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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR KASIM REED APPOINTING D. MAKEDA JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CATEGORY. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

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Date 7/9/13
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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
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Ronda Desplum Johnson
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1ST ADOPT 2ND READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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CITY OF ATLANTA

KASIM REED
MAYOR

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July 1, 2013

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

Re: Westside Neighborhood TAD Advisory Board

Dear President Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is my pleasure to appoint D. Makeda Johnson to serve as a board member of the Westside Neighborhood Tax Allocation District Advisory Board on behalf of the City of Atlanta. Makeda is a resident of the City of Atlanta, a member of Sisters Action Team (Neighborhood Non-Profit Organization) and willing to serve in this capacity. This appointment is for a term of at least two (2) years and no more than six (6) years, to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

Based on her experience and commitment to the community, I am confident that Makeda will serve the City of Atlanta and the Westside Neighborhood TAD Advisory Board with integrity and dedication. A copy of her qualifications is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed

Diane Makeda Johnson

Objective: To secure position in community service, where I can use my skill sets to make a contribution to the sustainability and advancement of Atlanta.

Personal Mission Statement: Working together transforming ourselves, families and communities.

Profile

Diane Makeda Johnson is a result driven, accomplished community advocate for the promotion of healthy livable communities. She has served eight terms as the chair of Neighborhood Planning Unit-L; she is an appointed member of the Atlanta Development Authority Tax Allocation District Community Advisory Board and served two terms as a member of Fulton County Community Development Block Grant Citizen Review Panel and The City of Atlanta Weed and Seed Steering Committee.

Makeda is the founder and Project Manger of Sister's Action Team Inc.(SAT), a grassroots, community-based organization which empowers women from their own communities to become proactive change agents for themselves, families, and community. Makeda is a visionary and motivational leader whom has excellent communication and training skills. She is a member of the 2012 class of High Potential Diversity Leaders.

RELATED QUALIFICATION

- Speaks effectively to individuals and groups
- Working knowledge of City of Atlanta Departments and legislative process
- Experience of contract review and appraisal procedures
- Program Management & Implementation
- Results Driven
- Effective conflict resolution
- Development of Adult Education Curriculum/ Training

RELATED EXPERIENCE

3/26/10- Present

City of Atlanta Work Force Development Stimulus Program-Variou Assignments

Atlanta Counts

Mayor Office of Constituents Services

Assisted with the planning and implementation Constituent's services special programs

Duties included assisting in the coordination and monitoring of seniors fan distribution

project and quarterly ministers luncheon. Duties included data entry, community outreach.

City of Atlanta
Department of Water Shed Management Procurement
Administrator Intern

Provided Administrative support, duties included but was not limited to securing contract status data, data entry filing, and reports generation.

11/11 – 6/12

Morehouse School of Medicine
Satcher Leadership Institute
Smart and Secure Children Parents Leadership Training Project
Consultant / Parent Mentor

Worked with curriculum development team; designed curriculum for Smart and Secure Children (SSC) parents' leadership training program. Duties as Parent Mentor included training Parent Leaders on curriculum implementation and monitoring of sessions to insure compliance with program objective and procedures.

2000 -2010

Sisters Action Team, Inc.
FCDH Reach For Wellness
Project Manger

Duties and responsibilities included but were not limited to development of health literacy curriculum, recruitment and training of Community Health Workers (CHW) and supervision of fifteen (15) CHW. Coordination of program implementation insuring covered of the twenty six (26) former Atlanta Empowerment Zone Communities. Day to day program operations, including procurement and administration of service contracts to insure compliance with federal and governmental regulations. Preparation and submission funding proposals and bids inclusive of budget development, and service delivery work plans, and contract /budget modification requests.

Drafted and negotiated service providers contracts. Problem resolution of contract service delivery issues to insure timely submission of program deliverables, and monthly program evaluation reports. I Reported directly to Fulton County Health Promotion Manager. I worked in collaboration with diverse community partners to insure a seamless system of service delivery.

9/96 to 10/00

Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness
Public Health Associate/ Infant Vitality Program

Identified at risk pregnant women and teens, and provided them with linkage to required health and social services, and monitoring of same Advocacy for client, Problem Solving, Education and Counseling, Coordination of monthly educational seminars. Designed and coordinated support group for Infant Vitality program participants.

Initiated and the established sisterhood support groups to empower program participant. The group's session assisted in increasing program participant retention, prenatal care follow-up and contributed to the reduction of infant mortality rate. As a result of its success it became the model for inclusion in the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness REACH for Wellness program. Sisters Action Team, Inc and Makeda transitioned from an employee to contractor and became the project Manager for the SAT.

10/ 86 to 2/94

Internal Revenue Service

Call Center

Tax Payer Service Representative

IRS Contact Representatives work primarily with taxpayers and their representatives through telephone or face-to-face contact. Provided authoritative tax law assistance and required action where needed to resolve client tax issues, often involving delinquent situations. Actions needed might include analyzing the taxpayer's ability to pay, initiating liens, and negotiating installment payment agreements. Communicating orally in order to provide information, assistance, or instructions to members of the general public or their representatives; Negotiating with others to resolve issues; performing administrative and technical procedures using a computer to locate and review records and reconcile discrepancies; Writing correspondence in response to inquiries and drafting a variety of other written products.

I also worked as a part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) community outreach team. For which I was nomination for National Federal Employee of the year; for commitment and contribution to the VITA community outreach program.

Related Volunteer Experience

2004- 2010

Atlanta Development Authority

West Side TAD Advisory Board

Board Member

Where my responsibility was to review community redevelopment plans and RFP funding and project construction proposals and bids inclusive of budget allocations, and make recommendation for funding of the same. Insure project compliance with current community redevelopment plans. Monitoring of contract deliverables and communicating same to community stakeholders.

2008-2010

Fulton County Community Development

Grant Citizen Review Panel

Appointed member of Citizen Review Panel responsibilities included annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Duties included working knowledge of CDBG funding guidelines, proposal review, funding allocation recommendation to Environment and Community Development staff and Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

2001- 2011

**Neighborhood Planning Unit L
City Of Atlanta**

Served two terms as Vice –Chair of Neighborhood Planning Unit L (NPU-L); followed by seven terms as chair. Chair monthly meeting of the NPU a citizen advisory council that makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on zoning, land use, and other planning issues. As chair I insured that all residents and community stakeholders had an opportunity express their ideas and comment on city plans and proposals while assisting the city in developing plans that best meet the needs of their communities.

**City of Atlanta Weed and Seed Steering Committee
Chair of the Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Committee**

I worked with a diverse team of community leaders to explore public safety solutions for our neighborhoods.

EDUCATION

1981	Bronx Community College Associate of Arts
1982	New York City University Urban Studies
2013	Mercer University Organizational Leadership, BS

Certifications – Training

High Potential Diversity Leaders Class of 2012
Neighborhood Works Training Institute
Civic Engagement: Accountability and Responsibility
Policy Link- Community Engagement
GA Stand –Up Class of 2008

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Atlanta City Council

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CONFIRM

YEAS: 9
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 2
ABSENT 2

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

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