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A COMMUNICATION FROM LEROY R. JOHNSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUTLER STREET YMCA, TO MUNICIPAL CLERK RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON:

SUBMITTING THEIR APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM "SONNY" WALKER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMISSION FOR MR. JOHN PORTMAN AND MR. HERMAN RUSSELL.

CONFIRMED

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SEP 07 2010

COUNCIL

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

Date Referred

8/16/10

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First Reading

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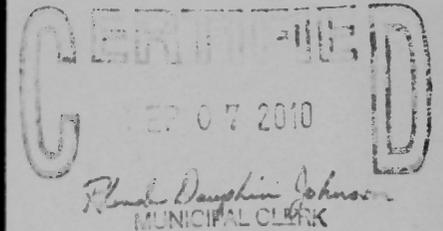
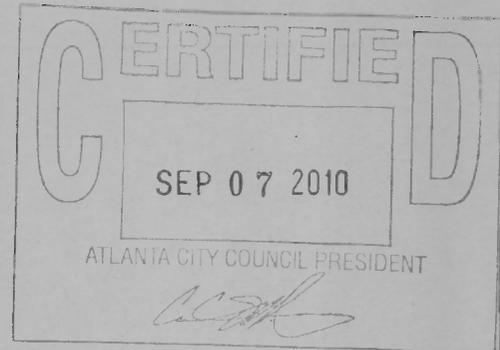
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MAYOR'S ACTION

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Ms. Rhonda Dauphen Johnson, CMC
Municipal Clerk
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Suite 270
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Butler Street YMCA, Appointment to the Joint Commission to Study and Propose an Appropriate Honor Befitting Mr. Herman J. Russell and Mr. John Portman

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Butler Street YMCA is honored to submit the name of one of its most distinguished members, and former Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. William "Sonny"

Walker, to serve on the thirteen (13) member committee impaneled to recommend an appropriate individual honor for Mr. Herman J. Russell and Mr. John Portman.

I am enclosing, as per your request, a resume of the Honorable Mr. William Sonny Walker for your review and for the review of the City Council and the Mayor.

I have complied with the deadline you suggested for submitting our appointee resume. We, at the Butler Street YMCA, thank you for your consideration and the inclusion of the Butler Street YMCA in this historic endeavor.

Yours truly

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Of the Butler Street YMCA
Leroy R. Johnson, Esq.

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Enclosure

DR. WILLIAM "SONNY" WALKER

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT – 2010

William "Sonny" Walker is Founder and Principal of *The Sonny Walker Group*, a management consulting/networking firm headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

Born in Arkansas, he has held leadership positions at local, state, regional and national levels, working on matters pertaining to strategic planning, early learning, education reform, political campaign management, economic and human resources development, worker productivity, partnership development, networking and fund-raising.

Prior to forming *The Sonny Walker Group*, he served as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. He also served as an Assistant to Mrs. Coretta Scott King for speech preparation and development.

Before assuming the position at The King Center, Dr. Walker was Vice President of the National Alliance of Business (NAB) for 13 years, where he was responsible for its programs and activities in eight southeastern states. The NAB was a business sector-led partnership dedicated to establishing an internationally competitive American workforce.

Sonny began his professional career as an educator in the Arkansas public schools as a teacher, athletic coach and administrator. He also served as President of both the Little Rock and Arkansas Associations of Teachers.

Following his directorship of the Economic Opportunity Agency of Little Rock and Pulaski County (a community action agency), he served in Governor Winthrop Rockefeller's cabinet as head of the Arkansas State Economic Opportunity Office. After a stint as a Division Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Walker was appointed Director of the Southeast Region for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity and its successor agency, the U.S. Community Services Administration. He served as Director for ten years under four U.S. Presidents – Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan.

In 1965-66, Sonny assisted in organizing and providing leadership for one of the first Head Start programs in the nation, The Crusade for Opportunity in Syracuse, New York. He also led a team that developed a recent comprehensive strategic plan for the National Head Start Association.

He served as a National consultant for Leap Frog School House with special emphasis on Head Start/Early Childhood Development and as a lecturer for the National Alliance for Black School Educators with emphasis on black male challenges.

A graduate of his hometown institution, AM&N/the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, he did further study at Arizona State University, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Arkansas, and The Federal Executive Institute.

Sonny is very active in community and civic affairs and is a widely sought trainer, facilitator, public speaker and lecturer. His affiliations include:

- o Atlanta Community Design Center (Member, Board of Directors)
- o Atlanta Educational Telecommunications Collaborative (Board of Directors; Executive Committee / Chair, Nominating and Board Development Committee)
- o Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Atlanta (Board of Directors Emeritus)
- o Friendship Baptist Church (Member)
- o Georgia Partnership for Education Excellence (Board of Directors)
- o Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Life Member)
- o Leadership Atlanta Alumni
- o NAACP (Life Member and Thousandaire Club)
- o 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. (Past Chairman & President; President's Council)
- o 100 Black Men of America, Inc. (Former Board Member)
- o UAPB Annual Fund National Campaign (Chairman Emeritus)
- o UAPB National Alumni Association (Past Chairman and President)
- o UAPB Metro Atlanta Alumni Chapter (Parliamentarian, Board of Directors and Executive Committee)
- o University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Foundation (Board of Directors and Executive Committee)
- o Atlanta Unified Agenda (Executive Committee)
- o Atlanta School Board/Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee – EduPac (Chair and Board of Directors)
- o Atlanta Victim Assistance Program (Past Board Chairman)
- o Butler Street YMCA (Past Chair, Board of Directors and Recipient of the 2008-2009 Benjamin E. Mays Award)
- o Atlanta Business League 2009 Legends Hall of Fame Inductee
- o National Heritage Task Force for YMCA /U.S.A. (Member)
- o Y-USA National Assembly (Member)
- o Y-USA Southeast Association Assembly Steering Committee (Chair)
- o Morris Brown College (Vice Chair, Board of Trustees and Executive Committee and Chair of Strategic Planning)
- o Consultant for the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development and the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (served both entities as a consultant for Stimulus Projects under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act)

Honors and Awards (Partial Listing)

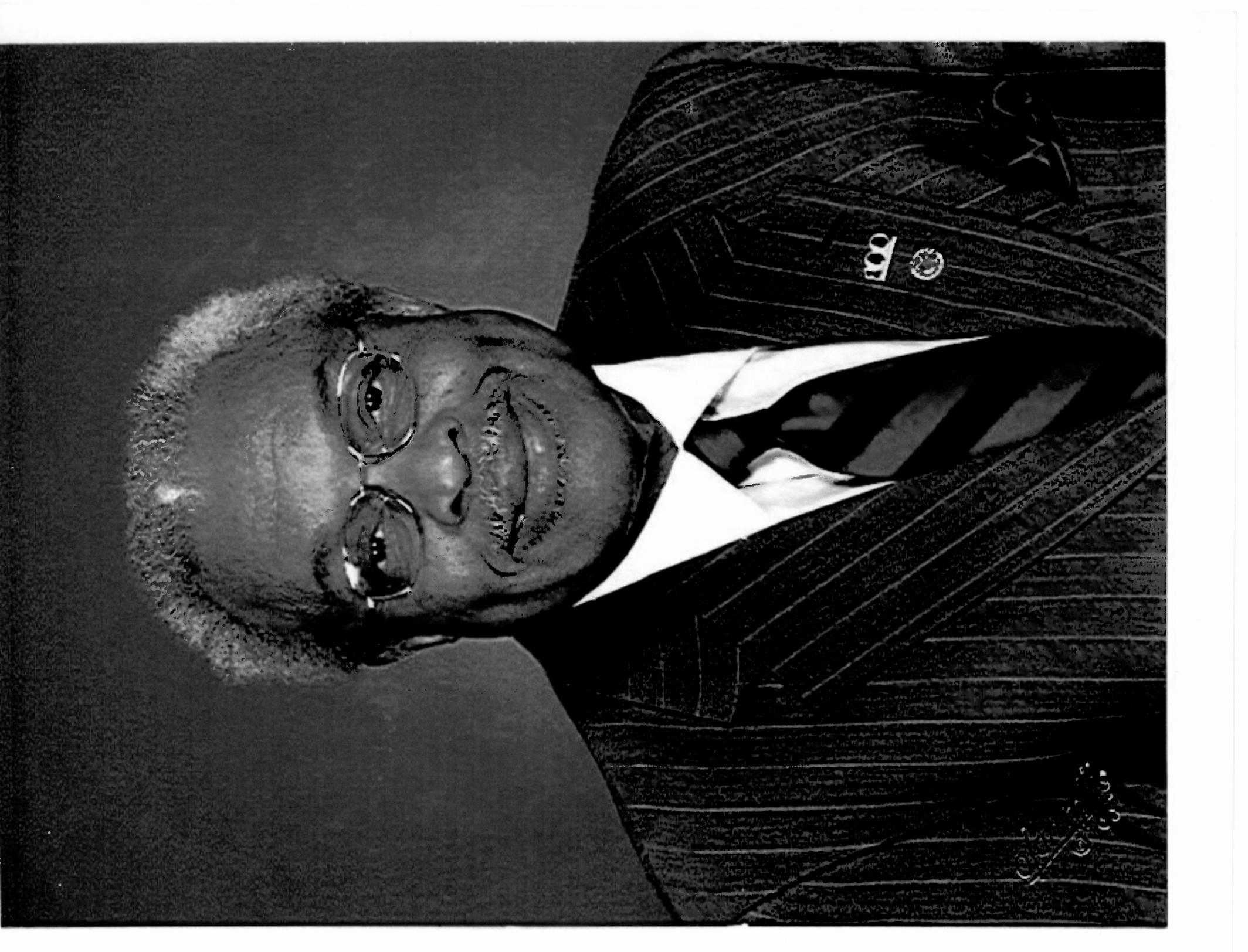
- o Community Service Award, Atlanta Business League
- o Butler Street YMCA *Dr. Benjamin E. Mays* Award for Community Service & Volunteer Leadership
- o Distinguished Community Service Award, National Urban League
- o Inspiring Self-Sufficiency Award, Southeast Association of Community Action Agencies
- o Georgia Community Action Association Human Rights Spirit Award
- o Kappa Alpha Psi Southeastern and Southwestern Province Achievement Awards
- o National Black MBA Association Sharing Vision Award
- o Lyndon B. Johnson Award, National Association of Community Action Agencies
- o Lifetime Achievement Award/National Head Start Association
- o Outstanding Performance Award, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- o Outstanding Public Servant in the State of Georgia (Designated by Georgia Senate and House of Representatives)
- o Outstanding Service Award, Atlanta Department of Public Safety
- o President’s Award, National Alliance of Business
- o President’s Award, National Conference of Black Mayors
- o President’s Award, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta
- o Roy Wilkins Award, NAACP
- o Lifetime Service Award and “Keepers of the Spirit” Hall of Fame Inductee, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 13th Annual Chancellor’s Benefit for the Arts
- o Chairperson’s Award – Martin Luther King Center

Dr. Walker is listed in the following publications:

- o Outstanding Personalities in the South, 1974 – 2010
- o Who’s Who in Black America, 1976 – 2010
- o Who’s Who Among African Americans, 1997 – 2010

Dr. Walker’s Honorary Degrees include:

- o Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Allen University
- o Honorary Doctorate of Humanities, B.L. Lee Theological Seminary
- o Honorary Doctorate of Law, Morris Booker Memorial Baptist College
- o Honorary Doctorate of Law, Shorter College
- o Honorary Doctorate of Law, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff



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