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CITY COMMISSION GROUP IV VACANCY APPLICATION

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City

State

Zip Code

786-269-4081

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Retired Librarian, Writer

Business Name

Occupation

Business Address

City

State

Zip Code

- Have you been a resident of Miami Beach for a minimum of one year? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Are you a registered voter in Miami Beach? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): 10971749

- Are you presently a registered lobbyist with the City of Miami Beach? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Have you been issued a violation(s) of the City of Miami Beach Code that remains open or pending?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain in detail: _____

- Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain in detail: _____

- In what organization(s) in Miami Beach do you currently hold membership?

Miami Beach United

Organization Name

Member

Position

Miami Design Preservation League

Organization Name

Position

MB Cinematheque — Member

- List all properties owned or in which you have an ownership interest in Miami Beach:

Only my condo @ 1460 Ocean Drive

- How long have you lived in Miami Beach? 23 years in ~~March~~ February

2019

- Have you served on any City of Miami Beach Board(s) or Committee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which Board(s) or Committee(s)? Transportation & Parking (2 1/2 years); Historic Preservation Board (6 years, 2 months).

What were your contributions to the Board(s) or Committee(s)? Thoroughly committed member who never missed a meeting. Made fair, intelligent, and logical decisions. Strove for the betterment of our city, always.

- Why are you interested in serving on the City Commission? Because I am fair, intelligent, and honest, and in no one's pocket. Also because I am a strong advocate of residents' rights.

- How does your education and/or experience complement the powers and duties of the City Commission?

It seems rather obvious from what I have written above,* does it not?

* And from the bio attached to this application.

- Will you run for a City Commission seat in 2019? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Undecided

I HEREBY ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY AND TRUTHFULNESS OF THIS APPLICATION.

Josephine A. Manning
Applicant's Signature

12/20/18
Date

NOTE:

The completed application MUST accompany your letter of interest, current resume, photograph, and City of Miami Beach oath. You may attach additional sheets to provide the required information.

The completed application along with all accompanying materials may be submitted via:

- Email to RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov
- Hand delivery to the Office of the City Clerk, 1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor
- Postal mail to City of Miami Beach, Office of the City Clerk, Attention: Rafael E. Granado, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139

PUBLIC RECORD:

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this application and everything attached to it is a public record. The materials you provide will be posted on the Office of the City Clerk's Election webpage and will be available for inspection. If you are an individual listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address is exempt from disclosure, the City Clerk will maintain that confidentiality if you submit a written request.

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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Josephine A. Manning to me well known who, being sworn, says that he/she is seeking appointment to the Office of City Commissioner (Group No. IV) for the City of Miami Beach, Florida; that he/she is a qualified elector of said City residing within the City at least one year before applying for this office; that his/her legal residence is:
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Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida; that he/she is qualified under the ordinances (including Miami Beach City Code Chapter 38 governing "Elections") and Charter of said City to hold such office.

Josephine Manning
Signature of Candidate

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 28th day of December, 2018,
by Josephine Manning

(NOTARY SEAL)



Charles J. DiAgostin
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# GG168171
Expires 12/14/2021

Charles DiAgostin
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Charles DiAgostin
Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped

Personally Known _____ OR

Produced Identification ✓
Type of Identification Produced

Non-Driver's License ID



***Letter Of Intent to Fill Vacancy in Group IV Miami
Beach Commission Seat***

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Miami Beach for almost 23 years I am applying for the open Commission position in Group IV.

I want this city to be the best it can be and to be a voice for residents, a fair and honest voice. With me, what you see is what you get. I have no hidden agenda.

Serving on both the Transportation & Parking Committee for over two years and the Historic Preservation Board for over six years gave me an understanding of how this city works and I think I would be a positive and hardworking presence on the City Commission.

I can work well with others – something I learned in kindergarten a hundred years ago – and am a naturally civil person. I think that those with whom I have worked closely can attest to this.

I also have no intention whatsoever of running for this seat after the 10-month term ends, none at all.

Please consider my application with the seriousness with which I write this.

Very truly yours,


Josephine A. Manning (Mrs Robert Nickerson Manning)

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I was born in New York City in 1940 and received all of my schooling through undergraduate level there. In 1961 I applied to the Peace Corps and it was there that I met my husband, who is a college professor and makes documentaries and independent feature films. We both took graduate degrees at Syracuse University when we left the Peace Corps. My husband had a Fulbright in India and we lived there in the 1970s. We have two children and five grandchildren and semi-retired to Florida 23 years ago, taking advantage of early retirement to pursue other goals. For me, it was devoting more time to writing fiction; I also worked part-time at two area universities, the University of Miami and Barry University. My husband had film and teaching gigs.

I have degrees in English Literature and Library Science, and was the founder and Director of the Reader's Digest General Books Library for over twenty years. I also worked for ABC News and for Citibank, all in New York City. During that time, I wrote for general interest magazines and professional journals, doing book and movie reviews, features, and editing newsletters. I moved to Florida in 1997 and have freelanced at the University of Miami and Barry University; I also do research for a variety of private clients, companies, individuals, e-commerce groups. I was briefly an editor for Romance Forever, a romance magazine, and wrote several feature articles, columns, and book reviews for that publication. I have written several articles for The Regency Plume, a newsletter for devotees of the Regency genre and for Solander, a publication of the Historical Novels Association.

About twenty years ago, I began to write fiction, and was published in a number of little magazines. In 1996, my short story, "By The Rivers Of Babylon," was included in the Herotica 4 anthology, published by Plume. My story was one of only seven selected for the audiocassette and CD-ROM versions of Herotica 4, published by Passion Press. I also wrote an audio book, a short, sweet, contemporary romance set in Kashmir, entitled The Prairie Princess & The Sanskritologist. This story was inspired by actual events during our stay in India.

My short story, "Belvedere," was published by Regency Press in August, 1999, in A Regency Sampler. Regency Press also published my first Regency novel, The Reluctant Guardian, in January, 2000, in both hardcover and paperback. It is a 72,000 word traditional Regency. Seducing Mr. Heywood is my second Regency novel, and is a sequel of sorts to TRG. It was published in hardcover in June 2002. Large-print versions

of both *The Reluctant Guardian* and *Seducing Mr. Heywood* are available through Chivers.

The Reluctant Guardian received enthusiastic reviews from *Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly* (Starred Review), *The Historical Novels Review*, and a number of online sources. I have been interviewed by *The Miami Herald* (2/13/00) and by *Writers Digest* (September/October 2001 issue), and was recently interviewed by the Syracuse University Alumni magazine. Later this year I will be profiled in *Contemporary Authors*, a publication of the Gale Group that provides biographies of writers.

Seducing Mr. Heywood received a plethora of outstanding reviews, unusual for romance fiction, in *Booklist* (Starred Review), *Publishers Weekly* (reviewed in general fiction section), *The Historical Novels Review*, and *Library Journal*. All were in the mid-May 2002 issues of these publications. *SMH* has been the #1 all-time romance bestseller for its publisher, Five-Star Books. *Booklist* named *SMH* one of the *Top Ten Romances of the Year* in their September 15th, 2002 issue.

I left my part-time position at Barry University in Miami Shores, where I taught online computer searching techniques and manned the Reference Desk – the same position I held at the University of Miami, to devote more time to my writing. I take on occasional freelance research/writing assignments and review literary fiction, mass market, and videos for a number of print and online periodicals. I continue to write, and am now in the midst of the research for a biography of Grace Dalrymple Elliott, Regency courtesan and subject of the new Eric Rohmer film “*L’Anglaise et le Duc*” (English: “*The Lady and the Duke*”), a faithful retelling of Mrs. Elliot’s memoir, *Journal of My Life During the French Revolution*. My proposal for this book, tentatively titled *My Lady Scandalous*, has been submitted by my agent to several New York City publishers. A paranormal novel I wrote a few years ago, *The Sicilian Amulet*, was purchased by Five-Star Authors and I am working on other fiction manuscripts, both Regency and contemporary.

Update on writing:

My Lady Scandalous was published in 2005 by Simon & Schuster. (I include a copy of that book with this resume.)

My novels *The Reluctant Guardian* and *Seducing Mr. Heywood* have been published in several print formats and recently as e-books.

I was a professional reviewer for *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal* for some 30 years; I currently review books for the *miamiartztine*, a local arts publication.

Update on community activism:

I have served on the Transportation & Parking Committee (2 ½ years) and on the Historic Preservation Board until term-limited out (a total of 6 years and 2 months). During my

time on these groups I endeavored to consider/hear all applications fairly and to render my most honest judgement. I am no pawn of anyone, much less of developers. I do not take bribes and cannot be bought; I am not a lobbyist; I treasure honesty and concern for our community above all else. I still feel a profound sadness that the City Commission under former Mayor Philip Levine did not take the HPB recommendation to save the historic home designed by Walter De Garmo, 42 Star Island. (See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUET3OIEVSM>)

I am a proud member of Miami Beach United; the Miami Design Preservation League; and the Miami Beach Cinematheque. I am a committed preservationist. It runs in the family; my daughter is a conservator for Historic England, in the UK. I have served as president of my condominium association, The Drake, for 7 years. The Drake is an historic Art Deco building, erected in 1937. I was recently named by Mayor Dan Gelber as a member of the Ocean Drive Blue Ribbon Panel.

These individuals, I believe, can vouch for my professionalism and honesty: Jeff Donnelly; Mitch Novick; Daniel Ciraldo; Alexander Guerra; Stephan Ginez; John Labus; Frank and Marian Del Vecchio; Mickey Marrero; Clare McCord; Mary Greenwood; David Raposo; Harvey Burstein; Frank Fiorentino; Erika Brigham; David Wieder; Michael Barrineau; Frank Fiorentino and Bill Pease.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Manning
12/20/18

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