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February 4, 2013

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

Re: Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Dear President Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is my pleasure to appoint **Paul E. Vranicar** to serve as an at-large member of the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on behalf of the City of Atlanta. Mr. Vranicar is a resident of the City of Atlanta, and willing to serve in this capacity. This appointment is for **a term of five (5) years, to begin on the date of Council confirmation.**

Based on his experience and commitment to the community, I am confident that Paul E. Vranicar will serve the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with integrity and dedication. A copy of his qualifications is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed

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EXPERIENCE

Holland & Knight LLP, Litigation & Government Affairs Attorney (July 2008 – Present)

- Represent a variety of Fortune 500 companies, commercial lenders, non-profits, and governmental entities in complex negotiations and litigation.
- Obtained a $1 million counter-judgment against a plaintiff at the close of a two-week federal jury trial involving sophisticated Global Positioning Satellite technology--the plaintiff had sought nearly $9 million in damages.
- Represented a global soft drink company in a copyright dispute involving a large record label and a famous Latin American artist.
- Represent the Atlanta Public Schools in taxpayer challenges to the funding mechanism for the Atlanta BeltLine, which has been labeled "the country's best smart growth project."
- Manage Medicare and Medicaid funding disputes between Grady Hospital and the state and federal governments.
- Negotiated an agreement with the Executive Office of the Governor of the State of Georgia on behalf of a large healthcare company; agreement provided greater public access to flu shots.
- Responsible for business development and networking, as well as managing existing client relationships.

Schreeder, Wheeler & Flint LLP, Associate (August 2006 – July 2008)

- Successfully represented the single largest creditor in the Delta Airlines bankruptcy, the retired pilots union; assisted team in negotiating settlement that prevented total dissolution of retirement benefits.
- Obtained summary judgment on a $37.5 million breach of contract claim arising out of the construction of the fifth runway at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- **Obama 2012**, Obama Victory Trustee
- **Truman National Security Project**, Partner
- **Leadership Atlanta**, L.E.A.D. Atlanta, Class of 2011
- **Atlanta Land Bank Authority**, Board of Directors
- **Jason Carter for State Senate**, Senior Policy Advisor (December 2009 - May 2010)
- **Kasim Reed for Mayor**, Senior Political & Policy Advisor (September 2008 – December 2009)
- **Georgia General Assembly**, Senate Legislative Advisor (assist Senate Minority Leader with amendments)
- **American Constitution Society**, Director of Communications (traditional media)
- **Red Clay Democrats**, Board of Governors

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA
Juris Doctor, May 2006

GPA:	3.354
Honors:	Dean's List, Fall 2003; Spring 2004
Activities:	*Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*, Executive Articles Editor Study Abroad in Tokyo, Japan, Spring 2006.

Bard College, Annandale on Hudson, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Languages & Literature (Italian and Spanish), May 2001

GPA:	3.71/4.00
Honors:	*Honors List*, 6 of 6 semesters; *Bard Book Award in Language Excellence*, Italian Department
Activities:	*Bard Observer*, Managing Editor; Varsity Sports (Soccer, Tennis)

Completed undergraduate degree in three years.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Proficient in Spanish, Italian, Swedish and some French. Interests include photography, travel, skiing, cooking, golf.