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Student Adjunct Advisory Board/Committee Appointments for terms to expire August 1, 2006

..Recommendation

The City Commission appoint Student Adjunct Members to the following Advisory Boards and Committees for terms to expire August 1, 2006

Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development –
City Beautification Board –
Development Review Board –
Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee –

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**STUDENT ADJUNCT BOARD-COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT BALLOTS**

Board: Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development

Openings: One (1) term
Applications: Five (5) applications

PLEASE *Initial* YOUR SELECTION

Expiration: August 1, 2006

NAME OF APPLICANT	COMM Braddy	COMM Bryant	COMM Chestnut	COMM Donovan	COMM Lowe	COMM Nielsen	CHAIR Hanrahan
Jariel Bortnick		<i>e</i>					<i>e</i>
Robert J. Kairis	<i>e</i>						
Christopher M. Lemire							
Benjamin Marcus			<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>		
Brad I. Vialpando						<i>e</i>	

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City of Gainesville
STUDENT ADJUNCT APPLICATION
for City Commission Advisory Boards & Committees
(Please Print or Type)

NAME: Jariel Bortnick

BOARD NAME:

1) Development Review Board

MEETING DATE ATTENDED:

June, 2005

CITY, ST: Gainesville, FL ZIP 32601

BOARD NAME:

2) Citizens Advisory Committee for Econ. Dev.

MEETING DATE ATTENDED:

June, 2005

PHONE: (HOME) () -

e-MAIL: bortnick@ufl.edu

Training/Experience related to Board/Committee to which appointment is being sought: I recently graduated from the Univ. of Pennsylvania with a BA in Urban Studies (Urban Planning), and a dual minor in real estate/urban development. I am also very familiar with the growth principles that the city commission often relies on, including New Urbanism and anti-sprawl/urban infill policies (which I wrote my thesis on). I am also very familiar with Gainesville and its many distinct

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND			PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
COLLEGE/HIGHER EDUCATION	GRAD?	DEGREE	
Univ. of FL Levin College of Law	2008	J.D.	
Univ. of Pennsylvania	Yes	B.A.	
High School: <u>Eastside High School/O.H.H.S.</u>	Yes	Location: <u>Gainesville</u>	

REFERENCES	
NAME	PHONE NUMBER
1) <u>Andrew Cooper</u>	<u>(561) 702-0908</u>
2) <u>Aaron Davis</u>	<u>(305) 283-7887</u>
3) <u>Andrew Comiter</u>	<u>(352) 262-9465</u>

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
(Voluntary)

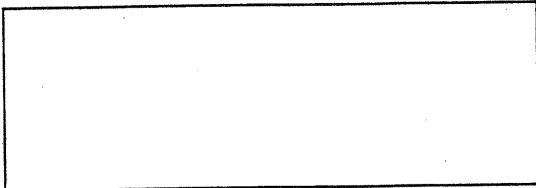
RACE: African American White Asian American Hispanic American Other _____
SEX: Male Female

Reside Within City of Gainesville City Limits? YES NO

Are you a "relative" of a member of the City Commission? YES NO
Section 112.3135, Florida Statutes defines "relative" as: An individual who is related to the public official as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister."

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Signature Jariel Bortnick Date 10/3/05



JARIEL R. BORTNICK

bortnick@ufl.edu

Education	B.A. Degree • Urban Studies Major, Real Estate Concentration • 3.7 Cumulative Grade Point Average • Dean's Scholar, 2002-2003 (1 of 4 Recipients)	The University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
Relevant Work Experience	June 2005 – August 2005 Intern, Communications Department • Wrote a daily analysis of major news stories for members of the White House Senior Staff • Compiled "talking points" on various major issues that were utilized by members of the administration and Congress • Wrote "fact sheets" detailing the President's agenda that were distributed to national news media	The White House	Washington, D.C.
	October 2004 – May 2005 Investment Sales Associate • Analyzed pending transactions in order to design case studies of major deals • Assisted in the proposal, marketing, and transaction phases of investment sales • Designed promotional materials for the department	Cushman & Wakefield	Philadelphia, PA
	January 2004-May 2004 Leasing Agent • Responsible for guiding potential tenants through the leasing process • Primary task was showing the available units	Campus Apartments	Philadelphia, PA
	May 2004-September 2004 Senior Campaign Aide • Planned events to increase candidate awareness among area residents • Organized district walks, direct mail campaigns, and candidate appearances • Drafted campaign materials	Re-Elect State Rep. Adam Hasner	Boca Raton, FL
	August 2003 – Present Beat Reporter/General Assignments • Real Estate reporter, Spring '04 semester, responsible for covering real estate development in the West Philadelphia/University City area, writing in-depth profiles of real estate developers • General Assignments reporter, Fall '03 semester	The Daily Pennsylvanian Newspaper	Philadelphia, PA
Campus Leadership Experience	College Republicans: University of Pennsylvania Chapter • 2004-2005: Executive Director -Responsible for coordinating the chapter's internal organization, as well as the local campaign efforts, including those of incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter and President Bush • 2004: State Convention Delegate Penn History Review: Bi-annual publication of top student research essays • 2003-2005: Editor -Directed the submission and selection processes, as well as overseeing the Review's marketing campaign Student Government Lobbying Team • 2002-2003: City Lobbying Director -Responsible for coordinating the efforts of the student delegation to City Council -Organized an on-campus debate for City Council candidates (with 80% attendance)		

Student Adjunct Board/Committee Application

Submitted on: (Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 4:58:54 PM)

Boards Applied For:

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Development

Meeting Date: Unavailable

Personal/Contact Information

Name: Robert J Kairis

E-mail Address: rikairis@ufl.edu

Occupation: Student

Race: Caucasian

Sex: Male

Miscellaneous Information:

Experience/Training Information

Related to Board/Committee:

Philanthropy Chair of a fraternity on campus which entails planning and organizing a philanthropic event, providing community service, and participating in other philanthropic events. Also, a member of Friends for Life at UF which benefits pediatric cancer patients both monetarily and through volunteer work. Volunteering includes: Hope Lodge, J.J. Finley Elementary School, and red cross of Alachua county Educational Background: Graduated with honors from William T. Dwyer High in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Currently working on getting a BA in Business Administration at UF.

Professional Organizations:

References:

Background Information

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Question 1 (City Resident?): Yes

Question 2 (Commission Relative?): No

Student Adjunct Board/Committee Application

Submitted on: (Monday, October 03, 2005 at 9:53:34 PM)

Boards Applied For:
Human Rights Board
Meeting Date:

Boards Applied For:
 Citizen's Advisory Committee for Community Development
Meeting Date:

Personal/Contact Information

Name: Christopher M Lemire

E-mail Address: wrlemire@yahoo.com

Occupation: Student
Race: Other
Sex: Male
Miscellaneous Information:

Experience/Training Information

Related to Board/Committee:

1 year @ University Homeless Council (<http://homelesscouncil.org/>)
Student President of U.C.A.N. (United Central Activities Network)

Educational Background:

A.A. @ Santa Fe Community College
B.A. @ University of Florida (Current 4th year)

Professional Organizations:

References:

Eric Leightman, President 846-6916
219-2879 (mobile)
eric@homelesscouncil.org

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(Please Print or Type)

NAME: Benjamin Marcus
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, ST: Gainesville, FL ZIP 32608
PHONE: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____
e-MAIL: bmarcus@gmail.com

BOARD NAME:
1) RTS advisory board
MEETING DATE ATTENDED: _____, 20045

BOARD NAME:
2) Community Development
MEETING DATE ATTENDED: _____, 20045

Training/Experience related to Board/Committee to which appointment is being sought: much experience in advocating for student's rights, long time rider of public transportation, very involved in student government at Santa Fe Community College

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND			PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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Columbia College Chicago	no	music	SFCC Student Government: senator, Chair of Recruitment Committee
Santa Fe Community College	no	Political science	FSCCSGA (Florida Junior/Community College Student Government Association): State Secretary
High School: Evanston Township High School	yes	Location: Evanston, IL	Gainesville Citizens Academy

REFERENCES	
NAME	PHONE NUMBER
1) Alan Rezaei	362-381-3782
2) Dennis Reynolds	850-484-1503
3) Jason Kafoury	202-465-2764


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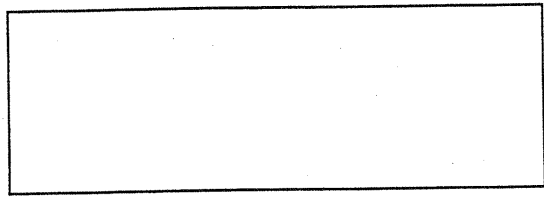
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Signature

10/3/05
Date



Benjamin Marcus

Gainesville, FL 32608

Email: bmarcus@gmail.com

October 2, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Although I have not attended a meeting of the RTS Citizens Advisory Board as of yet, I feel that I am still well qualified for the position. I have been riding public transportation on a regular basis since the age of 12 and have had the opportunity to live in large cities with well developed public transportation system. With the knowledge and experience I have, I have the ability to consider larger public transportation systems when considering the future of RTS.

I also have an extensive background in advocating for student's rights and I am currently actively involved in student government at Santa Fe Community College and in FJCCSGA, Florida Junior/Community College Student Government Association. This experience makes me well qualified to speak on behalf of students living in Gainesville and the surrounding area, specifically Santa Fe Community College students.

Again, while I have not attended a meeting of the RTS Citizens Advisory Board, I am well qualified for the position of Student Adjunct based on pervious experience and am honored to be considered for the position.

Best regards,



Benjamin Marcus

BENJAMIN MARCUS

WORK EXPERIENCE

May. 2005-present Hoye Properties Gainesville, FL
Maintenance

- Maintain properties
- Repair and renovate properties

Jun. 2004-Nov. 2004 Nader for President 2004 Washington, DC
National Campus Coordinator

- Oversee network of 400 campus chapters
- Communicate with college newspapers and publications
- Provide advice to staff about college activity
- Coordinate all campaign activity on college campuses

Jan. 2004-Jun. 2004 Forbis & Associates Falls Church, VA
Associate

- Survey patrons concerning soon-to-be-released movies
- Survey patrons concerning current movies

Sep. 2003-Jun. 2004 City Year Washington, DC Washington, DC
Corps Member

- Lead teams of 10-40 volunteers in community service projects
- Tutor and mentor children in Washington, DC public schools
- Run spring camp for disadvantaged children
- Contact corporations about participating in service projects

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Jun. 2005-present Santa Fe Community College Student Government Gainesville, FL
Senator At-Large

- Chairman of Recruitment Committee
- Member of Office of Community Service Advisory Board
- Member of Academic Affairs Advisory Board

Jun. 2005-present FJCCSGA Gainesville, FL
State Secretary

- Maintain database of members of FJCCSGA (Florida Junior/Community College Student Government Association)

- Record and maintain minutes from Executive Board meetings and Presidents Assemblies
- Have a vote on the Executive Board

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Have volunteered with multiple non-profits in Washington, DC area including Greenpeace, Democracy Rising, Nader for President 2004 and Food and Friends. Have volunteered at soup kitchens frequently in Washington, DC and Chicago, IL. Have also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Keep Alachua County Beautiful.

EDUCATION

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 2005-present | Santa Fe Community College | Gainesville, FL |
| ▪ | Expected graduation May 2006 | |
| Sep.1998-Jun. 2002 | Evanston Township High School | Evanston, IL |
| ▪ | Received High School diploma | |



Office of the Student Body President

Santa Fe Community College
3000 NW 83rd St. Room S-135
Gainesville, FL. 32606

Phone: 352-381-3782 Fax: 352-395-7388 Email: sgpresident@sfcc.edu

Oct. 3, 2005

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to show my support for SFCC student Benjamin G. Marcus to be our student adjunct on the RTS Citizen Advisory Board. I have worked with Ben since he joined our Student Government and have been very impressed with his dedication to our students' issues and concerns.

I am confident he will serve and represent our student body well and be an effective voice for conveying our students' regional transit needs.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank You

Sincerely,

Alan Rezaei
SFCC Student Body President

Student Adjunct Board/Committee Application

Submitted on: (Friday, September 30, 2005 at 7:59:48 PM)

Boards Applied For:
Development Review Board
Meeting Date:

Boards Applied For:
✓ **Citizens Committee for Community Development**
Meeting Date:

Personal/Contact Information

Name: Brad I Vialpando

E-mail Address: BradleyVialpando@yahoo.com

Occupation: Law Student
Race: Hispanic American
Sex: Male
Miscellaneous Information:

Experience/Training Information

Related to Board/Committee:

Educational Background:

University of Florida B.A. History Cum Laude GPA 3.5, Upper Divisional GPA 3.86
Levin College of Law University of Florida Juris Doctor Candidate GPA 3.07 Professional

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