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President Robert Pitts &
Members of Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Re: Appointment to the Municipal Market Board of Directors

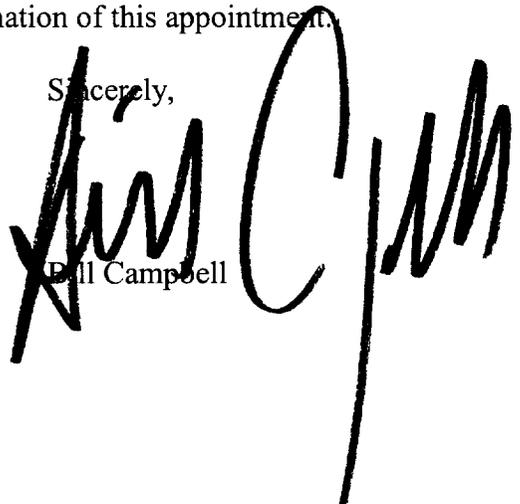
Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **The Honorable Bill Riley** to serve as a member of the **Municipal Market Board of Directors** in the **Law** category. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am certain that The Honorable Bill Riley will serve the city of Atlanta with distinction.

I respectfully urge confirmation of this appointment.

Sincerely,


Bill Campbell

Enclosures

Judge William F. Riley, Jr.

Judge Riley is a native Atlantan. He attended City of Atlanta and Fulton County schools and graduated from Woodrow Wilson College of Law in 1980. Throughout his career in public service, Judge Riley has been active in changing the way the legal system interacts with the public.

As an Assistant D.A. in the South Georgia circuit, he organized, opened and ran a child support division for the circuit. Later, representing the State Attorney General, he brought Local Law Enforcement and the Department of Family and Children Services together and developed the circuit's first unified plan for protecting abused and neglected children.

As an Assistant District Attorney in the Cherokee Circuit, Judge Riley specialized as a Child Molestation Prosecutor. As in his previous circuit he reorganized the way the police and social services interacted, providing for the first time consistent, committed medical and social services help for abused children.

When Judge Riley returned to Atlanta, he went to work for the Solicitor General in the Fulton State Court. He started the county's first "no drop" policy on domestic violence and began teaching at the police academy, training recruits on how to build domestic violence cases.

As an Assistant D.A. in Fulton County, he turned his attention to drug treatment and suppression of recidivist rates. While working with

Judge Frank Hull, they used the then experimental Larramoure Detention Center for drug treatment and slashed the recidivist rate in half compared to the traditional detention center.

In 1995, Mayor Bill Campbell appointed Judge Riley to the Municipal Court bench. Given the directive to change the way the court interacts with the public by Chief Judge Barbara Harris, Judge Riley started to work. He started with community service which was institutional and invisible. The people of the city who had been wronged did not see the restorative work the offenders were doing and the offenders did not see that they were violating real people's lives.

The first solution was to participate in a community cleanup where violators worked for a victim neighborhood to change its physical appearance. A template was developed and Judge Riley took his cleanup crews to dozens of neighborhoods. Working side by side, probationers, the Judge and neighbors are literally cleaning up Atlanta one piece of trash at a time.

The Judge used this project to link neighborhoods to the tool bank. He helped them as they used their local organizations take control of their destinies. When the elderly needed roofs, they found probationer roofers and non-profits to supervise them. When people with small fixed incomes would be in housing court, community service would work with them to help fix the problem.

Now every weekend, the court is out in a neighborhood, cleaning vacant lots painting over graffiti, re-roofing elderly housing, planting trees, cleaning the Marta stations, building a habitat house or participating in some other neighborhood project.

In the last three quarters, over 10,000 community service hours have been given back to the city. The court is not sitting on its laurels. The plans are underway for a demonstration project linking the court with social services, citizens' groups and businesses in the old fourth ward. Together they are taking on the issues of drug abuse, education, job training and crime in an integrated approach designed to improve the quality of each citizen's life.