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October 20, 2003

President Cathy Woolard and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

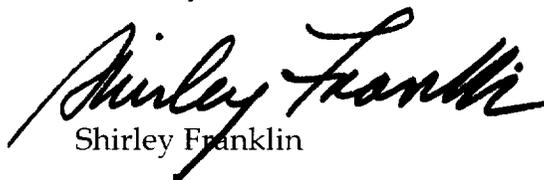
RE: REAPPOINTMENT TO ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to re-appoint Rita Samuels to serve as a member of the **Atlanta Commission on Women** of the City of Atlanta. This reappointment is for a **term of two (2) years**, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am confident that Ms. Samuels will serve the Atlanta Commission on Women and the City of Atlanta with distinction. A resume is attached for your perusal.

Sincerely,


Shirley Franklin

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COUNCIL

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 Clarin University, Morris Brown College; Georgia State University; and Dimery 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.

Atlanta Commission on Women Board of Commissioners

AUTHORITY:

Code of Ordinances, Section 94,141-143

PURPOSE:

To collect and disseminate information regarding the state of women in Atlanta. Its focus is to determine the scope and nature of the studies and research to be undertaken by the commission, including, but not limited to educational needs of women; health issues; political, legal, civil, property, and social rights of women; employment policies; child care issues, domestic violence and public safety; employee and wage equality; equity in sports; and aging issues. To consult with and advise the Atlanta City Council and any agency, board, commission or authority on matters pertaining to women. To promote, and provide advisory assistance to other organization focusing on women. To hold public hearings, conduct studies or take any other action to commission deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. This commission shall provide a preliminary report to the Mayor, President of Council and members of Atlanta City Council within 90 days outlining its mission statement and initial areas of focus which shall be related to those issues which are in purview of the Atlanta City Government.

COMPOSITION & QUALIFICATIONS:

The Commission consists of nineteen (19) members to be confirmed by the Council and is composed as follows:

- **Two (2) members shall be Mayor.**
- **Two (2) members shall be appointed by the President of Council.**
- **One (1) member shall be appointed by each council member-at-Large (Post 1 – 3)**
- **One (1) member shall be appointed by each council member (Dist. 1-12)**

Each person appointed to the commission shall be a resident of the City of Atlanta. Any member who ceases to be a resident of the City of Atlanta during the term of their membership shall be removed from the commission and the appointing officials shall appoint a new member to the commission.

TERM:

Two (2) years, but no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

COMPENSATION:

None

CONTACT:

Lynda Harris
Council Aide
(404) 404-330-6330 (Office)

Board of Commissioners

COMMISSION ON WOMEN COMMISSIONERS			STATUS OF TERM
	CATEGORY	TERM EXP.	
Rita Samuels	City of Atlanta Office of the Mayor	JANUARY 2, 2001	EXPIRED 9 MOS.
Dr. Hazel Scott, Ph. D.	City of Atlanta Office of the Mayor	OCTOBER 2, 2002	1 YR.

EXPIRED/VACANT SEATS:

1/1

REPLACEMENT/NEAR-TERM EXPIRATION:

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11/17/03
7:40 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

MULTIPLE 03-C-1978 AND 03-C-1825 AND 03-C-1826

CONFIRM

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	E Willis
NV Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

MULTIPLE

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A Communication by Mayor
Shirley Franklin:

Re-appointing Rita Samuels to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women of the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

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COUNCIL

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

Date Referred: 10/20/03
Referred To: Common Council
Date Referred:
Referred To:
Date Referred:
Referred To:

First Reading
Committee _____
Date _____
Chair _____
Referred To _____

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Date: 11/03/03
Chair: _____
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other: _____
Members: _____

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Committee _____

Date _____
Chair _____

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

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COA Committee

11/17/03
Chair: Rita Samuels

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

Members: _____
Date: _____
Chair: _____
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other: _____
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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION**
- 2nd
 - 1st & 2nd
 - 3rd
 - Consent
 - V Vote
 - RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION