practice expansion into Latin countries (Dominican Republic, Venezuela) and Puerto Rico
- Negotiation and management of client employment and endorsement contracts
- Prepared United States Immigration documents and filings for clients
- Provided statistical analysis for client salary arbitration and negotiation
- Developed and produced marketing materials, reviewed business proposals

**Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI)**, Washington, D.C.

3/92 – 12/96 **Media and Public Relations Specialist**

- Program coordination of national Latino youth congressional internship programs
- Program coordination of corporate and public policy fellowships for Latino professional education students Produced videos, television and radio public service announcements for national Latino youth leadership projects
- Public relations and promotions of annual National Hispanic Heritage Month issues conference, electronic town hall meeting, music concerts, art showing and festival
- Supervised staff and volunteers in special events (Annual Gala, Press Conferences, Community Concerts and Program promotions events)

### **SKILLS & ACTIVITIES**

- Policy and Legislation Volunteer, Florida Bar Democratic Council
- Member, Dominican American National Foundation Board of Directors
- Member, Village of Miami Shores Recreation Board of Directors
- Member, Florida State Bar
- Producer, Documentary Film "Giants of Baseball" (released 2004), airs on PBS
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Desktop Publishing, broadcast production, writing for publication
- Fluent in Spanish (reading, writing, speaking)

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**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

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2004 - **South Florida Jobs with Justice** Miami, FL

*Executive Director*

- Oversee finances, budgets, staff and programs of the organization.
- Recruit and maintain relationships with Executive Board members
- Develop and implement policy and business campaigns regarding land use, development and public procurement
- Direct research, training and legal activities
- Lead coalition efforts with diverse organizations in Miami, Florida and the Southeast

2001-2003 **North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Project** Durham, NC

*Executive Director*

- Oversaw finances, budgets and programs of the organization.
- Recruited and maintained relationships with Executive Board members
- Served on NC OSHA Advisory Council to agitate for increased access for working people;
- Served on Duke University/University of North Carolina joint Occupational Resident Advisory Council to plan internship opportunities for occupational physicians in training.

*[These responsibilities were in addition to those described below:]*

1999-2001 **North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Project** Durham, NC

*Labor Educator/Organizer*

- Initiated campaigns around workplace health and safety policy objectives including advocating for an Ergonomics Standard.
- Produced, disseminated and presented policy literature and research.
- Initiated annual Workers' Memorial Day events across the state.
- Planned and facilitated health/safety and workers' rights training for NC AFL-CIO Labor School, state councils and NCOSH's annual Health and Safety School. Topics.
- Compiled, wrote and published quarterly newsletter on health and safety issues including resources, legislation, court decisions, and governmental agency news.
- Coordinated NCOSH's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Provided technical assistance to workers concerning workers' compensation and other health/safety and employment issues.

1998-1999 **United States Census Bureau** Durham, NC

*Assistant Field Operations Supervisor*

- Managed numerous crews and crew leaders obtaining information across Central and Eastern North Carolina including assigning jobs, supervising crew leaders, checking accuracy and correctness of map books.
- Performed extensive training for every crew member. [20-25 persons twice per week.]

1997-1998 **Unitarian Universalist Washington Office** Washington, DC

*Economic Justice & Special Projects Coordinator*

- Directed public policy work on living wage and other employment legislation.
- Lobbied elected representatives on such legislation.
- Initiated faith-based organizing of religious activists within congregations across the country.
- Wrote a weekly column on economic justice issues in Washington and within the religious denomination which was disseminated across the continent.
- Developed written materials on faith and economic justice for clergy and lay persons.
- Participated in labor-religion coalition building, including Jobs with Justice, the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice's Labor in the Pulpit program and the Interfaith Working Group [comprised of progressive religious denominations/offices].

1996-1997      **Unitarian Universalist Washington Office**      Washington, DC

*Special Projects Coordinator*

- Directed public policy work on workplace standards and related legislation.
- Developed written materials on faith issues for clergy and lay persons.
- Participated in labor-religion coalition building, including Jobs with Justice, the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice's Labor in the Pulpit program and the Interfaith Working Group.
- Conference/event planning for large groups, 2000+

1995      **Patrons Mutual**      Glastonbury, CT

*Computer/Technical Assistant*

- Ran daily production programs.
- Created multi-media business library, Entered policy program data.
- Provided technical troubleshooting for other employees.

**EDUCATION**

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**Wheaton College**

Norton, MA

*Magna cum Laude, Medical Anthropology*

Phi Beta Kappa

Alpha Kappa Delta-International Sociology Honor Society

Teaching Assistant

**George Mason University**

Alexandria, VA

**COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT**

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**African American/Latin@ Alliance**

*Founding Member*

- We brought together the Latin@ workers in the meat processing industry and Black workers in the farm and public sectors—for events, social gatherings and Teach-Ins.

**North Carolina Lambda Youth Network**

*Board Member*

- Supported BGLTQ youth leadership with a mentorship program and fundraising for the organization.

**Black Workers for Justice**

*Member*

- Helped plan events, assisted with fundraising and printed materials, including monthly column in newsletter.
- Utilized my health and safety background to assist workers in Eastern North Carolina at BWFJ Screening Clinics.

**Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI**

*Supervisor/Researcher*

- Supervised the playroom, performed bedside activities, assisted in hospital pediatric event planning, provided general support to patients, families and medical staff. *Combined the above volunteer duties with year long research project dealing with pediatric patient support and chronic illness.*

**Kids First!, Southeastern Massachusetts Public Schools**

*Research Assistant*

- Collaborated with professional researcher to interview and run intervention programs for 'at risk' children and parents in the Southeastern Massachusetts public schools.

**Unitarian Universalist Association**

*Research Assistant*

- Collaborated with professional researcher and interviewed nearly 200 randomly selected ministers to ascertain the modes, values, and beliefs of denominational ministers concerning community activism.

**Unitarian Universalist Association**

*Jubilee Trainer*

- Facilitated numerous organizational development and diversity workshops across the continent for religious activists. Provided participants with analysis, resources, and action models for institutional change within their congregation.

**SKILLS**

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- grassroots lobbying
- training development and facilitation  
[health/safety, organizational development, political education]
- staff supervision, volunteer and event coordination
- coalition building
- grant writing—public and private
- grassroots fundraising
- desktop publishing
- database management
- survey construction and tabulation
- Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Approach, WordPerfect, QuickBooks, internet, online research

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## **William W. Riley**

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### **Licenses**

**Miami-Dade County Certificate of Competency (Master)**

**Broward County Certificate of Competency (Master)**

**State of Florida Electrical Contractor (EC)**

### **Positions**

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary 2003- Present**

**Miami Joint Apprentice and Training Committee  
Director 1985-2003**

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Assistant Business Manager 1978-1985**

### **Education**

**Miami Joint Electrical Apprentice and Training Committee**

**Miami Senior High School**

**Ada Merrit Junior High School**

**Riverside Elementary**

### **Married**

**Carolyn (Married forty-one years)**

### **Children**

**Bonnie  
William Jr.**