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Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #27677

Date Submitted: 1/31/2025

Last Name*

Gardner

First Name*

Carmella

District # You Live In.*

District Two

Home Address*

2239 Freedom Street

City*

Hollywood

State*

FL

Zip Code*

33020

Home Phone

Cell Phone

9548394371

Email Address*

crmllgardner@yahoo.com

Owner or Renter *

Owner

Number of years as city resident*

48

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Associates

Occupation*

Stenographer

Work Phone

9548394371

Business Name*

Perez Court Reporting

Business Address

347 Southwest 30th Avenue

City

Deerfield Beach

State

FL

Zip Code

33442

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

Selection (1)*

African American Advisory Council



Selection (2)*

None



Selection (3)*

None



Selection (4)*

None



Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions*

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*

1. The present crime rate withing our communities, including the murder rate.
2. As many hours as necessary being that I am self-employed and can dictate my own schedule.
3. Cultural Awareness
4. I would say that I am passionate about each discipline listed in said order: housing, Education, Economics, Employment, and then finally cultural awareness.
5. My participation in my community and the need I see for volunteers.

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*

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*

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 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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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? * Property Management, * Affordable Housing Administration, * Housing Market Stability, * Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Property Management, * 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?

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*

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?*

1

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?*

1/23/2025

Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

Yes

If yes, please describe

Liberia Civic Association

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.*

I grew up in the community of Liberia and since becoming an adult I have always participated civically through the Liberia Civic Association. I am very interested in the present state and well-being of my community. I am dedicated to serve to better it.

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

I have volunteered for several Christian based programs. I have volunteered with Christian based organizations to go inside of the prisons for the administration of said Christian based programs. I have volunteered at Broward Outreach facilities, etc.

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

No



If so, in what capacity?*

Hollywood

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

Carmella resume 2025.pdf

Carmella L. Gardner

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Hollywood, Florida

Stenographer, freelance

Education

Sheridan Vocational Technical College

Stenography Certificate
May 2002

Miami-Dade Community College

Associate degree
May 2014

South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary Biblical Studies

Experience

Global Reporting 2002-2004

- Provided Stenographic services for private law firms during civil litigations. Global Reporting,
- Managed transcription of legal proceedings with 99% accuracy.
- Maintained confidentiality of sensitive information.

Naples Court Reporting 2003

- Provided Stenographic services during criminal court procedures held in Lee County.
- Provided Stenographic services for private law firms during civil litigations.

Goldman, Naccarato, Patterson & Vela Court Reporting 2003-2004

Skills

- Proficient in stenographic software,
- Excellent typing speed and accuracy,
- Strong attention to detail demonstrated through maintaining 99% transcription accuracy,
- Ability to work under pressure in high-stakes legal environments.

- Provided Stenographic services in criminal court procedures held in Miami-Dade County, Richard E. Gerstein Building.

Official Court Reporting

2004

- Provided stenographic services during criminal court procedures in Miami-Dade, Broward, West Palm Beach counties, and Federal Court district in Miami-Dade.
- Provided Stenographic services for private law firms during civil litigations.
- Managed transcription of legal proceedings with 99% accuracy.
- Maintained confidentiality of sensitive information.

Perez Court Reporting

- Provided Stenographic services during criminal court procedures held in Miami-Dade County,
- Provided Stenographic services for the Public Defender's Office in Miami-Dade.
- Provided Stenographic services for the State Attorney's Office in Miami-Dade.

On The Record Reporting Inc.,

- Provided Stenographic services during civil court procedures held in Broward County,
- Provided Stenographic services for the Public Defender's Office in Broward County.
- Provided Stenographic services for the State Attorney's Office in Broward County.
- Provided Stenographic services for private law firms during civil litigations.
- Managed transcription of legal proceedings with 99% accuracy.
- Maintained confidentiality of sensitive information.