Attached is Additional Information for Agenda Item #30

Attachment #40 *Application from Alma Gonzalez - MWSBE*

ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

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It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the information on this form current.
To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble
by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov

Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.

Name: ALMA R. GONZALEZ		Date:
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Occupation: Attorney	Employer: AFSCME – Florida Council 79	

Please check box for preferred mailing address.
Work Address: 3064 Highland Oaks Terrace

City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, Florida 32301

X☐ Home Address: 1105 High Meadow Drive

City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, Florida 32311

Do you live in Leon County? XYes ☐No **If yes, do you live within the City limits?** XYes ☐No
Do you own property in Leon County? XYes ☐ No **If yes, is it located within the City limits?** XYes ☐ No

For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? __22___ years

Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference

1st Choice: _____MWSBE_____ 2nd Choice: _____

If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please check those areas in which you are interested, or describe other areas not listed:

Human Services __ Housing __ Health Care __ Science __ Library Services __ Growth Management __
Tourist Development __ Transportation __ Bicycle/Pedestrian __ Parks & Recreation __
Code Enforcement___
Other Areas _____

Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? ☐Yes X No

If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? _____

How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? ☐ 1 X 2 to 3 ☐ 4 or more
And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? ☐ 2 ☐ 3 to 5 X 6 or more
What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? ☐ Day ☐ Night X Both

(OPTIONAL) **Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.**

Race: ☐ Caucasian ☐ African American XHispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Other
Sex: ☐ Male X Female Age: ___52____ Disabled? ☐Yes X No

Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in an Advisory Committee should contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov

In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application. Please attach your resume, if one is available. I am a third term member of the Florida Bar's Legal Education Resource Committee having been appointed by 3 different Florida Bar Presidents to serve. I have served as counsel to the Florida Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Office. In 2008 I conducted a listening tour meeting with Leon County small, and minority owned businesses. Please see attached bio.

References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):

Name: Jeanette D. Wynn Telephone: 850-222-0842

Address: 3064 Highland Oaks Terrace, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Name: Jon Ausman Telephone: 850-321-7799

Address: 2202 Woodlawn Drive Tallahassee, FL 32303

IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN ORIENTATION BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? □ Yes □ No
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form, if applicable? X Yes □ No
Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? □ Yes X No If yes, from whom? _____
Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? □ Yes X No
Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? □ Yes X No If yes, please explain _____
Do you or your employer, or your spouse or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? □ Yes X No
If yes, please explain _____
Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? □ Yes X No
If yes, please explain _____

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: A. R. Gonzalez

Please return Application to Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator
Leon County Board of County Commissioners
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

ALMA R. GONZALEZ serves as the Special Counsel for AFSCME Florida Council 79 having joined the organization's staff in 1999. AFSCME Florida has representation rights for over 250 thousand public employees in the state and university systems, and among various city, county, school board, and private non-profit hospital employers in the state of Florida. Since the 2000 Presidential election, Ms. Gonzalez has gained international renown for her involvement in election law enforcement and voter protection activity. She has an extensive legislative background having worked on federal legislative issues for the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund in Washington D.C., the Florida Association of Counties, and AFSCME Florida. Her state legislative background includes serving as Legislative Director for the Florida Association of Counties, lobbyist for the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, and attorney for the Florida House of Representatives Majority and Democratic office, as well as a consultant to the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators. Her work as the Executive Director for the Florida Battered Women's Clemency Project earned her special recognition from the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, and she received the "Most Inspiring Speaker" Award from the Florida State College of Law in recognition for her contributions to the Annual Summer Law Program for Undergraduate Students. Ms. Gonzalez has lectured throughout the state on a variety of issues including ethics, legislative advocacy, election law, and labor law. She has also served as an instructor in U.S. Constitution at the Tallahassee Community College. Ms. Gonzalez is highly regarded among political activists for her involvement in state and federal campaigns and her expertise on state and local government issues. She is currently the State Treasurer for the Florida Democratic Party. Ms. Gonzalez is the first woman and the first Hispanic to serve as State Treasurer having been elected unanimously to a 4-year term in December 2008. She has served as President of the Capital City Democratic Women's Club and as founding President of the Hispanic Bar Association for the2nd Judicial Circuit. Ms. Gonzalez is a member of the Florida Bar Law Related Education Committee, Justice Teaching, and the Administrative Law, and Labor Law Sections of the Bar. She has the distinction of having attended three law schools in three years – the University of Wisconsin, Georgetown University Law Center, and graduating cum laude from the Florida State College of Law in 1989. Alma lives in Tallahassee with her two sons and her pet Maltese Rocky.