

Mayor and City Commission:

RE: Vacancy in the Office of City Commission

I am interested in serving on the Dania Beach City Commission until the November 4, 2014 Municipal Election.

I am a bona fide resident and citizen of the City of Dania Beach, resident of the State of Florida; and a citizen of the United States of America; I am duly qualified to vote at City, State and National Elections; I am over the age of twenty-one (21) years; and I have resided in the City of Dania Beach for at least one (1) year, as evidenced by voter's registration documentation.

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Date: 7-12-2013

Voter's Registration Number: 10401101

Registration Date: 02/25/00

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

An active member of the Oakland Park Business Group with a "Proactive" approach to encourage others to become involved and have their voices heard in their community.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager

Jan. 2013 - Present

Oakland Park Academy, Oakland Park, FL

- Responsible and accountable for bidding out projects and hiring contractors to perform specified scopes of work as part of entire build out
- Build credibility, establish rapport, and maintain communication with city officials, contractors, residents and business owners, including those external to the organization
- Define and initiate build out project, manage cost, schedule, and performance
- Maintain continuous alignment of scope of work and make recommendations to improve efficiency
- Present periodic Dashboard reports on current progress and detailed timeline with future progress through completion
- Lobbied Commission for crime watch for small businesses that resulted in a special task force being appointed for daily/nightly security detail
- Theft, squatting and vagrancy issues cleaned up (See article attached)
- Active commission meeting participant and speaker

President

Jan. 2013 - Present

Oakland Park Business Group, Oakland Park, FL

- Initiated a welcome wagon with the support of local businesses to offer all Oakland Park residents special rewards and discounts, after numerous meetings with HOA's
- Pedestrian Safety Ordinance Act passed
- Proactive – invited several local officials (police chief) to speak at internal business group meetings, which lead to their regular attendance in future meetings
 - Police and Fire Chief for hurricane preparedness and code enforcement – helped to guide local businesses to be prepared

President

2002-2010

ECT, Miami, FL

- Managed operating expenses, taking accountability for forecasting, accruals and results
- Increased sales and revenue by over 50%, from \$600K to \$1.2 million
- Implemented a realistic and comprehensive business plan and offered vital leadership in finding business gaps/needs with the development of cost effective plans to address gaps
- Responsible for the recruiting, management and career development of a knowledgeable sales force
- Negotiated contracts strategically with retailers to increase product exposure and influence sales
 - Negotiated exclusive rights with Metro PCS, T-Mobile and Panasonic

AFFILIATIONS AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- Developed relationship with 211 Broward to bring awareness to the community of all the services they offer
 - Crisis suicide intervention, homeless helpline, disaster related services, etc.
- Invited to speak about work being done in the community and "grass roots movement" by
 - Oakland Park Democratic Club
 - Oakland Park Kawanis Club
- Attended every Oakland Park City Commission meeting as well as numerous workshops since January, 2013 as Project Manager and charter member of OPBG
- Neighboring city officials, including officials from Broward County Commissioner office, attended internal OPBG meetings after hearing the buzz about campaigning and encouraging the community to vote
- Active participant in Round Table Meeting to beautify the city "Pretty City Initiative" Suggested ideas to utilize budget for different projects such as greenery, code enforcement, safety, community outreach programs, etc.
- American Cancer Society donor and Volunteer
- Adopt a Family Bash Host and Volunteer
- Get Kids Fishing Foundation Volunteer

REFERENCES

Chief Allan R. Hubrig - Oakland Park Chief of Police BSO 954-202-3131

Tim Lonergan – Oakland Park City Commissioner 954-683-2658

Mitchell Stollberg – Oakland Park Democratic Club Board Chair 954-275-3653

Tracy Schuldiner – 211 Broward County Director of Events & Corporate Relations 954-640-5822

Shari McCartney – Oakland Park Vice Mayor 954-295-0527

Monica Cruz
Owner/ Director
Oakland Park Academy
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in strong support of Charles Camacho for his excellent work ethic and dedication to Oakland Park Academy. I have known Charles Camacho for the past twenty two years and have had the privilege of working closely with him over the past seven months on several projects. During this time he has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing the growth and success of Oakland Park Academy. He has single handedly monitored and helped facilitate the construction of a brand new facility located in Oakland Park. Charles Camacho has initiated and created a local business group for the city of Oakland Park that now embodies over fifty business owners. His business group was developed to form a network that voices concerns and needs in the community. He has established strong relationships with the local politicians and commissioners in order to be proactive in the community.

Charles Camacho's work ethic and perseverance has demonstrated his ability to be a hard worker and a dedicated individual. I strongly recommend Charles for any position of authority and leadership. I have personally witnessed Charles go above and beyond to ensure the success of building Oakland Park Academy from the bottom up. It is truly inspiring to witness his natural ability to formulate trust and great relations with individuals of any and all types of professional backgrounds.

When he first joined the Oakland Park Academy as Project Manager, the Oakland Park Business Network had only four members. Charles quickly realized the dynamics of the community and projected ways that he could impact a change and over the next five month period, the group grew to over fifty members. This just demonstrates how contagious his goals and abilities have proven to be.

Charles will be great asset to the City of Dania as City Commissioner. His hard work and positive attitude show how eager he is to help others and grow as an individual. Oakland Park Academy is very lucky to have such a strong team leader and I personally feel fortunate to call him a friend.

Sincerely,
Monica Cruz
954-646-3993

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
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Oakland Park businesses battle vagrancy

February 24, 2013 | By Larry Barszewski, Sun Sentinel

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OAKLAND PARK — A group of local businesses say they're tired of dealing with vagrants who defecate on their property, loiterers who scare customers away, vandals who damage their buildings, and burglars who have broken into their properties.

Now they are demanding the city get tough, and their pleas are being heard.

"It's out of hand at the moment," said Judy Tavory, who runs a travel agency on Northwest 35th Street. "I need to put up a fence and manage my business like I'm an outpost in Afghanistan."

While Fort Lauderdale and some other cities have taken steps to discourage vagrancy, similar efforts have died in Oakland Park.

"When other cities address it, the problem migrates," Commissioner Shari McCartney said.

Because of that, Vice Mayor John Adornato said he's ready to take another look.

"I would support bringing back some of those really tough ordinances," Adornato said. "It's probably time to have some of those discussions."

The Broward Sheriff's Office has met with business owners, and have deputies doing crisis intervention to identify homeless people in need of assistance.

They've had brush cleared to remove hiding places where alcohol was being consumed. And they're working to make sure the owners have posted No Trespassing signs and authorized law enforcement to step in if deputies see someone who shouldn't be on their property.

The business owners want city officials to understand the problem could stymie redevelopment of the city itself.

"We don't blame any of this directly on the homeless," said Charles Camacho, general manager of the Oakland Park Academy child care center being built on Northwest 34th Street. "Our biggest thing is the vagrancy, the loitering, the intimidation."

Sean Cononie, publisher of the Homeless Voice who runs shelters in the county, understands the concern, but said it's the homeless who end up suffering.

"I think most people are scared of the homeless," Cononie said. "They don't hate the homeless, but they hate the negative impact that the homeless cause."

If businesses don't want them defecating by their properties, they need to allow the homeless to use their bathrooms, Cononie said. They also need to reach out more to groups trying to help the homeless so grievances can be discussed face to face.

Cononie said he and others will continue to fight laws that limit the ability of the homeless to beg or

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"If someone's hungry, let them get a dollar," Cononie said. "What do you want them to do, rob someone to get a dollar to eat?"

Some of the businesses are located near the All Saints Catholic Mission soup kitchen on Powerline Road. It's not so much the kitchen, which is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, but its limited facilities that bother Camacho.

"The soup kitchen cannot handle the amount of patronage that comes through there," Camacho said. "If they don't have enough bathrooms, they're going to go where they need to go."

Berry Lamy held a grand opening for his tutoring company next door to the soup kitchen on Saturday. He said the vagrant problem is already draining his budget.

"We've had to delay ordering new computers for surveillance cameras, delayed new furniture for a security fence," Lamy said.

Father Bob Caudill, who oversees the soup kitchen that serves about 200 people daily, said the operation encourages its patrons to treat nearby properties with respect, and it has bathrooms available during the day.

"I understand the plight of the business owners. We try our best," Caudill said.

It's not just businesses near the soup kitchen that are complaining. So are those along Powerline Road, Prospect Road and Andrews Avenue north of Oakland Park Boulevard.

A year ago, Aneesh Lakhani bought Garden Drugs & Medical Supplies at Prospect and Andrews.

"Throughout the day at some point, you'll find a couple of vagrants sitting there or lying there, begging for money," Lakhani said.

"We want to get rid of the vagrants and help the homeless," Lakhani said. But "we want the storefronts to be clear from anyone loitering."

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