

From: Philpott, Katie  
Sent: 4/1/2015 9:49:17 AM  
To: Haley, Nikki  
Cc:  
Subject: FW: Minority Affairs Commission

Governor,

We asked the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to provide us with a recommendation for the Commission for Minority Affairs-3<sup>rd</sup> District Seat. They only recommended 1 candidate who is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Walter Torres (his biography is the first attachment). He is a young entrepreneur, originally from Mexico. He came to SC to get his business degree at Anderson University. He now owns and operates Printing Solutions in Walhalla, SC and recently received the SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The remaining candidates would only qualify for At-large seats. We asked Representative Alexander for a recommendation for an at-large seat and are looking at Helen Grant for the remaining at-large seat.

Please let me know if you would like to nominate Mr. Torres or if you would prefer to revisit the At-large seats.

Respectfully,

Katie

**From:** Webb, Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 10:05 AM  
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**From:** Gustavo Nieves [[<mailto:gnieves91@gmail.com>](mailto:gnieves91@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2015 6:08 PM

**To:** Webb, Beth

**Subject:** Re: Minority Affairs Commission

Beth,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding the names you wanted me to submit for the Minority Affairs Commission board. I have several names for you. One of them, Walter Torres, would be a great fit for the 3rd District seat. The other names are better qualified for the at large seat.

I went ahead and submitted my name along with this list. I don't want it to come across presumptuously, but I have always had interest in getting involved in a commission of some sort.

Here are the names:

1. Walter Torres - young entrepreneur who lives in Walhalla.
2. Lydia Cotton - strong community advocate in the N. Charleston area. She is

originally from Puerto Rico and is employed by the city of North Charleston as their Hispanic community liaison.

3. Matthew Foster - he is a visionary entrepreneur of Colombian descent. He has been involved in politics for quite some time and is on the SC Hispanic Chamber board as well.

4. Evelyn Lugo - president of the SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She also works for the American Cancer Society as their statewide Hispanic Outreach Coordinator. She is a proven coalition builder and is extremely in tune with the needs of the Hispanic community throughout the state.

5. Gustavo Nieves - experienced entrepreneur and CFO of South Carolina's first and only Hispanic ad agency.

I have attached resume's for everyone except for Evelyn. If you need hers let me know.

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On Mar 16, 2015, at 4:41 PM, Webb, Beth <[BethWebb@gov.sc.gov](mailto:BethWebb@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Gustavo. Here is the appointment language for Minority Affairs:

**SECTION 1-31-10.** Commission for Minority Affairs created; composition; majority to be African-American; term of office; filling vacancies.

There is created a State Commission for Minority Affairs consisting of nine members and the Governor ex officio. The Governor must appoint one person from each of the congressional districts of the State and two persons from the State at large upon the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall designate the chairman. The members serve for a term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. A majority of the members of the commission must be African American.