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First Reading

**FINAL COUNCIL ACTION**  
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**Readings**  
 Consent  V Vote  RC Vote

**A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR KASIM REED:**

**APPOINTING MS. SHELLEY SENTERPITT TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.**

**CONFIRMED BY**

AUG 20 2012

**COUNCIL**

- CONSENT REFER
  - REGULAR REPORT REFER
  - ADVERTISE & REFER
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> ADOPT 2<sup>ND</sup> READ & REFER
  - PERSONAL PAPER REFER
- Date Referred: 7/16/12  
 Referred To: Comm on Council
- Date Referred: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred To: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFIED**

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*[Signature]*

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 MUNICIPAL CLERK

**MAYOR'S ACTION**



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CITY OF ATLANTA

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KASIM REED  
MAYOR

July 2, 2012

Council President Ceasar Mitchell  
and City Councilmembers  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Suite 2900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**CONFIRMED BY**

AUG 20 2012

**COUNCIL**

**Re: Atlanta Commission on Women**

Dear President Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is my pleasure to appoint **Shelley Senterfitt** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women on behalf of the City of Atlanta. Ms. Senterfitt is a resident of the City of Atlanta, and willing to serve in this capacity. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years, to begin on the date of Council confirmation.**

Based on her experience and commitment to the community, I am confident that Ms. Senterfitt will serve the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Commission on Women with integrity and dedication. A copy of her qualifications is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed

## SHELLEY SENTERFITT

Shelley Senterfitt has been in private practice since 2001. Her practice focuses on family law matters including divorce, child custody, child support, and modifications. Shelley has extensive experience in representing victims of domestic violence and their children in civil matters. In addition to serving as a guardian ad litem in both superior and juvenile courts, Shelley represents children in delinquency cases and parents in deprivation cases in juvenile court.

In addition to her family law practice, Shelley engages in legislative advocacy during the Georgia General Assembly. Current and past clients include the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Georgia Women for a Change (formerly the Women's Policy Group), the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, and the Atlanta Women's Agenda. Shelley advocates for substantive legislation as well as budget appropriations that impact women and children in Georgia.

Prior to establishing Senterfitt & Knight, Shelley practiced as a solo practitioner, served as a Pro Bono Fellow with Hunton & Williams, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Orinda D. Evans, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Shelley is well recognized in the community for her leadership and service. In 2004, the *Fulton County Daily Report* singled out Shelley as one of the "21 to Watch" in its article on young lawyers "On the Rise." Shelley has been featured in Georgia Trend's Legal Elite listing for pro bono representation and has been selected as a Super Lawyer Rising Star. Shelley has received awards from community organizations including the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, the National Association of Women Lawyers, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, Creative Loafing, and the State Bar of Georgia.

Shelley's record of community involvement is extensive. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Carolina Women's Center, Intown Collaborative Ministries, and Family Circle. Shelley volunteers as an English tutor for an Afghani refugee and serves on the Advocacy Committee of Morningside Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Leadership Atlanta, Class of 2007, Shelley has served as a mentor through Emory Law School's Public Interest Committee, a volunteer for domestic violence crisis lines, a volunteer for numerous political campaigns, and a Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyers Division. Shelley has also served on the Atlanta Women's Foundation's Challenging Violence Against Women Grantmaking Committee, the Advisory Board for the Internet-Based Domestic Violence Court Preparation System, the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, and the Crimes Against Women Committee of the Fulton County District Attorney's Transition Task Force.

Shelley graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2000. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with highest distinction in 1994. A native of Atlanta, Shelley is also a graduate of the Atlanta Public Schools.

**Griffin, Wasonna**

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**From:** Dobbs, Donna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 3:49 PM  
**To:** Griffin, Wasonna  
**Subject:** FW: Michele Senterfit... Atl. Commission on Women... need a phone number or email address. ASAP  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

**Importance:** High

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mullinax, Melissa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 3:47 PM  
**To:** Sterling, Michael; Dobbs, Donna  
**Subject:** RE: Michele Senterfit... Atl. Commission on Women... need a phone number or email address. ASAP

Donna, the contact information is below. Her name is Shelley, not Michelle. Her email is [ssenterfitt@earthlink.net](mailto:ssenterfitt@earthlink.net).

SHELLEY SENTERFITTT

Senterfitt & Knight, LLC  
127 Peachtree Street NE  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Phone: (404) 588-3000

Please let me know if you need anything else from me on this. Thanks, Melissa

**From:** Sterling, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 12:25 PM  
**To:** Mullinax, Melissa  
**Subject:** Fw: Michele Senterfit... Atl. Commission on Women... need a phone number or email address. ASAP  
**Importance:** High

Melissa: could you provide this information to Donna please?

From: Dobbs, Donna  
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 04:41 PM  
To: Sterling, Michael  
Subject: Michele Senterfit... Atl. Commission on Women... need a phone number or email address. ASAP

Michael this one Brenda prepared.

Donna Dobbs

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# Atlanta Commission on Women

**AUTHORITY:**

Atlanta City Code, Section 94-141

**PURPOSE:**

Study, address and advocate issues affecting the quality of life, status and well being of today's women and girls in the Atlanta area.

**COMPOSITION & QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Commission shall be composed of **nineteen (19) members - two (2)** who shall be **appointed by the Mayor**. All to be *confirmed by the Council*.

- **Members must reside in the City of Atlanta.**
- **Two (2) appointed by the President of Council**
- **One (1) by each council member (districts 1 – 12)**
- **One (1) by each council member (at large posts 1 – 3)**
- **If appointed member ceases to be a resident of the COA removal and new appointment to the commission is mandated.**
- **Commission to be staffed by council staff.**

**TERM:**

Two (2) years

**COMPENSATION:**

None

**CONTACT:**

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Cell: 404-376-6862  
[susanamaria@mindspring.com](mailto:susanamaria@mindspring.com)

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Chayne Johnson – Correspondence/Secretary  
(obtaining current contact information)

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Atlanta City Council

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12-C-0982, 12-C-0982 AND 12-C-1000

CONFIRM

YEAS: 11  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 3  
EXCUSED: 1  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	B Archibong	Y Moore	Y Bond
Y Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	Y Watson
NV Young	Y Shook	NV Bottoms	Y Willis
Y Winslow	E Adrean	Y Sheperd	NV Mitchell

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