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TO: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Chair, Committee on Appointments
Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk of the Board of Legislators

FROM: Ben Boykin, Chairman of the Board of Legislators

DATE: March 4, 2021

RE: Appointment to the Westchester Community Police Board

I hereby recommend the appointment of Olney Reynolds as a member the Westchester County Police Board for a term to commence upon appointment and to expire on December 31, 2021.

This appointment is in accordance with Chapter 273.41 of the Westchester County Charter and is subject to a vote by the Board of Legislators.

Please place this memo on the March 8, 2021 Westchester County Board of Legislators meeting agenda for referral to the Appointments Committee.

Thank you.

Olney Reynolds-Biography

Personal

63 years old, lifelong Westchester resident, 26 year resident of Greenburgh

Graduated from Valhalla High School 1975

Graduated from Manhattan College with a BA in government and minor in social work.

Attended Long Island University Graduate School for Public Administration-completed all coursework, graduation pending completion of thesis.

Married 32 years. Wife, Mary is a retired teacher having taught 31 years in the Bronx.

Two children, Sean 30 also a graduate of Manhattan College and Diana 27 a graduate of Iona College.

Retired since 2017 but continue work as Owner/Landlord of multi-family housing in White Plains.

Professional

Worked eight years at residential treatment centers for emotionally disturbed adolescents. Met wife at work. 1981-89

Worked 20 years(1989-2009) for Westchester County Parks Department as a

- 1) Special Events Coordinator(oversaw the County's nine ethnic festivals including working with John Harmon the founder of the African American Cultural Foundation),
- 2) Sales and Marketing Manager at the Westchester County Center from 1992-2002.
First African American Manager in the history of the building. Hired first African Americans to work in the building as ushers, ticket takers and box office staff. Previously African Americans worked only as laborers or matrons. Opened up events such as Boxing and Wrestling to female ushers who had previously been barred from such events.
- 3) Increased events attended by a majority of people of color by 30% including such events as the National Islamic Convention, Dr. Dre and Ed Lover Celebrity Basketball Game and multiple ethnic concerts.

Left Westchester County to become Executive Director of the Greenburgh Housing Authority. (2009-2012) Responsible for day to day operation of 246 units of public housing.

Oversaw a seven million dollars renovation which drastically improved the residents' quality of life. Initiated community events such as Beautification Day(residents were given flowers to plant in front of their units) and Family Day(All residents celebrated a large cookout with games, entertainment)

Built affordable housing in Greenburgh's Fairview section

Started a tenants association to empower tenants and better meet their needs.

Increased Greenburgh Housing's revenue by \$700,000 in three years.

Left the Greenburgh Housing Authority to oversee over 1000 units of housing in the Bronx as Housing Director for MBSCC(2012-2016). In first year, generated \$300,00 in new revenue providing housing for the homeless.

Community Service

AAMW

Over 25 years have been a member of the African American Men of Westchester- An all-volunteer non-profit formed in 1987 to strengthen communities and improve people's lives. .

Current Vice-President of the African American Men of Westchester since 2013.

Treasurer - ten years (2002-2012).

Current Co-Chairman of the Visionary Gala Committee, Chief Fundraiser held biannually to fund AAMW programs.

Current Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee which produces the Criminal Justice Program " From the Streets to the Courtroom" An annual program to educate youth on how to navigate encounters with the police and other parts of the Criminal Justice system. Last year over 200 students attended the program at Sarah Lawrence College.

Past-Chairman of the M. L. King Jr. Celebration and M. L. King Jr. Youth Luncheon 2000-2007.

Non-AAMW

Current Member of the African American History Westchester Committee.

Past Board member of the Business Council of Westchester. United the Business Council with AAMW to hold the annual Brotherhood Breakfast(Program that connects the corporate world to community leaders).

Past Commissioner of the Greenburgh Housing Authority

Past Board member of the White Plains Housing Corporation-An affordable housing development company.