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Recommendation Letter

From: Representative Viola Davis

To: Carol Underwood

Subject: Recommendation for Joscelyn C. O'Neil for Appointment to the Park and

Recreation Board

Dear Ms. Underwood,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Mrs. Joscelyn C. O'Neil for a position on the Park and Recreation Board. With a proven history of community service and civic engagement throughout DeKalb County, Joscelyn exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated public servant who would make a valuable addition to your board.

Joscelyn's career and volunteer efforts reflect a lifetime of service to her community. As a retired DeKalb County School System educator, she has been an advocate for quality education, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the betterment of future generations. Her contributions include leadership roles as President of the Greater Towers Community Association and as a Board Member of the Shoal Creek Athletic Association, among many others.

Joscelyn possesses an in-depth knowledge of local government operations, coupled with a passion for ensuring that government policies work to benefit communities. Her work as a Code Enforcement Ambassador and her service on the DeKalb

County Advisory Council for Code Enforcement highlight her ability to address complex issues with tenacity and integrity.

Moreover, Joscelyn has demonstrated a unique ability to foster collaboration among diverse groups and secure resources to advance community initiatives. She has successfully authored and secured numerous grants, including the Community Foundation Grant for the Greater Towers Community and a grant from the DeKalb County Planning & Sustainability Towers Action Group (TAG).

Her achievements also extend to organizing impactful community events such as the first Human Trafficking Forum at Towers High School and graduating from leadership programs, including the DeKalb Neighborhood Leadership Institute and the Parent Leadership Institute Gwinnett STOPP (School to Prison Pipeline).

Joscelyn's remarkable combination of experience, persistence, and community-oriented mindset will undoubtedly enhance the work of the Park and Recreation Board. Her impeccable reputation in DeKalb County, deep knowledge of local government operations, and proven leadership skills uniquely qualify her for this role.

I wholeheartedly endorse Joscelyn C. O'Neil for appointment to the Park and Recreation Board. She is a steadfast, dependable, and results-driven leader who will bring invaluable insight and commitment to the position.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my email at <u>viola.davis@house.ga.gov</u> and/or phone 678-349-6835.

Sincerely,

Representative Viola Davis

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