13-C-5012

A COMMUNICATION FROM CATHY RICHARDS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (APAB), TO MUNICIPAL CLERK RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON, SUBMITTING THE APAB'S APPOINTMENT OF MS. MABLE THOMAS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/INVEST ATLANTA BOARD, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

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By Council

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1ST ADOPT 2ND READ &REFER
- ☑ ~~PERSONAL PAPER~~ REFER (Comm)

Date Referred: 6/17/13
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First Reading

Committee
Date
Chair
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Committee	Committee
CD/HR	
Date 6/25/13	Date
Chair Jasper Shepherd	Chair
Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)	Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other File	Other
Members Clair Thomas	Members
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Date 7/1/13	Date
Chair Jadian	Chair
Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)	Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other File	Other
Members Felicia A. Moore, Kwanza Hall, Jasper Shepherd	Members
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd

Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Rhonda Dauphin Johnson

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

RCS# 2883
7/01/13
4:22 PM

Atlanta City Council

13-C-5012 SUBMITTING THE ATLANTA PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD'S APPT. OF MS. ABLE MABLE THOMAS. FILE

YEAS:	12
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0
NOT VOTING:	2
EXCUSED:	1
ABSENT	1

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

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KASIM REED, MAYOR

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May 16, 2013

The City of Atlanta Office of Municipal Clerk
Atlanta City Hall
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 2700
Atlanta, GA 30303

To the Office of the Municipal Clerk,

The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board is pleased to submit the name of Ms. Mable Thomas for consideration by the Atlanta City Council for appointment to the Atlanta Development Authority/Invest Atlanta Baord.

It is the responsibility of the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board to select one citizen to serve on ADA/Invest Atlanta Board to be confirmed by the Atlanta City Council. Ms. Thomas is replacing Ms. Anna Foote whose term is expired.

We hope that the findings of City Council will support our conclusions that Ms. Mable Thomas is an excellent selection and knowledgeable citizen.

Please advise when Council will vote on the nominee. We look forward to your response.

Kindest regards,

Cathy Richards

Cathy Richards
APAB President
404-778-5718

EXPERIENCE

2013- Present ***Georgia State Legislature*** ***State of Georgia***

Serves on Economic Development and Tourism, Natural Resources and Environment, and Legislative Reapportionment Committees. Serves as Secretary of the Fulton County Delegation. Focus on budget priorities that will improve health care outcomes, economic development initiatives and quality of life issues for youth and families. Amended legislation for the Indigent Defense Bill which would ensure uniformity with regard to public defenders throughout Georgia's 49 judicial circuits. Progressive legislator known for work in Constituent service and Community outreach.

1993-2010 ***Master Communications, Inc.*** ***Atlanta, Georgia***

Owner of Master Communications, Inc., a company dedicated to the empowerment of individuals in education, management training, communications, healthcare, leadership dynamics, public affairs and international relations.

1998-2002 ***Atlanta City Council*** ***Atlanta, Georgia***

Elected to a four-year term as a Citywide Representative. Served as chairperson of the Committee on Council which handles all of the internal, operational and managerial affairs of the City Council. Also served as member of the Community Development/Human Resources, Finance and Transportation Committees. The policy emphasis was on innovative economic development, public safety and youth leadership expansion strategies.

1985-1993 & 2003-2009 ***Georgia House of Representatives***

Elected to General Assembly term which marked my skills as an effective and enthusiastic voice on healthcare, environmental protection, youth, women, housing, economic development, jobs and community empowerment. Successfully authored landmark family healthcare legislation, which requires insurance companies to cover the costs for mammograms, pap smears and prostate cancer tests. Sponsored Homestead exemption bill providing to more than 300,000 county residents, property tax relief. Served as chairperson of the Fulton County Taxes, Salary and Pension Committee, and a member of Education, Special Judiciary and Industrial Relations Committees.

EDUCATION

B.S. Public Administration and Communications	Georgia State University	1982
Business Planning	Clark-Atlanta University	1990

Continuing Ed. at Landmark Education Corporation, Neighbor Works America and Weed and Seed.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2012 Georgia State University Community Activism Award
2010 City of Atlanta Proclamation (Greater Vine City Opportunities Program Inc.)
2008 100 Most Influential Georgians- Ga. Trend Magazine
2008 Environmental Leadership Award
2004 Legislative Hero Award – AIDS Survival Project
2004 Georgia's 50 Most Influential Black Women of 2004
2002 National Boys and Girls Clubs of America Alumni Hall of Fame
2000 Atlanta Business League Women of Influence
1999 Herstory Historical Award
1998 Who's Who in America
1996 Who's Who Among Black Americans
1992 National Cancer Institute Achievement Award
1992 Who's Who Among American Women

CONSULTANT SERVICES

Public Speaking, Strategic Planning, and Community Engagement on-going.

Vine City Civic Association – 2007
Responsible for implementing the Public Safety Sector Concept and Parent Patrol in an inner –city neighborhood plagued with crime and violence issues.

Georgia Democratic Party – 1984, 1988, 1992, 1998, 2002 and 2004
Responsible for "Get out the Vote" (GOTV) Helped create recruitment strategy and logistics for national, state and local political campaigns.

National Black Women's Health Project – 1985, 1986, 1994, 1995
Responsible for coordination of fundraising, strategic planning, meetings, facilitation and community outreach.

Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Responsible for public relations.

Atlanta Public Schools – 1990 and 1991
Responsible for curriculum development; substitute teacher; helped implement after-school Drug Prevention program.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Public Relations – Conducted educational and motivational lectures both nationally and internationally at high schools, colleges, churches, conferences, and business and government seminars. Experienced in media markets. Have prepared newsletters and published articles for newspapers, journals and national publications.

Management – Proven professional with more than 20 years experience in managing public and private sector organizations. Strengths include proposal development, budget planning//implementation, office administration, research and writing skills. Demonstrated ability at team-building, working well under pressure to meet deadlines, and negotiations.

Human Resources Management – Development and implementation of personnel policies, recruiting, orientation, training, goal setting, supervision and evaluation of staff, interns and volunteers with sensitivity to diversity in the workplace.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

Founder, Greater Vine City Opportunities Program, Inc.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change
Kainos International Association
Men Stopping Violence Advisory Committee
Salvation Army Bellwood Boys and Girls Club
Atlanta Planning Advisory Board

MEMBER/BOARD/AFFILIATIONS

Atlanta Business League
Leadership Atlanta
National Black Women's Health Project
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Concerned Black Clergy

References available upon request.