



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Prepared By/Phone Number: Deece Eckstein, 854-9754
Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Deece Eckstein, 854-9754
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO THE STRATEGIC HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUMMARY AND IGR COORINDATOR RECOMMENDATION:

Last week, the Court decided to review the applications of three individuals for the **Strategic Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) Board of Directors** to replace **Ed Wendler, Jr.**, who resigned in December. The three applications from those individuals are included as backup.

BACKGROUND:

- Seven members; five appointed by individual Court members, two by the Court as a whole.
- Mr. Wendler was one of the members appointed by the full Court, for a term to end on December 31, 2015.
- Staggered six-year terms; no term limits.
- Not subject to the Uniform Appointment Process.

Appointments to the SHFC board are for terms of six years, and there is no limit on the amount of terms an appointee may serve. Appointees must be residents of the county.¹ Because there is overlap between the missions of the Housing Authority and the SHFC, some individuals serve on both boards; however, the two boards are, and should be, independent.

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Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County, By-Laws, June 12, 2004.

In 2012, the Court used the Uniform Appointment Process to select its two SHFC appointees, but deferred a decision on whether future appointments to that board should use the process.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The Court reviewed four options last week for replacing Mr. Wendler, and decided to review three applications and see if it could decide on a replacement. The three candidates are **Richard Anton**, **Wilmer Roberts**, and **Gary Wardian**.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: No fiscal impact.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:

Leslie Browder
County Executive, Planning and Budget
Phone: 854-8679
Email: Leslie.Browder@co.travis.tx.us

Sherri Fleming
County Executive, Health and Human Services & Veterans Services
Phone: 854-4581
Email: Sherri.Fleming@co.travis.tx.us

Andrea Shields
Corporations Manager, Planning and Budget Office
Phone: 854-9116
Email: Andrea.Shields@co.travis.tx.us

Karen Thigpen
Assistant Corporations Administrator
Phone: 854-9106
Email: karen.thigpen@co.travis.tx.us

Craig Alter
Executive Director, Housing Authority of Travis County, Texas
Phone: 480-8245, x15
Email: craig@hatctx.com

Debbie Honeycutt
Housing Authority of Travis County, Texas
Phone: 480-8245, x34
Email: debbie@hatctx.com

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Current roster of SHFC Board of Directors members, as of January 1, 2013.
- B. Redacted application packets from Messrs. Richard Anton, Wilmer Roberts, and Gary Wardian.

ATTACHMENT A

Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors (updated 2/4/2014)

(This agency is **not** covered under the Uniform Appointment Process*)

Place	Name	Appointing Authority	Date(s) of Appointment	Current Term Expiration Date	Adopted** Term Expiration Date
5	Willie S. Anderson	County Judge	5/31/2011 reappointed 10/15/2013	N/A	12/31/2017 ... 12/31/2023 ... 12/31/2029
1	Melvin Wrenn	Precinct 1	6/1/2004 reappointed 11/13/2012	N/A	12/31/2014 ... 12/31/2020 ... 12/31/2026
2	Sarah Dale Anderson	Precinct 2	11/16/2010 reappointed 1/24/2012 reappointed 10/15/2013	N/A	12/31/2017 ... 12/31/2023 ... 12/31/2029
3	Ofelia Elizondo	Precinct 3	7/5/2005 reappointed 10/25/2011 reappointed 10/29/2013	N/A	12/31/2013 ... 12/31/2019 ... 12/31/2025 ... 12/31/2031
4	Richard Moya	Precinct 4	6/1/2004 reappointed 11/13/2012	N/A	... 12/31/2018 ... 12/31/2024 ... 12/31/2030
6	Vacancy	Court Appointment	2/26/2013	N/A	12/31/2015 ... 12/31/2021 ... 12/31/2027
7	Magdalena Blanco	Court Appointment	2/26/2013	N/A	12/31/2016 ... 12/31/2022 ... 12/31/2028

* - As of now. On October 30, the Court put off a discussion of whether to include the SHFC in the Uniform Appointment Process.

** - Adopted by the Commissioners Court, 10/30/12, Item #30

**Richard
Henry Anton**

TRAVIS COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STRATEGIC HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

I am applying for: HATC SHFC Both

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(Applications must be submitted in this format. Please do not retype or reformat.)

Name: Richard Henry Anton	
Spouse's Name: Merriessa Anton	
512-813-7113	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	
Owner and CEO - Law Office of Richard H. Anton, A Professional Corporation	
Attorney	
5005 Lodge View Lane Austin, TX 78731	Law Office of Richard H. Anton, A Prof. Corp. PO Box 26797 Austin, TX 78755-0797

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

Abilene Cooper HS - graduated 1964	
University of Texas BA	1968
Harvard University MS University of Texas School of Law JD	1973 1976
Licenses/Certifications: State Bar of Texas Missouri Bar Board Certified, Civil Trial Law Board Certified, Consumer and Commercial Law	1985 1976 1992 1998

Exhibit B

Name: Richard H. Anton

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER HISTORY (include administrative and finance experience):

<p>Practice of law since 1976 Kansas City MO 1976-1985 - associate with various law firms Austin, TX 1985 - 1994 - associate and then partner with Hancock Piedfort Austin, TX 1995 - present - sole practitioner</p>
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Former positions involved various budgeting and financial decision making for operations of law firms. Current position includes all financial and administrative decisions - budgeting, marketing, management, payroll, etc.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

**State Bar of Texas
College of the State Bar of Texas
American Bar Association
American Association for Justice (formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America)
Missouri Bar
Capital Area Trial Lawyers
Texas Trial Lawyers Association
Austin Bar Association**

PUBLIC SERVICE (include participation in local, state, and federal governmental processes):

**Member of Unauthorized practice of law committee, Travis County
President, Northwest Austin Civic Association
Former president, North Cat Mountain Neighbor Association**

Name: Richard H. Anton

CIVIC PARTICIPATION:
Northwest Austin Civic Association
North Cat Mountain Neighborhood Association
Former Democratic Party Precinct Chair, Precinct 220

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES:
Current President, Northwest Austin Civic Association
Former President, North Cat Mountain Neighborhood Association
Former Democratic Party Precinct Chair, Precinct 220
Member and former president, North by Northwest Democrats

COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING EXPERIENCE AND/OR KNOWLEDGE:
Formerly represented Kansas City MO Housing Authority, primarily in landlord/tenant issues
Occasional representation of landlords and tenants in residential or commercial housing disputes
Extensive litigation experience in real estate issues, primarily residential

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TRAVIS COUNTY

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STRATEGIC HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPOINTMENT APPLICATION**

Name: Richard Henry Anton				
August 30, 1946	[REDACTED]	Are you a U.S. Citizen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Ethnicity: (Optional)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Other: _____

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give Travis County full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application.

Richard Henry Anton

Printed Name

Richard H. Anton

Applicant's Signature

November 13, 2012

Date

**Return completed application and attachments via mail to:
Travis County Commissioners Court
Attention: Intergovernmental Relations Office**

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Board Application
DUE DATE: November 30, 2012

Housing Authority of Travis County, Texas
Strategic Housing Finance Corporation
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RICHARD H. ANTON
Attorney at Law
P.O.Box 26797
Austin, TX 78755-0797
[REDACTED]

PERSONAL

Born: Fort Worth, Texas
Married: Merriessa Ratkin Anton
Children: Lane Elliott Anton
Shirra Navit Anton
Residence: 5005 Lodge View Lane
Austin, Texas 78731
[REDACTED]

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law, Austin; J.D., 1973-1976
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; M.S., Computer Science, 1972-1973
University of Texas, Austin; B.A. with Honors, Math, 1964-1968

HONORS

Phi Eta Sigma, 1964
Phi Delta Phi, 1975
Phi Beta Kappa, 1968
Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, 1992
Board Certified, Consumer and Commercial Law, 1998
Certified Guardian Ad Litem

BAR ADMISSIONS

Missouri, 1976
Texas, 1985
Western District of Missouri (Federal), 1976
10th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1978
8th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979
U.S. Supreme Court, 1982
Western District of Texas (Federal), 1985

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association, American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA), Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Capital Area Trial Lawyers Association, Austin Bar Association

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

8/68 - 4/72 United States Navy, Communications Technician Second Class

8/72 - 6/73 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

This was a part-time position while I attended graduate school. I had a class of about 20 students whom I instructed in computer programming and computer science.

6/75 - 8/75 Summer Law Clerk, Brown & Bain, Phoenix, AZ.

8/75 - 6/76 Teaching Quizmaster, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX.

I was responsible for teaching Legal Research and Writing skills to a class of 25 or so freshman law students. I was selected for this position through an application process that required certain academic levels and demonstrable skills in writing and teaching. I taught the

students how to do legal research and how to apply it to specific legal issues. I had to prepare and grade exams and final projects, which included a Memorandum of Law during the first semester and an Appellate Brief during the second semester. In addition I taught and evaluated the students' oral argument skills.

6/76 - 3/80 Associate, Koenigsdorf, Kusnetzky, and Wyrsh, Kansas City, Mo.

This position involved mostly a general civil practice, with an emphasis on Personal Injury litigation representing plaintiffs. My practice included automobile accidents, products liability, medical malpractice, landlord-tenant, antitrust, Federal Energy Act claims, employment discrimination, Workers Compensation, Social Security appeals, family law, and other civil litigation. I also handled minor criminal cases, including mostly DUI charges in municipal court and some misdemeanor and felony cases in state district court. In addition I handled bankruptcy cases and some general office practice, including wills and estates. During my time with this firm, I instituted and maintained procedures for representing the Kansas City Housing Authority in landlord-tenant litigation. I also handled the trial and appeal of one of the first cases under the Federal Energy Act.

3/80 - 10/82 Sole practitioner, Kansas City, Mo.

During this period of time, my primary practice was still in civil litigation, and I had a broader office practice, including formation of corporations and partnerships. Most of the personal injury practice involved automobile negligence, and I continued to handle landlord-tenant, employment discrimination, Workers Compensation, Social Security appeals, family law, and other civil litigation, as well as bankruptcy and municipal court charges. I managed an office comprising three attorneys including myself. This involved personnel matters, marketing, and financial operations, including meeting the payroll and regular accounts payable.

10/82 - 12/84 Associate with Gerald H. Rosen, Kansas City, Mo.

In this position I concentrated primarily on Plaintiffs' personal injury litigation, as well as employment discrimination and other civil rights litigation. I also continued to handle Workers Compensation, Social Security appeals, family law, bankruptcy, and municipal court charges. I was instrumental in automating this office by procuring state of the art word processing equipment and also assisted in designing new offices in a new building.

2/85 - 2/87 Associate with Hancock, Piedfort, Galton & McGill

During this period of time, my practice varied considerably. The primary focus was civil litigation, primarily DTPA, Real Estate, and similar consumer issues, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. I continued to practice some family law and a considerable amount of bankruptcy, and I also engaged in some office practice, primarily in corporations, probate, and wills and estates.

2/87 - 12/94 Shareholder in Hancock & Piedfort, Inc.

For the last few years with this firm, I attempted to limit the scope of my practice to civil litigation and bankruptcy. Most of the litigation involved consumer and commercial issues, including especially real estate disputes of various types. I handled some personal injury work and family law; my goal was to concentrate on commercial and consumer litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. I continued to handle bankruptcy for both debtors and creditors, as the economy required. I became Board Certified in Civil Trial Law, and I initiated the certification process for Consumer Law (now known as Consumer and Commercial Law).

1/95 - present Sole practitioner

Since the termination and dissolution of Hancock & Piedfort, I have maintained a solo practice in which I am still concentrating on civil litigation and bankruptcy. The litigation includes consumer and commercial litigation with an emphasis on real estate disputes. I handle some general litigation and family law as well, and I am attempting to expand my

general office practice, especially in the areas of Wills, Estate Planning, and Probate. I continue to focus on commercial and consumer litigation representing both plaintiffs and defendants, and I have some experience as a mediator. I also continue to handle bankruptcy matters for debtors and creditors. I have become Board Certified in Consumer and Commercial Law. I have also taught a paralegal training course part-time for Austin Community College. I have also become a certified Guardian Ad Litem.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

First State Bank, Henry S. Miller Company, Keller Williams REALTORS, Adams & Holmes Mortgage Co., Inc., Acceleration National Insurance Company, Employers Reinsurance Corporation, State Farm Insurance Company, Land Stabilizers, Inc., Home Critic, Pond Springs Investment International, Inc.

**Wilmer
Roberts**

TRAVIS COUNTY
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APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

I am applying for: HATC SHFC Both
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Name: Wilmer Roberts			RECEIVED COMMISSIONERS OFFICE 12 NOV 30 PM 12:24
Spouse's Name: Janary Roberts			
Home Telephone # ██████████	Work Telephone # ██████████	Fax # ██████████	
Email Address ██		Cellular # (Optional) ██████████	
Present Job title & job description:			
Retired-Insurance Agent with American Equity Life Insurance Company-Sell life insurance to Union Fire Fighters throughout the State of Texas.			
Program Manager for Texas Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve-Managed budget for the program, assisted employers and volunteers with educational opportunities and helped National Guard employees and reserves with employment and job related issues.			
Board Member for the Municipal Utility Board for Travis County MUD 2-Approve bonds and payment of vendors, set policies and improvements for the MUD.			
Board Member for the Mt Zion Baptist Church Housing Board for senior citizens-Set rules and guidelines for senior citizens and disabled residents that reside in the units.			
Profession: Insurance Agent			
Home Address (STREET/P.O. BOX, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 13804 Tercel Trace Manor TX 78653 County: Travis		Employer and Employer's Address Same	

~~EDUCATION/TRAINING:~~ _____

High School or equivalent (G.E.D.) Charlton Pollard High School	
Undergraduate School: Lamar University, Beaumont, TX	Year Graduated: Yes
Graduate School:	Year Graduated:
Licenses/Certifications: Life and Health and Causality Insurance	Year Obtained: 2006

Exhibit B

Name: Wilmer Roberts

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER HISTORY (include administrative and finance experience):

**Texas Army National Guard- MGIB Manager and Program Manager
Texas Attorney General Office- Deputy Division Chief
Jefferson County Probation Officer
Wright Construction Company- Construction Manager
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation- Program Manager
PPG Industries- Operator**

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

National Guard Association of Texas

PUBLIC SERVICE (include participation in local, state, and federal governmental processes):

**Travis County Grand Jury
Mt Zion Baptist Church Director**

Name: Wilmer Roberts

CIVIC PARTICIPATION:

Travis County Democratic Party

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES:

**Leadership Beaumont
Omega Psi Phi
Sigma Phi Phi**

COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING EXPERIENCE AND/OR KNOWLEDGE:

**Mt Zion Baptist Church Housing Board
Shadow Glen Home Owners Association**

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Name: Wilmer Roberts					
Date of Birth 09-12-1947	[REDACTED]	Are you a U.S. Citizen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Ethnicity: (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	Other: _____

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Wilmer Roberts

Printed Name



Applicant's Signature

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700 Lavaca Street, Suite 360
Austin, Texas 78701

Or via email to IGR@co.travis.tx.us.

Wilmer Roberts

13804 Terrel Trace
Manor, TX 78653

(512) 979-8888
[REDACTED]

OBJECTIVE

Obtain a part-time position that will allow me to use my vast experience acquired in my previous employments, which included Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve.

CAREER SUMMARY

Extensive experience in several senior executive positions characterizes my work history including, personnel and financial management; strategic planning, researching analysis and investigations; operations analysis, governmental/community liaison activities, outreach activities and excellent public relations and communication skills maximizing formal presentations skills to government, civic and community groups along with managing team to enable me to organize effective teams and motivational abilities and assist in the identification and solving of problems.

My ability to analyze all aspects of human resources allows me to be successful in many areas of management. I developed and implemented the Data Management and Information Technology Services and selection procedure for the Texas Attorney General's Office. I provided educational information to military service members applying for tuition assistance and qualified soldiers for the MGIB education benefits. I served as liaison to the Texas State Legislature for the TXARNG, and I worked with the Texas Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), managing the office in the absence of the Executive Director and Program Support Specialist, coordinating Texas Volunteers and managing the Soldiers Readiness Process of the TXARNG.

I served in the capacity as program manager for Texas ESGR - planning and developing events such as Bosslift for employers and military leaders in support of the various reserve components. I prepare cost analysis and event requests for events that were planned by Area and Regional Chairs and manage governmental purchases for items used in events. I coordinate ombudsman cases in conjunction with the coordinator of ombudsman services and manage individuals that support the soldier readiness process and the de-mobing of members coming off active duty. I managed an office staff of three and managed over 250 volunteers in the Texas ESGR program.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Texas Joint Military Forces, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas September 15, 2003 - Present

Program Manager for the Texas ESGR Committee, TJMF J-1

Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Manager and State Tuition Assistant Manager, TJMF Education Office

Administrative Assistant, Command Group, 49th Armored Division

Information Specialist, State Tuition Assistant Manager, MGIB Manager, Education Service Office, TXARNG

- Managed the Military Outreach program for the Texas ESGR Committee coordinating with the Volunteer Military Chair and helping with the implementing of Employer Service
- Review and makes recommendations in all program areas for annual budget, ombudsman cases assignment
- Recommend corrective action and provide reports to management

- Program Staff Management Analysis for all travel and event activities, reviewing all travel requirement, plan and coordinate Training and Outreach events, analyze travel budget requirements and formulate annual budget
- Provide Full Time Management of the Military Outreach program, establishing training requirements for over 170 state committee members and supervising the development of Unit database
- Representative at the Unit level for all the Branches of the US Armed Services for the TX ESGR committee
- Manage Texas ESGR interface with the Texas Military Forces members that are deploying and returning from deployment ensuring that they understand their rights and responsibilities under Uniform Services Employment Reemployment Right Act (USERRA)
- Coordinated and directed the office and volunteer staff duty assignments to ensure maximum support to the volunteer operation in absence of the Executive Director
- Planned, coordinated and administered a two (2) million dollars budget, ensuring cost effectiveness and operating within the agencies' approved budgets
- Applied Zero based budget guidelines - planned, developed and administered the division's budget ensuring all necessary transactions were funded
- Planned, coordinated and administered a two (2) million dollars budget, ensuring cost effectiveness and operating within agencies approved budget. Using Zero based budget guidelines, planned, developed and administered the division's budget ensuring all necessary functions were funded.

Office of the Attorney General, Austin, Texas October 1, 1991 – September 12, 2003

Consumer Outreach Coordinator, Consumer Protection Division

Deputy Chief, Consumer Education and Elder Outreach Division

Deputy for Administrative Services, Human Resources Division

Staff Services Manager, Worker's Compensation Division

- As primary spokesperson for the Office of the Attorney General, I represented the agency on community elder care program issues and served as the liaison to the legislature.
- Developed, implemented and evaluated outreach activities for program effectiveness for the Office of the Attorney General Consumer Education and Elder Outreach program throughout the State of Texas
- Developed organizational goals and initiated operational policies and procedures to ensure compliance of program objectives
- Managed support staff, technicians and professionals ensuring information and services were timely, accurate and complete
- Maintaining the division's data and ensuring records were filed and maintained in accordance with state and federal law
- Responsible for the development and implementation of strategic and budget plans, division operation, and professional development of staff
- Developed and implemented promotional tools including: educational brochures, radio programs, television shows and videotapes on a variety of consumer issues including the following: "Know Your Rights", "Telemarketing", "Safe Return Home", "Home Equity" and "Your Rights as a Tenant"
- Produced the Attorney General first home equity brochure and selection guidelines for employment
- Monitored legislative committee hearings and provided input to legislative committees regarding consumer and employment issues
- Coordinated interagency program services among local, state and national organizations
- Articulated the Agency vision and mission and formed a strategic plan.
- Drafted Policies and Procedures manuals, EEO Plan, Selection Procedures, and Operations Manual for the Human Resources Division

- Drafted the Consumer Complaint Resolution Manual for the Consumer Protection Division
- Developed a procedure and guideline manual for the Consumer Education and Elder Outreach Division for the Texas Attorney General Office
- Planned and implemented the purchase of the Agency's identification system
- Assisted with the automated system design phase for managing the agency's personnel leave and recording system
- Successfully managed a diverse multi-cultural, regional staff throughout the state of Texas
- Served on several boards and commissions in various executive positions

Attorney General Dan Morales Campaign August 1, 1992 - December 15, 1992

African American Field Director – Get out the Vote Campaign

Jefferson County Community Supervision March 1, 1984 – September 30, 1991

Felony Community Supervision Officer

Wright Construction Company September 1, 1982 – February 28, 1984

Construction Manager/Contractor

Mobil Chemical Company October 1, 1981 – August 31, 1982

Saudi Services Coordinator

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation June 1, 1980 – September 30, 1981

Field Services Coordinator

- Coordinated the first Neighborhood Housing Service program in Beaumont, Texas
- Ensured that the development of a local neighborhood was complete by using Community Development Block Grant funds and other local partnerships

PPG Industries June 30, 1969 – May 31, 1980

Chemical Operator
Shop Stewart

Texas Army National Guard August 30, 1989 – September 30, 2007

United States Marine Corp May 30, 1965 – May 26, 1969

Education:

Bachelor of Business Administration, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas

Graduate General Studies, Charlton Pollard High School, Beaumont, Texas

Specialty Training and Certifications

Government Budgeting and Purchasing
AFCOS Orders and Budget System
ESGR Ombudsman Course
Certified Mediator (Defense Equal Organization management Institute)
Montgomery GI Bill Certification Course
Government Purchase Card Holder Course
Federal Tuition Assistance
Test Proctoring
Microsoft Office 2003
Platoon Leaders Development Course
Property and Casualty Insurance*2006

Life and Health insurance *2006
Banking/Investment services
Military Supply School Course
Certified Probation Officer

Civic and Community Involvement

Member of City of Beaumont Planning Commission
Board of Director Neighborhood Housing Service Program
Shadow Glen Homeowners Association
Travis County MUD 2
Mt Zion Baptist Church Housing Board –Austin, TX
Vice President of A. Phillip Randolph Institute
President of Texas Black Alcoholism Counsel
Precinct Chairman Jefferson County
Deacon, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Board of Management, Trustee and Building Committee for Starlight Missionary Baptist Church,
Beaumont, TX
Member, National Association for the Advancement of Color People
Member, Sigma Phi Phi
Member, Omega, Psi Phi
Member, Pride of Beaumont, Masonic Lodge
Worthy Patron, Order of Eastern Stars

Published Books/Documents

Contributing writer for "*Living with Racism, the African American Experience*"
Arthur, Melvin P. Sikes and Joe Fagin
Co Arthur- In publication "*Developing Ministries for the Church*"
Wilmer Roberts, G. V. Clark, Lawrence Vault and Noah Diggs

**Gary
Wardian**

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Name: Gary Wardian		
Spouse's Name: NA		
Home Telephone # [REDACTED]	Work Telephone # [REDACTED]	Fax #
Email Address [REDACTED]		Cellular # (Optional)
Present Job title & job description: Principal, Tierra Capital Group. Engaged with development in real estate and energy, currently focused on biofuels.		
Profession: Real Estate and Energy		
Home Address (STREET/P.O. BOX, CITY, STATE, ZIP) PO Box 10555, Austin, TX 78766		Employer and Employer's Address Tierra Capital Group 411 Brazos, # 102 Austin, TX 78701
County: Travis		

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

High School or equivalent (G.E.D.)	Gonzaga Preparatory School, Spokane, Washington	
Undergraduate School:	Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington	Year Graduated: 1971
Graduate School:	Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts	Year Graduated: 1975

Licenses/Certifications: Salesperson (see attached)	Former Real Estate Broker and Securities	Year Obtained:
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Exhibit B

Name: Gary Wardian

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER HISTORY (include administrative and finance experience):

See attached Biographical Summary and Vitae. Managed Austin regional office and later was company Principal -- all involving finance, budgets, and spreadsheets. Specialty knowledge in public-private partnerships (see Vitae).

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Former member of Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Austin Alliance, Austin Board of Realtors, Texas Board of Realtors, National Board of Realtors.

PUBLIC SERVICE (include participation in local, state, and federal governmental processes):

Served as citizen volunteer on Austin Tomorrow master plan committee in 1980's.

Name: Gary Wardian

CIVIC PARTICIPATION:

Former Boy Scout member and leader.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES:

Former Vice President of East Eleventh Street Village Association assisting landowners with mixed use redevelopment planning (see Vitae).

COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING EXPERIENCE AND/OR KNOWLEDGE:

Former officer/advisor with local nonprofit housing and economic development corporation. Development background includes site selection, entitlements, financial analysis, and design for multi-family and single family residential projects in growing urban areas (see Biographical summary and Vitae).

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Or via email to [\IGR@co.travis.tx.us.\](mailto:IGR@co.travis.tx.us)

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Gary Wardian is a principal with Tierra Capital Group engaged in energy, finance, and real estate.

Energy sector activities 2010 to present involve renewable energy, oil, and coal with a focus on biofuel. In association with an emerging U.S. company that has developed a leading proprietary “green” manufacturing process, he facilitates supply chain elements and establishes industry relationships regarding timber resources, site research, truck/rail/maritime transporters, utility providers, electric generation and transmission systems, regulatory and permitting issues, product purchasers, economic development organizations, and public officials.

Previously he was an associate real estate broker with Liston Realtors in the greater Austin region. He also was a loan originator and marketing executive in central Texas for a residential mortgage bank. From 1998 to 2004 he owned and operated the Wardian Company to provide comprehensive real estate brokerage and development consulting services to investors, commercial users, residential developers, and individual property owners in central Texas.

Mr. Wardian held positions as Senior Regional Manager and Dispositions Manager in Austin, Texas and Southern California 1983 - 1998 for Bennett Consolidated, a real estate investment company. He managed a portfolio of land investment holdings targeted to retail, industrial, multifamily, and residential uses. Applying proprietary criteria, he initiated the acquisition, predevelopment, and disposition of land in central Texas and Southern California representing investments of over \$70 million. Responsibilities included ownership research, contract negotiations, value-added entitlements, and marketing properties to homebuilders, developers, and commercial users.

From 1980 to 1983, he held positions in Seattle, Tucson, San Antonio, and Austin as a real estate acquisitions manager with The Myers Company and with Environmental Research and Development Corporation. Prior to entering the real estate field in 1980, he specialized as a communications marketing consultant to the retail industry with Pacific Northwest Bell. He also taught college preparatory courses in English and communications at Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon from 1971-1973.

Mr. Wardian has been featured in “People in Real Estate”, Los Angeles Times/Orange County. A former member of the Austin Board of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors, he held a Texas Broker license for 25 years and has also held real estate licenses in Washington and Oregon, and a securities license in Washington. He earned degrees from Seattle University, Gonzaga University, and Harvard in education, philosophy, and theological studies.

VITAE

Gary Wardian

- ❖ Determined large underutilized biofuel timberbaskets in designated states and established relationships with sustainable harvesters.
- ❖ Located suitable manufacturing locations meeting numerous site criteria.
- ❖ Interfaced with supply chain elements of truck, rail, and maritime transportation.
- ❖ Researched various facility permitting jurisdictions, requirements, and contacts.
- ❖ Engaged coal power plant operators regarding emissions and product solutions.
- ❖ Identified vertical system of clean electric generation from specific manufacturing sites through transmission and sale to wholesale or retail consumers.
- ❖ Negotiated land acquisitions totaling over \$70 million in Arizona, California, and Texas on behalf of developers and real estate investors -- primarily accredited high net worth individuals and REITS.
- ❖ Utilized proprietary research methodologies for land investment acquisition programs by regional and national sponsors in various cities and states.
- ❖ Assisted in preparation of marketing materials, presentations, and ongoing client communication programs of real estate investment firms that secured over \$500 million in private capital commitments.
- ❖ Structured and negotiated joint ventures for development projects.
- ❖ On behalf of investor owners, coordinated the design and regulatory approvals of Master Plans, Preliminary Plans, Final Plats, and Site Development Permits for various commercial and residential properties, incorporating requirements of marketing, permitting, access, utility service, easements, topography, environmental constraints, development phasing, infrastructure and building construction costs.
- ❖ Interfaced with feasibility consultants, appraisers, surveyors, title companies, attorneys, environmental experts, civil engineers, traffic engineers, architects, land planners, and bankers regarding commercial and residential development of land for investment purposes.
- ❖ Involved with design consultants for commercial projects totaling over two million square feet of improvements, and for residential projects with over 3000 units.
- ❖ Served on the Southeast Area Council of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, and participated in numerous other Chamber activities.
- ❖ Served on both the Economic Development and the Transportation subcommittees of the Downtown Austin Alliance, which is a public-private corporation established to promote downtown economic development.

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- ❖ Developed land marketing strategies and implemented regional and national sales programs in coordination with other real estate brokers, market data resources, and public relations firms. Attended various industry meetings including annual national International Council of Shopping Centers conventions.
- ❖ Selected by the Austin City Council to serve on a citizen committee to revise the city's Master Plan.
- ❖ Coordinated the rezoning of properties for commercial and residential uses, including the creation and adoption by the City Council of a unique new section of the Austin Zoning Ordinance supported by multiple property owners encompassing 30 acres for urban infill redevelopment.

- ❖ Served on a Mello-Roos committee in Corona, California, to plan, finance, and implement the public infrastructure for 2000 acres of new development involving numerous private and public landowners.
- ❖ Provided oversight for right-of-way dedications to facilitate development of various properties. Negotiated a friendly sale of property for additional highway right-of-way in Texas, resulting in positive returns on investment for the landowners while also meeting future public transportation needs.
- ❖ Assisted planning to redesign major freeway sections in Austin including interface with business and community groups, highway department personnel, transit agencies, engineers, and elected officials.
- ❖ Directed efforts to modify the jurisdictional boundaries of contiguous cities and utility districts to enable a development project in central Texas.
- ❖ Coordinated the formulation and successful passage of state legislation for conveyance of a publicly owned tract of land.
- ❖ Provided development services to a Michigan municipality to facilitate major public and private investment for the enhancement of its historic downtown district as a regional destination and the structuring of various forms of public financial participation correlated to private capital markets.
- ❖ Director of Development including site selection and financial proforma for a proposed vertically integrated residential community with golf course and commercial services in Central America.
- ❖ Communicated with newspaper and television media representatives, and coordinated press events, to provide information and to promote development projects.
- ❖ Served on the Board of Directors for an Austin-based community development corporation. Identified various public finance mechanisms and public-private partnership opportunities.
- ❖ Held real estate securities salesperson license in the State of Washington.
- ❖ Held real estate salesperson or broker licenses in Oregon, Texas, and Washington for almost 30 years.
- ❖ Longtime membership in Austin Board of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors, and National Board of Realtors.