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 ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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 MAYOR'S ACTION

A COMMUNICATION BY
 COUNCILMEMBERS CARLA SMITH,
 DISTRICT 1, KWANZA HALL, DISTRICT
 2, AND MICHAEL BOND, POST 1 AT
 LARGE, TO PRESIDENT CEASAR
 MITCHELL, SUBMITTING THE
 APPOINTMENT OF MAISHAL L. WOOD
 FOR CONSIDERATION TO SERVE AS A
 MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA YOUTH
 COMMISSION. THIS APPOINTMENT IS
 FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS TO
 BEGIN UPON COUNCIL
 CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMED BY

MAY 05 2014

COUNCIL

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- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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Members *[Signatures]*

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Committee *COC*
 Date *5/5/14*
 Chair *[Signature]*
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Atlanta City Council

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APPOINTMENT OF MAISHA WOOD TO ATLANTA
YOUTH COMMISSION 2 YEAR TERM
CONFIRM

YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 1
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

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

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

CARLA SMITH
COUNCILMEMBER
DISTRICT ONE

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March 3, 2014

Honorable Ceasar Mitchell
President, Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

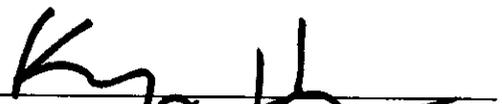
Dear President Mitchell;

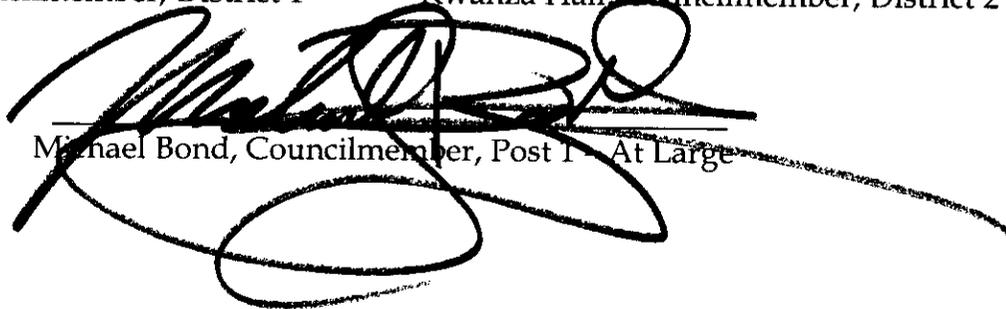
In accordance with Section 2-2128. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Councilmembers Kwanza Hall, District 2 and Michael Bond Post 1-At Large, and I are pleased to submit Maisha Y. Land-Wood for appointment to the Atlanta Youth Commission .

Maisha is well known for her civic engagement especially where youth are concerned. She was recognized by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta in 2010 as Volunteer of the Year for her dedication and influence on young girls through her dance team known as the Elegant Gems. Her resume and bio are attached for your review.

Sincerely,


Carla Smith, Councilmember, District 1


Kwanza Hall, Councilmember, District 2


Michael Bond, Councilmember, Post 1 - At Large

Maisha L. Wood



Maisha L. Wood is a native Atlantan, and the daughter of City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd and Reverend William "Bill" Land. She is the wife Alex K. Wood, and they are the proud parents of three beautiful children. Mrs. Wood is a member of First Congregational Church UCC of Atlanta, the Phyllis Chapter of the Phylaxis Historical Society, the Order of the Eastern Star- Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Georgia, and has been listed in Who's Who in Black Atlanta.

For over ten years, Mrs. Wood has served in various public policy capacities with the City of Atlanta. She currently serves as the Legislative Manager for the City's Department of Watershed Management utilizing her background in public and urban policy to shape the course of action for city water policy and community engagement. In addition to serving in a legislative capacity, she also serves as the director of the department's Care and Conserve Program, a \$1.6 million annual program that assists low income families and individuals experiencing hardships with assistance paying water bills, making needed plumbing repairs, and installing water conservation devices. She proudly serves as the chair of DWM's Ambassadors for the City Employee Giving Campaign. Under her 3 year leadership, the department's monetary giving level increased by 260% giving DWM the distinction of being the largest donor n contributing approximately \$69,000 this year to non-profits that assists Atlantans.

Maisha Wood danced and choreographed for the Adelphi University Kickline in New York, served as the choreographer of the Lovejoy High School Dancing Diamonds, Georgia State University PAW-C Dance Team and the Miss Black Georgia Pageant. She has also taught at the Dance School of Harlem, performed numerous clinics and choreographed for Morris Brown College's famed dance line, Bubblin' Brown Sugar.

Mrs. Wood has served as the Pageant Director of the Zeta Mu of Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for 15 years; sculpting over one hundred fifty young women in formidable contestant beauties. Many of the contestants have gone to compete for the preliminary rounds of Miss America as Miss Fulton County (GA), Miss Gwinnett County (GA), Miss Lake Lanier (GA), Miss Southland (CA). She also is the coordinator of the Bilqis Debutante Ball and Cotillion Program that provides college scholarships for girls from Kindergarten to 12th grade.

Her civic engagement focuses on girl empowerment. In 2011, she was honored as a Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta John Swain Volunteer of the Year Award recipient for her tremendous influence on young girls at the Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club after her creation of the Elegant Gems Dance Team in Lakewood Heights. In addition to the Elegant Gems, she is the founder and director of Pearlescence Dance Team for girls ages 12-17 in the Pittsburgh Community at the City of Atlanta Pittman Park. She is the Presentation Coordinator for D.I.S.T.I.N.C.T., a community service auxiliary at Benjamin E. Mays High School that stimulates the interests and aspirations of its members and gives them the opportunity to display to others the poised, refined young ladies they have become.

She encourages all pursue their dreams and tries to live life daily according to her favorite quote by Mark Twain, "Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is".

Maisha L. Wood

Professional Profile

Accomplished Legislative and Public Policy Manager with a stellar record of developing, drafting, lobbying, and implementing local and federal legislation, training projects, and community programs. Motivated by an instilled desire to produce excellence in every task that is undertaken.

- 13 years of event and project coordination
- Fundraising and non-profit development knowledge
- Public policy expertise
- Project Management Facilitator
- Database Management

Professional Experience

City of Atlanta/Watershed Management Department ("DWM")
2003-Present

Atlanta, GA

Legislative Manager (October, 2010- Present)

Achievements:

- Successfully oversaw the annual adoption of over \$100,000,000 of contractual legislation.
- Enhanced the public image and recognition of the DWM through the revitalization of the Care and Conserve Assistance Program.
- Spearheaded 260% growth of departmental contributions to the United Way of Atlanta Employee Giving Campaign over a 2 year period.

Responsibilities:

- Draft legislation on behalf of the DWM and other City of Atlanta departments whose legislative actions have direct impact on Watershed Management.
- Direct DWM Care and Conserve program, a \$1.6 Million program which provides plumbing and water bill assistance to low-income customers.
- Negotiate and facilitate community policy initiatives, and assist the Division of Communications in the arrangement of press conferences and special projects surrounding elected and community officials on behalf of DWM.
- Oversee budgetary and accounting compliance for the legislation and its associated projects (verification and justification of appropriations and encumbrances for contracts, invoices, and purchase orders.)
- Develop and review the strategies regarding local, state, and federal policies in conjunction with DWM Executives and the Intergovernmental Affairs Manager of the Mayor.

Public Information Manager (January, 2007-September, 2010)

Achievements:

- Department of Watershed Management Customer Service Award. (2008, 2009)
- Coordinator/Facilitator of legislation for multi-departmental contracts. (2008)
- Creator of the Department of Watershed Management Reduction-in-Force Expo. (2009)

Responsibilities:

- Composed departmental position papers on State of Georgia House and Senate Bills for the Commissioners and the Mayor's Office on the impacts and courses of action regarding legislative items.
 - Created and facilitated departmental legislative training courses for the DWM employees.
 - Managed the legislative process with the Deputy Chiefs of Procurement and Contracting Officers to ensure simultaneous departmental compliance to City of Atlanta procurement codes while securing the fulfillment of departmental resources.
 - Advised City of Atlanta Legislative Staff and Subject Matter Attorneys regarding verbiage impacts of departmental legislation.
 - Negotiated interdepartmental positions with the Department of Finance, Law, and City Council Staff.
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Public Information Officer (March, 2003-December, 2006)

Achievements:

- Department of Watershed Management Fountain Achievement Award

Responsibilities:

- Operated as a DWM Liaison, conferring with legislators, lobbyists, municipal officials, and constituents to ensure effective communication on behalf of the department and the City of Atlanta.
- Composed and reviewed over 600 pieces of departmental legislation for routing in the City of Atlanta legislative cycles.
- Facilitated departmental training courses for legislative officials and staff.
- Functioned as a community ambassador to Neighborhood Planning Units to educate local communities on project and program impacts.
- Responded to constituent complaints via legislators and the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding DWM services by facilitating the appropriate division routing, resolution, and updates.

Education

Bachelor of Science-Public Policy/Urban Studies Concentration,
Georgia State University
2005

References

References are available upon request.
