

WINTERS, Christopher

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CITY COMMISSION GROUP IV VACANCY APPLICATION

This application form is required as part of the City Commission Group IV Vacancy application submittal. The completed application **MUST** accompany your letter of interest, current resume, photograph, and City of Miami Beach oath. You may attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide the required information. See the Notice of Commission Vacancy for additional information.

WINTERS
Last Name

CHRISTOPHER
First Name

W
Middle Initial

Home Address City State Zip Code

Cellular Telephone Email Address

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): 125524631

- 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?

Organization Name

Position

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Position

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

- How long have you lived in Miami Beach? 14 MONTHS

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

If yes, which Board(s) or Committee(s)? _____

What were your contributions to the Board(s) or Committee(s)? _____

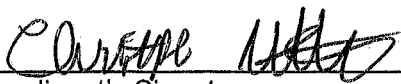
- Why are you interested in serving on the City Commission? I ENJOY PUBLIC SERVICE AND BELIEVE I CAN BRING SOME NEW AND FRESH IDEAS TO MIAMI BEACH FROM MY TIME AND SERVICE AS A COMMISSIONER IN CALIFORNIA.

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

I HOLD A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND I HAVE SERVED AS CHAIR OF A COMMISSION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

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

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


Applicant's Signature

01/22/19
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 CHRISTOPHER WINTERS 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:

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.

[Signature]
Signature of Candidate

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 2d day of January, 2018,
by ALTIERIS C. SANTANA.

(NOTARY SEAL)



Altieris C. Santana
Commission # FF928871
Expires: October 19, 2019
Bonded thru Aaron Notary

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Altieris C. Santana
Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped

Personally Known YES OR

Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION

In accordance with Florida Statute 119.071, I Christopher Winters, certify that I am exempt from

Public Records disclosure. My substitute mailing address of record for all official

Correspondence shall be PO Box #2422, Miami Beach, FL 33119.

By: CDW UKA

Date: 1/22/19



Letter of Interest

Dear Mayor Gelber and Commissioners:

I would like to express my interest to be appointed to fill the remaining term of Commissioner Rosen-Gonzalez's seat for Group 4 Commissioner.

As some of you know, I was appointed to fill a Commission vacancy in California two years ago. I was further elected Chairperson this past July. During my time in this role I realized how truly passionate I am about public service. I believe I can bring some fresh, new ideas to Miami Beach from my time and experience with city government on the west coast. I have a strong interest and experience with some common issues I know a few of you share, such as: Combating Homelessness, Substance abuse and Mental Health Treatment, Historic Preservation, Increasing Public Benefit for New Development projects, and Streamlining the Building and Planning Process.

I have a diverse background with my experiences in life. My background is in political science and my business is in Construction, as a Contractor by trade. I got off to a late start in life figuring out what I was truly passionate about. I am open and upfront about my past struggles with alcohol and the DUI's that I have on my record. I am proudly six years sober and this daily journey has made me ever more passionate about giving back with service for all who have supported me along the way. Integrity, Transparency, and Voting my Conscience have always been my main guiding principles while in Public Service. I have a passion for Historic Preservation, as I have had the pleasure to do some renovation work on Historic homes in Los Angeles. I currently reside in an Art Deco Building in South Pointe. And I also am known to be a tell it as is person when it comes to how what I am thinking, and as being the compromise commissioner to find a middle ground in how to reach the best outcome.

I am not much of the politicking type so I have chosen not to lobby for this role with any of you and turn in my application today January, 23rd. I have attended several and spoken at a few Miami Beach Commission meetings. I am familiar with how the commission structure works and so should be ready to hit the ground running with minimal training. If appointed I will commit not to run in the November, 2019 Election. Furthermore, because of my strong ties and interest in substance abuse treatment, I commit to donate my entire salary to Organizations that further this cause in Miami Beach. As of this typing there are 37 other applicants, and so I am sure you will have your hands full with the vetting. I figured I would throw my name in there to give you one more option in selecting the best candidate for Miami Beach.

Thank you in advance;

Christopher

CHRISTOPHER WINTERS

PO Box#2422 Miami Beach, FL 33119

Innovative and results oriented researcher and leader across different enterprises working to shape strategies designed to grow business, promote change, enhance operational performance and sustainability

CITY COMMISIONER: WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA June 2017-Current

- Appointed to City Historic Preservation Commision: Work with Developers, applicants and City Stake Holders to Review Current Development Projects and Applications for improvement to Historical Resorces

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

REGAL RESTORATION LOS ANGELES, CA 2016-PRESENT

Principal: Founded and Developed Company. Marketing, Incorporation, Licensing, Networking, Operations, Sales

- Drafted Articles of Incorporation, Obtained all State Licensing and Insurance
- Developed Website and Facebook Profiles, Marketing and Advertising
- All Staffing and Hiring decisions, Oversaw and Managed Two Construction Crews
- Handled all Sales Calls, Composed Estaimtes, Purchased Materials and Oversaw Projects

TAYLOR SCOTT COLLECTION

LOS ANGELES, CA • 2013-2016

Operations Manager: Developed and implemented learning strategies to drive customer satisfaction, employee engagement, and increase organizational effectiveness.

- Reorganized the flow structure of the order taking and production process from start to finish to improve organizational efficiency and maximize individual employees unique skill sets

Shipping Manager: Responsible for the Logistics of Shipping all completed furniture pieces throughout the country using multiple freight carriers to achieve optimum timing and cost for our clients.

- Created an Inventory Management and Master Shipping Roster to better track item progress, locate pieces in the factory, and speed up furniture pick-up while reducing costly shipping errors
- Partnered with Shipping Company's to negotiate price controls and improve speed of delivery, this had a direct correlation to increased sales and improved customer satisfaction

LEGACY CONSTRUCTION

ATLANTA, GA • 2011-2013

Principal, Director of Commercial Sales and New Business Development: Oversaw the Operation of the entire commercial side of the company and establishment of the Organizational structure

- Increased sales and brought in several key jobs to make the commercial side overtake Residential as most profitable
- Partnered with different vendors to negotiate price controls and cut supply costs
- Set up Foreign LLC in multiple states to mitigate liability and establish a more effective business model
- Highly effective at the competitive bidding process to win several key jobs. Empowered to make quick decisions on price negotiations based on overall knowledge of specific cost margins over every aspect of the business

MS MEDIA

ATLANTA, GA • 2010-2011

Project Manager: Responsible for every aspect of the project management life cycle for the Auto-Ad Portfolio which included: launching new products and services, application development and deployment, along with operational efficiency and report enhancement solutions designed to engage consumers of varying markets and demographics

- Developed new system to leverage media buying opportunities to maximize exposure for clients personally tailored markets

- Created new ad-platform to give clients more options on different price points for a custom created ad package

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, DC • 2009-2010

Office of under secretary of State ACISA

Aide: Various duties of research and communication on key international issues of security

- Research and aligning interests with member states on the New START treaty, a pivotal benchmark in international cooperation and diplomacy

GA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ATLANTA, GA • 2006-2009

Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker: Principal liaison between the speaker and staff, consulting with other Legislative staff on current legislative issues on a national level

- Worked to maintain and develop interpersonal relationships within the legislature to help maximize support on key pieces of legislation that was important to the leadership

Legislative Aide: Various duties relating to communication, research, fundraising, and campaigning

- Handle questions and concerns from constituents, as well as correspondence
- Thoroughly Research facts and information on legislative issues
- Voter registration Analytics from voter rolls and campaign strategy development, including strategic sign placement and media exposure

STARBUCKS

ATLANTA, GA • 2006-2008

District Training Manager: Oversaw and facilitated the training and operations of nine stores

- Helped rollout a new training pilot initiative for the Atlanta market to improve quality and service at Licensee stores and airport locations.
- Partnered with key stakeholders within the organization to build effective teams at each location while maximizing individual unique skill sets and developing Individual Development Plans to help promote and retain top talent individuals.

Store Manager: Responsible for all operations at a single location, managing a staff of 40+ employees, hiring, generating revenue, and training

- Operational excellence award for increasing sales of under performing store to over one million
- Highest customer service rating in the region for 5 star secret shoppers
- Maximizing labor to increase operational efficiencies and streamline customer flow while growing sales and reducing labor variance
- Profit and Loss analysis to improve overall profitability of store and reduce waste
- Managing Par Levels to Optimize limited storage space and cut down on overhead and food mark outs

Shift Supervisor: Supervising employees and responsible for staff deployment for a particular shift

EDUCATION

B.S. Political Science and International studies

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY • 2005

Chemistry Research, Model UN, Judicial Board

INTERESTS

Travel, Weight Lifting, Reading, Constitutional Law, Hiking, Coffee, Cars, Entrepreneurship, Investing, Home Improvement, Historic Preservation, Government

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