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CITY OF ATLANTA

BILL CAMPBELL
MAYOR

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November 29, 2000

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

Re: Appointment to the Atlanta Commission on Women

Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **Ms. Rita Jackson Samuels** to serve as a member of the **Atlanta Commission on Women**. This appointment is to fill the vacancy of Ms. Cheryl Franklin's un-expired term, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am certain that Ms. Jackson Samuels will serve the City of Atlanta with distinction.

I respectfully urge confirmation of this appointment.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell

Enclosures

Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc.

Rita Jackson Samuels

Biography

Rita Jackson Samuels has been involved with women's advocacy for over twenty years. She is the Founder and has served as Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc., a women's advocacy training and development organization, since 1980. As Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc. She has designed, developed and written several proposals, focused on leadership training, citizenship education and programs which impact women and girls in particular. She is on the Board of the National Women's History Museum and was recently selected by Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter as a Rosalynn Carter Fellow at the Emory Institute of Women's Studies. In 1999 she founded the Women in Government Internship Program to assist young women interested in careers in government..

In 1997 and 1998 she was selected by the Atlanta Business League as one of the 100 Most influential Black Women in Atlanta. In 2000 she was selected by the Atlanta Chapter of the National Negro Business and Professional Women as the 2000 Business Woman of the Year.

Rita Jackson Samuels was the first black female in Georgia's history to serve on the personal staff of a Georgia Governor. In 1971 she was then Governor Jimmy Carter's Coordinator of the Governor's Council on Human Relations. During Carter's term as Governor, he selected her to direct and coordinate the hanging of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s portrait in the State Capitol, as well as, Bishop Henry McNeal Turner and Mrs. Lucy Craft Laney, the first African Americans so honored by a Georgia Governor.

She worked as a consultant with the Carter White House Staff in 1977 as well as with the Community Services Administration. In 1983, Mrs. Samuels served as Director of former Mayor Andrew Young's Office of Citizens & Community Affairs. She also served on the national board of an anti-poverty rural development agency.

As a Commissioner of the Georgia Commission on Women, she served a four year term, the first two years on the Commission she served as Chair. She has been recognized for her work on behalf of Georgia women. In 1983 she was selected by the *Macon Informer* as one of the fifty(50) most influential black women in Georgia. She has been awarded the key to several small-towns, including her hometown of Forsyth, Georgia. Governor Joe Frank Harris appointed her to the State Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and the State Election Board. She was re-appointed to the King Commission by Governors Zell Miller and Roy Barnes. She is a former staff and National Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and is presently a Board Member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center.

She attended Claflin University; Morris Brown College; Georgia State University; and Dineery Business College where she received Certification for successfully completing their courses of Business & Secretarial Study.

She and her husband Stanley, of more than 20 years, are members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.

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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

00-C-2084 Appoint Ms. Rita Jackson Samuels to the
 Atlanta Commission on Women
 CONFIRM

YEAS: 14
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y McCarty	Y Dorsey	Y Moore	Y Thomas
Y Starnes	Y Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	Y Morris	Y Maddox	NV Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR BILL CAMPBELL
A COMMUNICATION TO APPOINT MS. RITA JACKSON SAMUELS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN. THIS APPOINTMENT IS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF MS. CHERYL FRANKLIN'S UN-EXPIRED TERM, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMED BY
JAN 0 2 2001
COUNCIL

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 12/4/00

Referred To: Committee on Council

Date Referred _____

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First Reading

Committee _____
 Date _____
 Chair _____
 Referred to _____

Committee CCC

Date 1/2/01

Chair "Abe" Nathan James

Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Other: _____

Members [Signatures]

Refer To _____

Committee _____

Date _____

Chair _____

Action: _____

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) _____

Other: _____

Members _____

Refer To _____

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

2nd 1st & 2nd 3rd

Readings

Consent V Vote RC Vote

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JAN 2 2001

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

[Signature]

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JAN 02 2001

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MAYOR'S ACTION