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First Reading

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

A COMMUNICATION BY NATALYN M. ARCHIBONG, DISTRICT 5, ALEX WAN, DISTRICT 6, HOWARD SHOOK, DISTRICT 7, YOLANDA ADREAN, DISTRICT 8, AND MARY NORWOOD, POST 2 AT-LARGE SUBMITTING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT ASTROVE FOR CONSIDERATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE TREE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (TCC). THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
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COUNCIL

Council President Ceasar Mitchell
Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Tree Conservation Commission Appointment

Dear Council President Mitchell:

We are pleased to submit the name of Mr. Robert Astrove for appointment to the Tree Conservation Commission. The Appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

Mr. Astrove is currently a Park Ranger at the Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve and was formerly the Education Coordinator at Trees Atlanta. We are confident that Mr. Astrove will serve the Tree Commission with dedication and integrity.

A copy of his resume is attached for your perusal.

Sincerely,

Natalyn M. Archibong, District 5

Alex Wan, District 6

Howard Shook, District 7

Yolanda Adrean, District 8

Mary Norwood, Post 2 At-Large

Robert Astrove

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Talented environmental educator and urban forester with in-depth experience in strategic program development, community outreach, and teaching. Recognized native/edible plant specialist, arborist, public speaker, and community organizer. Skilled SE ecologist (forestry, agriculture, and wetlands) with over 10 years' experience.

EDUCATION

M.Ed. Environmental Education, March 2005
Western Washington University, Huxley College of the Environment, Bellingham, Washington
Non-Profit Administration and Leadership Certificate, March 2005
North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Woolley, Washington
B.S. Environmental Studies/Interdisciplinary Social Science, April 2001
Florida State University, College of Geography, Tallahassee, Florida

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, Lithonia, Georgia, July 2011 – Present
Park Ranger
Leads education and stewardship programs focused on the Preserve's natural, cultural, historical resources serving schools, educators/teachers, higher education institutions, NGO's, and the public. Manages 2,500 acres of green space and coordinates conservation, restoration, K-12 and public education, and special projects: endangered species restoration, pollinator gardens, tree canopy analysis, interpretive planning and design, park maintains.

Environmental Consultant and Non-Profit Advisor, Atlanta Georgia June 2009- Present
Non-Profit Leadership / Urban Agriculture / Urban Forestry / Environmental Education
Provides advisement, program leadership, and technical assistance to environmental groups, urban agriculture NGO's, and school districts in the areas of: advocacy/policy development, fundraising, communications, curriculum development, teaching and instruction, and technical assistance regarding Georgia ecosystems, urban forestry, and arboriculture.

- Board of Directors, Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia, 2010-present
  Vice President, Chair of Fundraising Committee
- Historic Oakland Foundation, Tree Canopy Survey Technician, , Atlanta, GA, 2011-2012
- Atlanta Local Food Initiative Steering Committee, Atlanta, GA, 2009-present
- Atlanta Public Schools Farm to School Task Force, Atlanta, GA, 2009-present
- BeltLine Partnership Student Engagement Steering Committee, Atlanta, GA, 2009-present

Trees Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia September 2007 – May 2010
Education Coordinator
Initiated and created diverse public and private partnerships to lead urban forestry programming through community building and partner engagement, volunteer training, and teaching.

- Coordinated 40 projects annually and managed over 1,000 volunteers yearly. Provided project design, volunteer management, program outreach, and training towards the conservation and preservation of Atlanta's forest canopy.
- Coordinated and instructed: annual conference, workshops/ teacher trainings, speaker series, tree walks, school programs, and community presentations serving K-12 and the public.
- Served on local school councils, taskforces, and committees to promote environmental education/ecological literacy, urban forestry stewardship, student wellness, and teacher training.
- Created program evaluation tools for K-12 and adult programs.

Arthur R. Marshall Foundation, West Palm Beach, Florida November 2005 – June 2007

Director of Education

Strategically planned, implemented, and evaluated a suite of education programs that reached 22,000 people annually. Increased participation and organizational capacity by 366% through outreach and fundraising.

- Crafted key partnerships, promoted programs, and engaged communities in Everglades restoration; supervised the planting of approximately 8,500 native trees.
- Created and received funding for new programs. Provided training, curriculum instruction, and team building to volunteers, college interns, and district school teachers. Created program evaluations and performed analysis.

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Woolley, Washington March 2005 – July 2005

Mountain School Supervisor

Lead facilitator for *Mountain School*, an award winning i idential youth program in the North Cascades.

- Implemented curriculum on Cascade natural/cultural h. tory, sustainability, and local food with key partners: National Park Service, local school districts, and instructors.
- Supervised and mentored graduate students/interns providing evaluations, instructional support, and community building.

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Woolley, Washington May 2003 – March 2005

Staff Naturalist/Graduate Student

Provided placed-based education for diverse youth and adult programs. Responsibilities included: field education and coordination, biological research, administrative support, and risk management.

- Lead instructor: *Mountain School, Skagit Watershed Education Project, Canoe Camp, Wild Hope*, and custom seminars, programs and workshops.
- Created restoration service learning curriculum for the National Park Service and developed curriculum supporting LEED certified Learning Center.
- Presented and co-authored "Utilizing Education for Monitoring the Restoration of a Low Elevation Forest Ecosystem" at Monitoring the Effectiveness of Biological Conservation International Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, 2004.

GRANTS / AWARDS

HURCULES Grant, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, 2013
Park Pride Inspiration Award, Parks and Greenspace Conference, 2013
DeKalb County Environmental Change Award, CEO's Community Hero Award, 2013
Individual Achievement Grand Award, Georgia Urban Forestry Council, 2012
Georgia Organics Farm to School Grant, Arabia Mountain High School Edible Schoolyard, 2012
Cherokee Garden Club Grant, Brown Middle Fruit Tree Orchard, 2011.
National Wildlife Foundation Grant, Pollinator and Fruit Tree Orchard, 2010.
Jack Johnson Foundation Grant, Fall Fest Student Eco Music Festival, 2010 & 2008.
Georgia Forestry Commission Grant, BeltLine Arboretum Education Program, 2009.
Georgia Water Wise Council Grant, Water Conservation and Education, 2008.
U.S Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant, Seeds of Change, Nature of Learning Grant Program, 2006.

SKILLS and RELATED EXPERIENCES

Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher, and PowerPoint. Skilled in public speaking, curriculum development, program evaluation, coalition building, horticulture, and urban agriculture education specializing in fruit tree orchards/edible landscaping. Experienced topographical/biological surveyor, technician, and lab worker.

Conference Presenter	American Community Garden Association, SE Flower Show, Environmental Education Alliance of GA, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Organics, Park Pride
Workshop Instructor	Atlanta Botanical Garden, Georgia Organics, Wylde Center, Tress Atlanta, Georgia Native Plant Society, Homestead Atlanta, Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve.
Grant Review	United States Department of Agriculture BFRDP Grant Review Panelist.

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

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	NV Bond
NV Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Bottoms	Y Dickens
B Winslow	Y Adrean	Y Sheperd	B Mitchell