

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution appointing Rosa Chang and Paola Roman as members of the Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Task Force Advisory Board, and waiving the resident and elector requirement of Section 2-11.38 Crime Task Force Advisory Board by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the County Commission  
Resolution No. R-106-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Office of Management and Budget Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

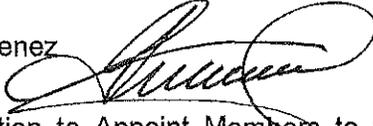
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# Memorandum



**Date:** February 4, 2014

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Recommendation to Appoint Members to the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force  
Advisory Board (YCTF) and Waive Residency and/or Qualified Elector Requirements

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## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution accepting the Mayor's recommendation for appointment of Ms. Paola Roman and Ms. Rosa Chang to the Youth Crime Task Force Advisory Board (YCTF) and waiving the residency and qualified elector requirements, set forth in Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, to appoint Ms. Laverne Pinkney.

## **Scope**

The YCTF addresses the unmet needs and gaps in services for delinquent and at-risk youths countywide.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

This Resolution has no fiscal impact on Miami-Dade County.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

The Clerk of the Board monitors the appointments to County Boards, and the Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination, provides staff assistance for the YCTF.

## **Background**

The YCTF was established by resolution in 1997 to address youth crime and violence programming needs. The Task Force was re-authorized annually by Board of County Commissioner's Resolution, thereafter until January 2002. On September 23, 2002, the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force was established as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Ordinance 02-131, for the countywide coordination of juvenile justice activities.

The YCTF is composed of a maximum of thirty-one (31) voting members, comprised of elected officials, educators, criminal and juvenile justice professionals, human services practitioners, and community leaders, who have demonstrated expertise and involvement in the fight against crime and violence in this community. Current board members are listed on attachment A.

Section 2-1432(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides for the appointment of members to the Youth Crime Task Force who work for or serve on the board of directors of organizations that work with youth and/or crime prevention and who are recommended by the County Mayor for such appointment by the Board. Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides that the Board may waive the requirement that an advisory board member be a permanent resident and elector of Miami-Dade County by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board's full membership in order to appoint an individual to a County advisory board.

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A waiver of the residency and elector requirement for Ms. Pinkney is necessary and appropriate based on the fact that the vast majority of her professional career has been spent serving and addressing issues impacting children and families in the Miami-Dade County Community. In addition, she currently serves as the Director and teaches at the Family and Education Law Clinic at Florida International University, and is also an adjunct professor for the University of Miami School of Law, Center for Ethics and Public Service. Her wealth of knowledge and experience will be an asset to the Task Force.

The Youth Crime Task Force and its Nominating Committee has considered these candidates and have unanimously recommended them for appointment. Attachment B includes a demographic for the pending appointments, their resumes and letters of interest summarizing their experience and qualifications.

Attachments



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Russell Benford  
Deputy Mayor



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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**Please note any items checked.**

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's , 3/5's , unanimous ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)  
2-4-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-106-14

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROSA CHANG AND PAOLA ROMAN AS MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH CRIME TASK FORCE ADVISORY BOARD, AND WAIVING THE RESIDENT AND ELECTOR REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 2-11.38 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO APPOINT LAVERNE PINKNEY AS A MEMBER OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH CRIME TASK FORCE ADVISORY BOARD BY A 2/3 VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Crime Task Force serves as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners with respect to matters related to youth crime, youth weapons violence and youth crime prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-1432(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides for the appointment of members to the Youth Crime Task Force who work for or serve on the board of directors of organizations that work with youth and/or crime prevention and who are recommended by the County Mayor for such appointment by the Board of County Commissioners ("the Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, the candidates whose resumes are attached hereto as Exhibit A, meet the criteria of Section 2-1432(t) described above, and have been recommended by the Youth Crime Task Force and the County Mayor to serve on the Youth Crime Task Force,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** The Board hereby authorizes acceptance of the County Mayor's recommendation for the appointments of Rosa Chang and Paola Roman to serve as community representative members on the Youth Crime Task Force for a term of two years pursuant to 2-1432(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2.** The Board hereby authorizes a waiver of the Miami-Dade permanent residency and qualified elector requirement of Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its full membership, to accept the County Mayor's recommendation to appoint Laverne Pinkney as a member of the Youth Crime Task Force for a term of two years pursuant to 2-1432(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>absent</b>	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. <b>aye</b>
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson <b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan <b>aye</b>
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss <b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>	Xavier L. Suarez <b>absent</b>
Juan C. Zapata	<b>aye</b>	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Estephanie S. Resnik

By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

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### Youth Crime Task Force Advisory Board Members

	Last Name	First Name	Organization Affiliation	Position	Tenured/ Community Representative	Gender	Race
1	Gimenez	Carlos	Miami-Dade County	County Mayor	Tenured	M	H
2	Jordan	Barbara	Miami-Dade County	County Commissioner	Tenured	F	B
3	Pritchett	Sharon	Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation	State of Florida Representative	Tenured	F	B
4	Patterson	J. D.	Miami-Dade Police Department	Police Director	Tenured	M	B
5	Orosa	Manuel	City of Miami Police Department	Police Chief	Tenured	M	H
6	Moffett	Ian	Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department	Police Chief	Tenured	M	O
7	Carvalho	Alberto	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	Superintendent	Tenured	M	H
8	Bass	Todd	State Attorney's Office	Juvenile Division Chief	Tenured	M	W
9	Osborne	Marie	Office of the Public Defender	Juvenile Division Chief	Tenured	F	W
10	Prescott	Orlando	11th Judicial Circuit Court	Juvenile Court Judge	Tenured	M	B
11	Jacobo	Esther	Department of Juvenile Justice	Deputy Director	Tenured	F	W
12	Flakes	Terria	Department of Juvenile Justice	Chief Probation Officer (Sr. Juvenile Justice Manager)	Tenured	F	B
13	Copeland	Morris	Juvenile Services Department	Director	Tenured	M	B
14	Auslander	Charles	The Children's Trust	Director	Tenured	M	W
15	Dixon	John	Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust	Director	Tenured	M	B
16	Obi Nweze	Adora	NAACP	Florida President	Tenured	F	B
17	Caldwell	Carmen	Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County	Carmen Caldwell	Community Representative	F	W
18	Ayers	Georgia	The Alternative's Program	Executive Director	Community Representative	F	B
19	Sutherland	Marilyn	Riviera Presbyterian Church	Program Director	Community Representative	F	W
20	Campbell	Thema	World Literacy Crusade	World Literacy Crusade	Community Representative	F	B
21	Susi	Diana	AYUDA	President/CEO	Community Representative	F	H
22	Nesbitt	Carloyn	Concerned African Women	Executive Director	Community Representative	F	B

### Youth Crime Task Force Candidates Pending Appointment

Last Name	First Name	Organization Affiliation	Position	Tenured/ Community Representative	Gender	Race
Pinkney	Laverne	University of Miami Center for Ethics and Public Service	Director	Community Representative	F	B
Chang	Rosa	Florida International University	Criminal Justice Professor	Community Representative	F	O
Roman	Paola	Carfour Supportive Housing	Vice President of Housing Development	Community Representative	F	H



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**YOUTH CRIME TASK FORCE**  
Office of Management and Budget  
Grants Coordination  
111 NW 1 Street, 19<sup>th</sup> floor  
Miami, FL 33128  
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Fax: (305) 375-4454

October 9, 2013

Mayor Carlos Gimenez  
Miami-Dade County  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, Florida 33129

Re: Recommended Board Appointments to the Youth Crime Task Force (YCTF)

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

The Code Of Miami-Dade County Section No. 2-1432(t), which created the Youth Crime Task Force allows for community representatives, who work for or serve on the board of directors of an organization that works with youth and/or crime prevention programs, to be appointed to the Task Force. In accordance with the Code, the Board of County Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, maintains the authority to appoint members to the YCTF.

As Chairperson of the YCTF, and after a careful review and a unanimous vote of its members, I would like to submit the names of Ms. Paola Roman, Ms. Rosa Chang, and Ms. Laverne Pinkney to you for your consideration in making a recommendation for appointment to fill existing vacant seats. The candidate resumes and letters of interest are attached for your review.

Thank you for your commitment to the Youth Crime Task Force. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Alphermeia Martin, Board Coordinator (Office of Management and Budget), at 305-375-4508.

Sincerely,

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Marie Osborne, Chairperson  
Youth Crime Task Force

Enclosures

*"Delivering Excellence Everyday"*

April 6, 2013

Youth Crime Task Force, Advisory Board  
c/o Ms. Alphermeia Martin  
111 NW 1st Street, 19th Floor  
Miami, Florida 33128

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to submit to you this letter of interest for an opportunity to serve on the Advisory Board of the Youth Crime Task Force of Miami-Dade County. I understand that the issues addressed by this task force are very serious and impact lives on so many social and economic levels. As an executive of a not for profit organization committed to serving the poorest in our community, I recognize that combating crime among the young is a mission that requires not only passionate individuals, but also dedicated professionals with expertise from various disciplines. I would love the opportunity to contribute my experience & passion and professional expertise for the sake of our youth's future.

As a citizen who has grown up in North Dade, I was exposed to youth crime at a very young age. As a student at Norland Middle School, Northwestern Senior & Turner Tech, I quickly became aware of the challenges that many of our youth face on a daily basis. As a young adult, I later learned that a very close family member was personally impacted by gangs. Around the same time, our home in North Miami was burglarized. After an investigation and fingerprint match, we learned that the culprit was a young 14 year old with an existing criminal record. My husband and I wanted so desperately to assist the young offender, but the court system limited our involvement. These incidents broke my heart and angered me greatly. I was not sure what I could do to help prevent or divert these conditions.

My leadership with Carrfour Supportive Housing and Metro Life Church provide me an avenue for service to my community and I am extremely grateful to be a part of such noteworthy organizations that positively impact so many lives. It brings me great pleasure to serve at Carrfour and Metro, but I know the need is far greater. My involvement thus far has been through service and on the surface of the existing problems. However, I want to go deeper into the root of the problem; I believe I can contribute to the cause through the Youth Crime Task Force. It would be my privilege to serve on this Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

*Paola Roman*

Paola Roman

Encl: resume

## **PAOLA P. ROMAN**

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### **EXPERIENCE**

#### ***Carrfour Supportive Housing, Miami, FL***

##### **VP of Housing Development:**

July 2010- Present

##### **Housing Developer:**

July 2009 – June 2010

##### **Property Manager, Rivermont House:**

January 2009 - June 2009

Responsible for all aspects of acquisition, financing, predevelopment, construction & permanent conversion of affordable multi-family housing developments, including mixed use. Supervise outside consultants and contractors, including appraisers, attorneys, architects, engineers and general contractors. Manage city, county, state and federal compliance requirements; prepare & report financial progress for funding sources & Carrfour Board of Directors.

#### ***Carlisle Development Group, Miami, FL***

##### **Corporate Construction Manager:**

October 2007- January 2009

##### **Development Project Manager:**

June 2005 – October 2007

Evaluate potential projects for acquisition, available funding sources, market, financial & construction feasibility; Procure construction & professional contracts; Manage/report project budgets and schedules; Coordinate between architects, contractors & consultants to maximize project efficiency & value engineering; Serve as company representative to maintain positive relationships with external partners, the community and municipalities; Oversee municipal approvals and maneuver through regulatory hurdles, including zoning, site plan approvals and building permits; Coordinate all project third party services, including but not limited to attorneys, engineers, architects, surveyors, appraisers, contractors and architects; Oversee preparation of all funding applications, Request for Qualifications & Request for Proposals; Oversee monthly construction requisitions to ensure timely payment of all vendors; Coordinate underwriting loans with state, municipal, private lenders & tax credit investors; Control and maintain flow of correspondence from government agencies, contractors and consultants, i.e. quarterly reports, RFI's, RCO's, construction drawings, surveys, plats, etc.. Coordinate transition from construction to stabilized operations of projects; Liaison with leasing and property management staff to ensure timely leasing and stabilization of projects.

#### ***Carrfour Supportive Housing, Miami, FL***

##### **Assistant Housing Developer:**

February 2004 - June 2005

Responsible for grant writing, real estate closings and financial underwriting; Created budget and administered project's Predevelopment Loan Program; Coordinated Development & Construction Committee Meetings for organization's Board Members

#### ***Ocean View International Realty, Aventura, FL***

##### **Real Estate Sales Person:**

September 1998-June 2005

Completed residential real estate transactions with a network of people including buyers, sellers, appraisers, inspectors, loan officers, and title agents

#### ***Lennar Corporation, Miami, FL***

##### **Universal American Mortgage Company, Mortgage Processor**

May 2002- June 2003

Collaborated with loan advisors, closers, underwriters and lenders to obtain loan approvals for Conventional and Foreign National loans while providing excellent customer service to prospective borrowers in English & Spanish

#### ***Lennar Corporation, Miami, FL***

##### **Summer Intern:**

June 1998 – August 2001

Gained residential lending experience & knowledge from various departments, i.e. Accounting/Treasury, Quality Assurance, Customer Service, Secondary Marketing & Loan Originations with Lennar Financial Services

## EDUCATION

*University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL*

Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance: May 2002

*Member of Board of Realtors, Miami, FL*

Licensed Real Estate Sales Person: Since September 1998

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

*Gold Coast Professional Schools, Doral, FL*

Community Association Manager: April 2013

*Community Planning & Development (HUD), Miami, FL*

Becoming a High-Performing Community Housing Development Organization: April, 2013

*National Development Council, Doral, FL*

Rental Housing Development Finance HD 420: December 2012

*Neighborhood Works Training Institute, Detroit, MI*

Analytical Tools & Methods Used in Comm. Econ Dev., The Nonprofit NSP2 Grantee Convening: May 2011

*Neighborhood Works Training Institute, Philadelphia, PA*

REO Solutions, New Era in Affordable Housing, Green Multifamily Housing: August 2010

*Miami-Dade College, Miami, FL*

Plans Interpretation: October 2008

*Lorman Educational Services, Miami, FL*

Construction Lien Law: June 2008

*University of Miami School of Architecture, Knight Program in Community Building, Coral Gables, FL*

Introduction to Finance for Real Estate Development: January 2005

*Neighborhood Works Training Institute, Washington, D.C.*

Using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program: August 2004

*South Florida LISC Community Development Training Institute at FIU, North Miami, FL*

Project Management; Real Estate Development: May 2004

## Community Leadership (most recent)

*Metro Life Church, Doral, FL*

March 2003 – Present

Leader/Mentor for the Young Adults Ministry & the Mentorship Program for High School Girls; Teacher for AIM School & Children's Church.

*Project Love, Missions Team Leader*

2006 – Present

Organize team of Metro Life volunteers in monthly local & international service projects, i.e.

**His House Children's Home, Miami, FL**

Coordinate quarterly field days/events for children

individual volunteer for young ladies soon to age out of foster care

Provided emergency assistance in welcoming Haitian orphans days after the 2010 earthquake

**Missions Trip, Nicaragua, C.A.**

Summers: 2007-2010

Villa Familiar Orphanage, Managua: help renovate & paint group homes

Mundo de Fe Church, Managua: led missionary team in teaching Children's Church

Aguila Church, El Tuma: helped host Family Festival aimed at giving gang members alternatives

**American Cancer Society, Doral**

(Annually) Spring 2005-2010

Led a team through fundraising efforts including the all night Relay for Life Event.

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April 10, 2013

Board Members of the Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Task Force  
111 NW 1st Street 19th Floor  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing this letter to express my willingness and availability to serve on the Board of the Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Task Force (YCTF).

Currently, I am a full-time instructor at FIU teaching criminal justice courses. Because of my interest in juveniles and at-risk youths, I teach the Juvenile Justice course every school year. My interest has also influenced several of my life-choices. I was first propelled to begin my graduate education in criminology by my experience as a Juvenile Services Specialist with the Juvenile Services Department (formerly the Juvenile Assessment Center). In my Master's thesis, I examined the effects of juvenile's family structure on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). My interest in helping the youth in our community has not diminished. As such, I believe that I will be a resourceful addition to your Board because I will bring related -educational and -professional experience.

As a qualified elector of Miami-Dade County, I feel that I can give back to my community by serving on a Board whose mission and responsibilities align with my interest. As a young immigrant moving from Venezuela without my parents, I feel that the guidance provided by school counselors influenced my first step into a path of unforeseen academic achievements. This type of preventive service and other intervention and rehabilitative services are what I would like help preserve in our community so other generations can have the same opportunities I had while growing up in Miami-Dade County.

Thank you for your time and consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Rosa E. Chang, Ph.D.  
Instructor

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- **Florida International University, 2011 - Present**  
Instructor  
Onsite courses: Nature and Causes of Crime, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice and Public Policy, and Measurement and Analysis in Criminal Justice.  
Online courses: Legal Issues in Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice
- **Miami Dade College School of Justice, 2010 – 2011**  
Assistant Professor  
Onsite Courses: Criminal Investigation, Introduction to Corrections, Criminal Law, Introduction to Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, and Introduction to Criminal Justice
- **National Partnership for Community Training/Florida Center for Survivors of Torture, 2007-2009**  
National Training Specialist and Research Assistant
- **University of Miami, 2006-2009**  
Teaching Associate
- **Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department, 2000 – 2004**  
Juvenile Services Specialist
- **Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, 2000**  
Victim/Witness Specialist

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**EDUCATION**

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- **Ph.D. in Sociology, 2005-2009**  
Areas of Concentration: Criminology and Race/Ethnic Relations  
Dissertation: "Contemporary Perceptions of Immigrants as Threats: Is the 'Criminal Immigrant' Image Supported?"  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
- **M.A. in Sociology, 2003-2005**  
Area of Concentration: Criminology  
Thesis: "Family Structure and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)"  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
- **B.S. in Criminal Justice, 1994-1999**

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Florida International University, Miami, FL

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**PUBLICATION**

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Aranda, Elizabeth, Rosa E. Chang, and Elena Sabogal. 2009. "Racializing Miami: Immigrant Latinos and Colorblind Racism in the Global City" in *How the United States Racializes Latinos: At Home and Abroad* (eds. Jose A. Cobas, Jorge Duany and Joe R. Feagin). Paradigm Publishers.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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- Chang, Rosa E. "'Expressing' Criminological Theories." Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. 2012.
  - Chang, Rosa E. "Contemporary Perceptions of Immigrants as Threats: Is the Perceived "Criminal Immigrant" Image Supported?" Presented at the annual Research and Creativity Forum of the University of Miami, Spring 2009.
  - Chang, Rosa E. "Images of Immigrant Groups: Immigrants' Strains and the Effects of Transnational Ties." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. November 2007.
  - Chang, Rosa E. "The Criminalization of Immigrants." Panelist presenter of the University of Miami Immigration Conference 2007, sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Hispanic Affair Advisory Board.
  - Chang, Rosa E. and Hua Lv. "The Diaspora of Chinese and Chinese-Latinos in Miami." Poster presentation at the annual Research and Creativity Forum of the University of Miami. Spring 2007.
  - Aranda, Elizabeth and Rosa Chang. "Latino Immigration, Race Relations, Inequalities, and the Global City." Invited paper presented as part of a panel on Black Immigrants in the U.S., Eastern Sociological Society, March, 2007.
  - Chang, Rosa E. "Family Structure and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada. November 2005.
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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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2003-Present American Society of Criminology (ASC)

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E-Mail: [PinkneyL@fiu.edu](mailto:PinkneyL@fiu.edu)

May 20, 2013

Alphermelia Martin  
Special Projects Administrator  
Office of Management and Budget  
Grants Coordination  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, Florida 33128

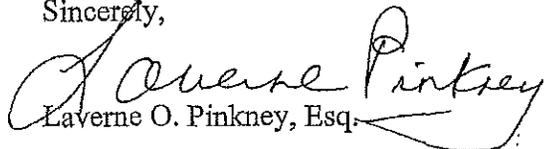
Dear Ms. Martin,

Please accept this Letter of Interest and Resume in application for the vacancy on the Advisory Board of the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force. While I am a resident of Broward County, the vast majority of my professional career has been and is currently in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

As noted in my Resume, my professional career has been dedicated to public service, addressing issues impacting Children, Families and the Community. The majority of the professional positions that I have held required an understanding of all aspects of youth crime. In addition to my professional experience, I have provided outreach and training for many years throughout Miami-Dade County to parent and provider groups addressing issues impacting Families and Youths. I believe that my background, education and experience will be an asset to the Board.

If necessary, I am available to meet with you to discuss the vacancy, my interest and application. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Laverne O. Pinkney, Esq.

Enclosure: Resume

RESUME

**LAVERNE O. PINKNEY, ESQ.**

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**EDUCATION**

Legal	J.D. Degree	St. Thomas University, School of Law	1988
Non-Legal	M.P.A.	Florida International University	1982
	B.S.	Florida International University	1979

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, SCHOOL OF LAW, CENTER FOR ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE**, 1311 Miller Drive, Room G281, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087, **Adjunct Professor** (08/11 – Present)

Instruct law students in Education Law. The course covers legal rights and entitlements pursuant to federal and state law for children with and without disabilities and other relevant education issues, including school discipline. Supervise students in coordinating and presenting workshops and seminars to empower parents to advocate on behalf of their children and to identify and address systemic issues impacting education rights.

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW, CLINICAL PROGRAM, FAMILY AND EDUCATION LAW CLINIC**, 11200 S.W. 8 St., RDB 1010, Miami, FL 33199, **Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor and Director** (08/08 – Present)

Instruct law students in Family Law and Education Law cases for children with disabilities who are entitled to specific rights pursuant to IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and Children who have been suspended and/or expelled from school. Representation is at the Administrative, state and federal level. Supervise and oversee comprehensive Family Law Litigation case load. Coordinate and conduct community outreach on education and Family Law Legal issues. Write and oversee fulfillment of Grant requirements.

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW, CLINICAL PROGRAM, EDUCATION LAW CLINIC**, 11200 S.W. 8 St., RDB 1010, Miami, FL 33199, **Adjunct Clinical Professor and Director** (06/07 – 08/08)

Instructed and supervised law students in Education Law cases pertaining to children with Disabilities and school discipline cases. Representation was provided at school, administrative, state and federal level. Coordinated and conducted community outreach on education and related Legal issues.

**PINKNEY LAW FIRM, P.A.**, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 415, Hollywood, FL 33021, **Attorney-Owner, Private Law Practice (02/07 – present)**

Handle cases in the areas of Family/Marital Law, Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant, Consumer, Estate Planning, Education and General Civil.

**LAW OFFICE OF LAVERNE O. PINKNEY, P.A.**, 555 N.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2G, Miami, FL 33132, **Attorney-Owner, Private Law Practice (08/06 – 02/07)**

Handled cases in the areas of Family/Marital Law, Mediation, Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant, Consumer, Estate Planning, Education and General Civil.

**LEGAL SERVICES OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.**, 3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 500, Miami, FL 33137, **Senior Attorney (03/03-08/06)**

Supervised attorneys, law clerks and interns in the Family, Juvenile and Education Litigation Unit. Representation of clients in family, dependency and education cases; provided outreach and training to community and service providers on education and family legal issues; member of Litigation and Appellate Committees; agency representative on domestic violence issues. Fulfilled responsibility for Grants compliance.

**LAW OFFICE OF LAVERNE OSBORNE PINKNEY, P.A.**, 1601 North Flamingo Road, Suite Two, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028, **Attorney-Owner, Private Law Practice (01/02-03/03)**

Handled cases in the areas of Family/Marital Law, Mediation, Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant, Consumer, Estate Planning, Education and General Civil. Appointed by Court as Guardian ad Litem in Family and Real Estate cases.

**STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**, 201 W. Broward Blvd., Suite 504, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, **Chief Legal Counsel (09/98-12/01)**

Responsible for the administration and management of Broward County's (District Ten) Legal Office; Assisted outside counsel and provided oversight in class actions and other risk management cases; Supervised legal support staff and attorneys; Oversaw representation for the Department in a variety of matters that included, but were not limited to education, discipline, transportation, and school placement issues pertaining to foster children; Administrative hearings, employee discipline, Civil and Juvenile Court proceedings; Coordinated with the Human Resources Department in Broward County and Tallahassee to ensure operational and administrative continuity among the divisions within the Department in Broward County and Tallahassee; Coordinated with the Human Resources Department on EEO and Discrimination cases and requirements; Reviewed EEOC compliance and conducted training on sexual harassment and discrimination issues. Ensured compliance with Sunshine Law and requests for public records from media, attorneys and general public.