

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:22 PM
To: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
Subject: Board Service on the Cultural Affairs Council (INQ 11-88)

Dear Ms. Phyllis W. Simpkins (AKA Phyllis W. Sloan, Firefighter):

The questions you asked regarding membership criteria for the Cultural Affairs Council fall outside the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. Your questions could best be answered by the County attorney who represents the Cultural Affairs Council or Deborah Margol, the Council's Deputy Director.

We understand that you are the CEO and Director of MAJESTIC'S YOUTH & ARTS ACADEMY, INC., a nonprofit cultural organization in Miami-Dade County, and the CEO and President of MAJESTIC'S VISION, INC., a for-profit cultural organization in Miami-Dade County. Salaried managers, administrators, or directors of any cultural organization in Miami-Dade County are prohibited from serving on the Cultural Affairs Council. Even if you are not currently receiving a salary from either organization, reasonable concerns could arise if you were to be appointed based on your position as founder and potential beneficiary of both groups.

Additionally, as you recall, in an ethics opinion numbered INQ 10-201, you were advised that the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (m) prohibits you as a County employee from making any presentations before any County departments, agencies, or boards on behalf of these entities.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:37 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: FW: Requesting your assistance

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From: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)

6/6/2011

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 4:45 PM
 To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
 Cc: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
 Subject: Requesting your assistance

Good afternoon Ms. Victoria,

Yes, its (me) again Phyllis W. Simpkins. I don't mean to be a bother but when I need answers I need to contact the experts. I need your assistance with knowing for SURE if I held a position on the Cultural Affairs Council this would be a conflict of interest due to me being a firefighter. I won't be serving on the board as a firefighter but a tax paying citizen of Miami Dade County. As you are aware, I have a non-profit organization Majestic's Youth & Arts Academy which is structured on the cultural arts for youth and Majestic's Vision the entertainment company. I have a interest in being more involved in my community so I inquired within District-1 Office about filling a position on a community board. I was offered (4) areas in which I could be involved. Since I already have a cultural arts business, and I am finishing my M.P.A in Public Administration, I figured it would be beneficial for me to be involved on the Cultural Affairs Council whereas I can learn more about this specific area of government. (Please see e-mails listed below) I don't know if this would be a conflict for SURE nor does the ladies mentioned in this e-mail does. I figured this would be so unfair to exclude me, if the is no conflict of interest for this reason I e-mailed you. I figured you could research my request and provide some clarity to use all. Should you find this is indeed a conflict than I will have no choice but to select the Commission for Woman or Parks & Recreation position. However please note the Cultural Affairs was my first choice since I was given an option. Thanking you in advance for your assistance. Have A Bless & Wonderful Day!

Ms. Phyllis W. Simpkins
 Aka Phyllis W. Sloan Firefighter

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From: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
 Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 1:00 PM
 To: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
 Subject: RE: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

Please let me know you received this e-mail. And I will be contacting you once I get a respond back from the EOC office director. Ok? Have A Wonderful & Bless Day!

Ms. Phyllis W Simpkins
 Aka
 Fire Fighter Phyllis W. Sloan

-----Original Message-----

From: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
 Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 11:56 AM
 To: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
 Subject: RE: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

I will be submitting your paperwork for the Commission for Women. Is that ok or would you prefer Parks & Rec? Your number 2 choice didn't pan out either. Let me know. Thank you.

Tatiana Laroche
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From: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 1:42 PM
To: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
Subject: RE: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

I am not salaried administrator or director at this present time. I receive only one salary and that's from the fire department. So I hope that is ok.

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From: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 1:35 PM
To: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
Subject: RE: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

It depends on what position you hold; you can't apply if you are a salaried manager, administrator or director of a cultural organization in Miami-Dade County. Some boards do not allow a member to serve on other boards at the same time. That's why I asked for your top choices, just in case issues arose. Let me know if you hold any of those salaried positions above in your non-profit. I will see how many boards I can fit you into. Thank you.

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From: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 1:13 PM

To: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
 Subject: RE: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

Hello Ms. Tatiana,

The Cultural Affairs Council & Parks, Commission for Women & Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee are all interesting to me. How many boards can I participate on? Will there be any reason of concerns if I am on the Cultural Affairs Council and my business is a cultural arts organization? If not, I would really like to be considered. Thanking you in advance for your assistance. Have A Wonderful & Bless Day!

Order of Priority:

- 1.Cultural Affairs Council
- 2.Black Affairs Advisory Board
- 3.Commission for Women
- 4.Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee

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From: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
 Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 12:23 PM
 To: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
 Subject: RE: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

I am in receipt of your resume. Below are the descriptions of some of the boards you may find an interest in. Please let me know which boards you'd like to be considered for and your order of priority. Thank you.

BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD: TO FORMULATE AND RECOMMEND PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES BY GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PERTAINING TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN: TO SERVE AS A MEDIUM IN ATTEMPTING TO UNDERSTAND AND SOLVE THE MANY COMPLEX PROBLEMS INVOLVED WITH DEALING WITH THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD: WE RECENTLY APPOINTED SOMEONE, SO THERE ARE NO VACANCIES.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL: TO DEVELOP, COORDINATE AND PROMOTE THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS AND THE SCIENCES, CONTRACT FOR ARTISTIC SERVICES, PERFORMANCES, AND EXHIBITS, AND DEVELOP PHYSICAL FACILITIES FOR THE USE OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES, ALL FOR THE ENJOYMENT, EDUCATION, CULTURAL ENRICHMENT, AND BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE AND PROMOTE PARKS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

6/6/2011

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From: Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 11:36 AM
To: Laroche, Tatiana (DIST1)
Subject: Emailing: Phyllis Sloan Revised Resume.doc

Good morning Ms. Tatiana,

It was a pleasure speaking to you this morning. Again my apologies for the mix up. I hope the my letter of interest and resume gives you a better idea of where I would fit in on the boards that have vacancies. Also all my information provided is current and I am truly looking forward to being offered an opportunity to make a HUGE difference not only with youth, young adults but to my community. Have A Bless & Wonderful Day!

Ms. Phyllis W. Sloan-Simpkins
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The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Phyllis Sloan Revised Resumed

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