

Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #33930

Date Submitted: 4/16/2026

Last Name\*

VALDES

First Name\*

FLORALBA

District # You Live In.\*

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Home Address\*

2317 LIBERTY ST UNIT 2

City\*

HOLLYWOOD

State\*

FL

Zip Code\*

33020

Home Phone

Cell Phone

954 298.9603

Email Address\*

FVALDESWRIGHT@GMAIL.COM

Owner or Renter \*

RENTER

Number of years as city resident\*

.5

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?\*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

SOME COLLEGE

Occupation\*

ASST CITY CLERK

Work Phone

305 954 2868

Business Name\*

CITY OF OPA LOCKA

Business Address

780 FISHERMAN ST

City

OPA LOCKA

State

FL

Zip Code

33054

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

Selection (1)\*

African American Advisory Council

Selection (2)\*

Hispanic Affairs Council

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. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood?

The greatest challenge facing the African American community in Hollywood is closing the gap between potential and access. While our community is rich in culture, strength, and resilience, there are still systemic barriers that limit equitable access to economic opportunities, quality education, and affordable housing. Too often, our families are navigating systems that were not designed with us in mind. In addition, there is a critical need to invest in our youth through mentorship, leadership development, and exposure to opportunities that expand their vision for their future. Addressing these challenges requires intentional collaboration, advocacy, and a commitment to creating sustainable change that empowers not just individuals, but entire generations.

2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives?

I am able to dedicate 15–20 hours per month to AAAC initiatives. More importantly, I am committed to showing up with purpose, consistency, and a willingness to serve wherever I am needed to help advance meaningful impact within our community.

3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled?

My strongest areas of skill are Education and Cultural Awareness. I bring hands-on experience in advocating for families, particularly those navigating complex systems, and connecting them with critical resources. I am also skilled in community engagement—bringing people together, building trust, and creating spaces where voices are heard and valued. My ability to communicate effectively and lead with empathy allows me to bridge gaps and foster collaboration.

4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate?

I am deeply passionate about Education and Cultural Awareness. I believe education is the foundation for breaking generational barriers and building lasting change. At the same time, cultural awareness is essential—it strengthens identity, unity,

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](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\***

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?

1. What is the greatest challenge facing the Hispanic Community in Hollywood?

One of the greatest challenges facing the Hispanic community in Hollywood is bridging the gap between opportunity and access. Many families face barriers such as language, limited access to quality education, economic instability, and lack of awareness of available resources. These challenges can prevent individuals from fully reaching their potential. Additionally, there is a growing need to empower our youth and families through education, mentorship, and culturally responsive support systems that honor our heritage while helping us thrive in today's society. Addressing these issues requires intentional outreach, advocacy, and a commitment to ensuring our community is not only represented but truly supported.

2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to HACA initiatives?

I can dedicate 15–20 hours per month to HACA initiatives. I am committed to being consistent, engaged, and actively contributing to efforts that create meaningful and lasting impact within the Hispanic community.

3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled?

I am most skilled in Education and Cultural Awareness. I have experience working closely with families, helping them navigate systems, and connecting them to essential resources. I also excel in community engagement, building trust, and creating spaces where individuals feel valued, understood, and empowered.

4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate?

I am most passionate about Education and Cultural Awareness. I believe education is the key to breaking generational barriers and opening doors to new opportunities. At the same time, cultural awareness is essential in preserving our identity, strengthening unity, and ensuring that our voices are heard and respected within the broader community.

5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

My passion for volunteerism is deeply rooted in my personal journey

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the Hispanic Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to HACA 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?

### **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 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?

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

**If so, how many?\***

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Yes

**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?\***

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

**If yes, please describe**

No

**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.\***

no

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

My professional and volunteer experience is rooted in service, advocacy, and community engagement. I currently serve in local government, where I have gained valuable experience in municipal operations, public service, and working collaboratively with lea

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

No



**If so, in what capacity?\***

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

Resume.pdf

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## FLORALBA VALDES-WRIGHT

**OBJECTIVE** Hard working professionals with 25.5 years of experience and a proven knowledge of community outreach, customer satisfaction, and customer communication. Aiming to leverage my skills to successfully fill the Executive Assistant role for your department.

**SKILLS & ABILITIES** Strong Communication Skills, Exceptional leadership Skills, Excellent organizational and prioritizing skills, Highly Proficient in MS Office(Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook, Power Point), Speak fluent English, Spanish,

### EXPERIENCE

#### **CITY OF OPA-LOCKA**

Assistant City Clerk

June 2024-Present

#### **AFFIRMING YOUTH FOUNDATION**

Community Resource Navigator

September 2023-February 2024

#### **MIAMI CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE**

Executive Assistant to CEO/Community Advocate

November 2022- September 2023

Managed the CEO calendar, booked flights and hotels for CEO, Prepared and Monitored meetings via Zoom and in person for CEO with organization Board Chair and Board Members. Created Memos and documents as well as managed CEO's email. Kept Cooperate records and supervised team members.

#### **City Of Opa-locka Police Department Communications Operator/Dispatcher**

October 2018 to Present

Serve as a Liaison between the public and law enforcement on duty

Operates a multi-lined telecommunications system to provide information and assistance to department officials and answer calls. Responsible for managing radio traffic, data entry, and record keeping.

**MIAMI CHILDREN'S INITIATIVES**

**Community/ Student Advocate**

November 2018 to March 2019

Promote academic, social and personal success for students, Develop and maintain a relationship with students and their families Assist with administrative duties, attend meetings, agency-based events, and conference as necessary.

**Intermedix**

August 2016 to October 2018

Review and analyze reports and/or system queues to obtain accounts to work as well retrieve information on behalf of Emergency Fire Agencies

Update all related patients and correct inaccurate information. Resolve issues in timely matter, Make contact via phone with insurance companies.

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**EDUCATION**

**CBT COLLEGE –MIAMI GARDENS**

May 2016 to February 2017

Coding and Billing

**Brevard County Community College-Cocoa, Fl**

October 2003-January 2004

Corrections Certificate

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**LEADERSHIP**

Former Recording Secretary for AFSCME Union, Chief Founder of Yoli's House of Hope; Work with organizations such as Bullets 4 Life, Survivors Affected By Violence, Jack Brown III Foundation, Inc.

Community Activist, Executive Secretary for Reentry One, Founder of Yoly's House of Hope

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**REFERENCES**

Upon Request