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## Advisory Board &amp; Committee Interest Form - Submission #25130

Date Submitted: 4/19/2024

Last Name\*

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First Name\*

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District # You Live In.\*

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Home Address\*

7537 Grant Court

City\*

Hollywood

State\*

FL

Zip Code\*

33024

Home Phone

3053451726

Cell Phone

3053451726

Email Address\*

ndesamours@gmail.com

Owner or Renter \*

Owner

Number of years as city resident\*

5

Are you registered to vote in Broward County? \*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Masters Degree

Occupation\*

Tax Accountant

Work Phone

3056904450

Business Name\*

New Urban Development

Business Address

8500 NW 25 Avenue

City

Miami

State

FL

Zip Code

33147

Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)

Selection (1)\*

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee



Selection (2)\*

General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee



Selection (3)\*

Hollywood Housing Authority



Selection (4)\*

Sustainability Advisory Committee



### Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions\*

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My back ground is both affordable housing construction and home purchase education. I am the controller for New Urban Development located in Miami Florida an affiliate of the Urban League of Greater Miami. I hold a Masters degree in Accounting-Taxation

I am extremely passionate about ownership and housing stability. Home ownership is the gateway to financial independence and generational wealth. Homelessness is a huge factor when dealing mental health and stability. Children and youth are the most affected and their well being.

Volunteering is key to staying connected with your community. I began volunteering since high school. .

Healthy neighborhoods are the backbone of any thriving community. I believe in promoting initiatives that support the well-being of residents, including access to healthcare, nutritious food options, and opportunities for physical activity. By investing in programs that prioritize health and wellness, we can create neighborhoods where everyone has the opportunity to thrive..

Housing diversity is important especially in the city of Hollywood because of its unique diversity. Hollywood is an umbrella of races, tribes and ethnicities that are all sharing one community. When our community does well in building a stronger and more equitable future, the economic health of our community also thrives

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, \* Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, \* Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

### African American Advisory Council - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? \* Education, \* Employment, \* Economics, \* Cultural Awareness, \* Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? \* Education, \* Employment, \* Economics, \* Cultural Awareness, \* Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

### Artwork Selection Committee - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

**Civil Service Board - Questions\***

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Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

**Community Development Advisory Board - Questions\***

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Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at [www.hollywoodfl.org](http://www.hollywoodfl.org) on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

**Education Advisory Committee - Questions\***

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Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

**Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions\***

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Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

**Firefighters' Pension Board - Questions\***

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Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3 What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5 How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

**General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions\***

I want to make a difference in my community. I would like to join this board as a way to further assist the issues in my community related to affordable housing, Because GOBs provide such a huge part of gap financing in many projects, it would be a step further in assisting with the issue of high demand of housing.

I have attending 1 meeting annually, however in Miami Dade County as my work requires it. I work for a non profit economic development agency who's mission is to provide housing and education to underserved communities. I am controlled in the development arm and understand the full construction process from conception -pre-development to completion.

My background as a tax accountant gives me a unique perspective to this board. My knowledge and understanding of capital funding and capital projects is extremely helpful in this arena. I would be more than comfortable in reviewing projects and making recommendations to the board for the tax exempt bonds.

I have no preference of which bonds are of most interest, as I would be happy with either.

A strong tax base is vital for funding essential services and infrastructure projects that benefit our community as a whole. I believe in responsible fiscal management and making strategic investments that yield long-term returns for our city. By maintaining a balanced budget and exploring innovative revenue-generating strategies, we can ensure that Hollywood remains financially stable and resilient in the face of economic challenges.

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

**Historic Preservation Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. \* Personal experiences, \* Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

**Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

**Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions\***

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**Marine Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

**Planning & Development Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. \* Personal experiences, \* Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

**Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

**Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions\***

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2. Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions\***

I want to join the board to make a penetrable difference. My background in accounting brings accountability and fiscal and financial understanding of large capital projects. I have worked in real estate development in the capacity in tax and accounting for over 13 years.

Overall, I am committed to working collaboratively with fellow board members, city officials, and community stakeholders to advance initiatives that enhance the quality of life, promote healthy neighborhoods, drive economic development, and maintain a strong tax base in Hollywood, Florida. Together, we can build a brighter future for our city and ensure that it remains a vibrant and thriving place for generations to come.

I am currently a University of Miami Mentor for individuals recently diagnosed with cancer or undergoing chemo therapy or radiation treatment as I am a survivor. I have served on other boards in the capacity of Treasury. I am passionate about preserving our city's unique character while also investing in improvements that make Hollywood an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

I am most excited about joining the board to serve my community and would like work on any board which directly impacts housing.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously. and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?\*

Yes

If so, how many?\*

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Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?\*

Affordable Housing

Are you currently on a County or City Board?\*

No

If yes, please describe

If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.\*

Resume attached

Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.\*

I am controller for a real estate development non profit organization and believe that my work and interest in affordable housing shines a spotlight on my qualification for this board.

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?\*

No

If so, in what capacity?\*

NA

Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)\*

Natacha Desamours Profssional Resume . 2024.pdf

## **Natacha Desamours, MST**

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### **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

#### **New Urban Development**

**May 2011 - Present**

Controller/ Contract Administrator

New Urban Development is the housing development affiliate of the Urban League of Greater Miami. As a small community developer which focuses mainly on projects with community participation and neighborhood revitalization.

As a Controller my responsibilities were to apply accounting principles and procedures to analyze financial information, prepare accurate and timely financial reports and statements and ensure appropriate accounting control procedures.

- Assist CFO with the preparation of monthly financial statements and ensuring that all deadlines are met; resolve accounting discrepancies, identifying variances; implementing corrective actions
- Maintenance of General Ledger with utilization of job cost, by reviewing, coding and tracking and posting of construction draws utilizing Timberline Software
- Bi-monthly Project and Lender Draw Requisitions, oversee entire draw requisition process (preparation of packages to lenders to vendor check processing.
- Bank and account reconciliation, billings, invoicing, purchase order and preparation of bank deposits.
- Review operating agreements to ensure compliance; Maintain and update project budgets with appropriate approvals; Maintain and update project draw schedules as funds are utilized
- Work closely with Project Developers on all matters of project accounting from project award to completion
- Ensure accurate payment of Subcontractors, suppliers and vendors once approved.
- Research & respond to inquiries from internal and external customers
- Assist CFO through the audit process and monthly and annual financial statements

As a Contract Administrator my responsibilities were to apply accounting principles and procedures to analyze financial information, prepare accurate and timely financial reports and Project and Administrative Draw Requisitions, overseeing the entire draw requisition process for the following developments:

| <b>Development Name</b>    | <b>Costs</b>   | <b>Development Name</b> | <b>Costs</b>  |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Renaissance@ Sugar Hill    | \$17.5 million | Superior Manor          | \$25million   |
| M&M Maison I               | \$3.7 million  | Ward Towers             | \$18 million  |
| Village Apartments         | \$35 million   | Georgia Ayers           | \$4.5 million |
| Villages of New Beginnings | \$22 million   | Ward Towers             | \$18 million  |
| Village Miami Phase II     | \$37 million   | Superior Manor Phase II | \$62 million  |

#### **E-Consulting Services, Inc. Miami, Florida**

**2008 – 2011**

Tax Manager

E- Consulting services is an accounting and tax resolution firm. E-Consulting works with closely with individuals, small businesses, private, non-profit and foreign entities to ensure tax compliance.

As a Tax Manager I managed all tax related concerns for clients on a case management basis

- Preparation of complex federal, state and local tax documents referred by office preparers.
- Preparation of tax forms and schedules; 1040, 1040NR, 1120, 1120S, FBAR, 1120F, 1065 990,
- Identify and research various tax issues to determine or maintain record of assets, profit and loss or other financial activities for clients.
- Maintains compliance with regulations by forwarding required information to federal, state, and local authorities.
- Identify areas of tax savings for tax clients, and entities
- Remaining up-to-date on in job knowledge attending IRS seminars, obtaining CPE credits, and maintain relationships with professional organizations.



**CEMEX Corporation (CX), West Palm Beach, Florida****1998 – 2008**

Account Receivable /Payables Supervisor (April 1998 – October 2008)

CEMEX is a global building materials company that provides high quality products and reliable service to customers and communities in more than 50 countries throughout the world.

As the **Interim Payable's Manager** for the Transport Division reported to the Division Controller providing key support and assistance in addition to the following

- Manage & implement an effective system for processing and receiving and distributing payments in a timely manner.
- Collects accounts by contacting customers referred by clerks; investigating circumstances of non-payment; negotiating and resolving conflicts; expediting payment.
- Directly worked with Controller and corporate office in the timely posting of customers checks
- Effectively managed duties related to the administrative tasks which included office security, vendor deliveries, office supplies expenditure
- Supervising accounting clerks within the department, training staff on new procedures, and issuing annual evaluations. Maintains financial security by adhering to internal accounting controls
- Reconciliation, research travel and entertainment expenses incurred by division managers, completed analysis and effectively controlled central office costs as it related to office expenses
- Responsible for tracking capital expenditures and submitting completion notices to ensure expenses were properly fully capitalized
- Bank and account reconciliation, cash receipts and applications, finance charges, billings, invoicing, purchase order charge-backs, discounts, and preparation of daily bank deposits.
- Vendor problem resolution and maintenance, as well as maintain and increase vendor relations.
- Prepared, and maintained cash management and expense reports
- Support Controller with special projects and workflow process improvements.

**EDUCATION**

| <b>University</b>                | <b>Degree</b>                                     | <b>Year</b> |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Nova Southeastern University     | Master Degree in Taxation                         | 2011        |
| Florida International University | Bachelor's Degree: Political Science & Accounting | 2006        |
| Miami Dade Community College     | Associates of Arts                                | 2003        |

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & COMPUTER SKILLS**

| <b>Professional Affiliations</b>     | <b>Computer Skills</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Phi Alpha Delta                      | Sage Timberline Software  |
| Florida Notary Association           | SAP R/3   |
| NSA                                  | ATX Tax Software  |
| Nova Southeastern Alumni Association | Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Outlook, Visio) |
| FIU Alumni Association               | Loadmaster  |
| MDC Alumni Association               | QuickBooks, Quicken   |