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Ms. Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Gate City Bar Association has selected Osa Benson as its replacement for Charis Johnson, to serve on the Atlanta Citizens Review Board. We look forward to continuing the tradition of a member of the Gate City Bar assisting the City of Atlanta. We thank Ms. Johnson for her years of service and believe Ms. Benson will be a great addition to the Board.

Ms. Benson is an attorney with Alston & Bird in the Special Resources Civil Litigation Department. Prior to joining Alston & Bird, Osa served as a staff attorney in the Trial Division of the Office of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit Defender. As a senior litigator, she defended and tried hundreds of major felony cases in the Superior and Juvenile Courts of Fulton County. Prior to her criminal defense work, Osa worked as an Associate Attorney for two prominent civil litigation firms, Ogletree Deakins and Carlock Copeland. Her principal practice areas included employment discrimination, business litigation, insurance defense, premises liability, and personal injury. Osa has extensive experience in other practice areas including family law and landlord/tenant law. Osa received her B.A. in political science from Furman University in 1995, receiving numerous honors including the Drum Major Award (given to minority student with highest G.P.A.) and being named a Furman Scholar. Upon graduation, she was immediately accepted into law school and received her Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from Howard University in 1998. While in law school, Osa served as Chief-of-Staff of the HUSL Student Bar Association and Managing Editor of the Howard Social Justice Law Review. She also won national recognition for her participation in national and regional trial competitions as a member of Howard University's Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team. Osa has had the privilege of clerking for the Honorable Robert E. McDuff, Senior Judge of the State Court of Cobb County. Prior to law school, Osa served as a congressional intern on Capitol Hill for two members of the United States House of Representatives: The Honorable James

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"Jim" Clyburn, the House Assistant Minority Leader, former House Majority Whip, and highest-ranking African American in Congress; and The Honorable Edolphus "Ed" Towns, U.S. Representative for New York's 10th Congressional District. Both are members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Osa remains strongly connected to the organization

If you need any further information please contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

L. Chris Stewart

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President