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A COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR CAROLINE JOHNSON TANNER, BOARD OF ETHICS, TO MUNICIPAL CLERK RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON:

SUBMITTING THEIR APPOINTMENT OF NINA HICKSON AS THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S ETHICS OFFICER, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

Confirmed by full Council 5/7/12

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April 10, 2012

Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

Ms. Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Appointment of City of Atlanta Ethics Officer

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am pleased to announce that, on April 10, 2012, the Ethics Board unanimously selected Nina Hickson to become the City's new ethics officer.

The Ethics Board began its search to fill the position of ethics officer in July 2011 after former Ethics Officer, Ginny Looney, announced her intention to step down. After receiving and reviewing applications of more than 25 diverse and extremely well qualified applicants, the Ethics Officer Search Committee reduced the number of applicants to six most worthy of consideration. In December 2011, the Search Committee advanced two finalists to the Board for consideration who exemplified the qualities the Search Committee deemed essential for the position. Ms. Hickson was one of the two finalists recommended by the Search Committee. The Board is pleased to appoint Nina Hickson as Atlanta's second Ethics Officer.

Ms. Hickson has over 20 years of experience in the legal field, including private practice, in house counseling, and governmental experience. She comes highly recommended as a professional and ethical individual, specifically qualified to advance the goals of the City's ethics code. Ms. Hickson's vita is posted on the Board of Ethics website (www.atlantaethics.org.) Ms. Hickson has indicated her intention to accept the appointment and the position, upon confirmation by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

We request that this appointment be put on the next full City Council's agenda after receipt of this letter and referral to the Committee on Council for the following legislative cycle. Please let us know the schedule for confirmation.

The Board appreciates the support of city officials and employees in helping promote an ethical culture within city government. We believe that Ms. Hickson will continue to advance the city's strong reputation for and interest in ethics to the benefit of the citizens of Atlanta.

If you need any additional information from me regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to call me at (404)-898-8184.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Caroline Johnson Tanner
Board of Ethics, Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed (via hand delivery)

Ceasar Mitchell, City Council President (via hand delivery)
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Michael Bond, Post 1 At-Large (via hand delivery)
Aaron Watson, Post 2 At-Large (via hand delivery)
H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large (via hand delivery)
Cathy Hampton, Esq., City Attorney (via hand delivery)
Yvonne Cowser Yancy, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources (via hand delivery)
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Nina Hickson, Esq. (electronic mail only)
Board of Ethics members (electronic mail only)

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BOARD OF ETHICS APPOINTING NINA HICKSON
AS ATLANTA ETHICS OFFICER
CONFIRM

YEAS: 12
NAYS: 1
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

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Y Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	Y Watson
NV Young	N Shook	Y Bottoms	Y Willis
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