
From: Philpott, Katie
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: FW: Minority Affairs Commission
Attachments: Biography.pdf; GustavoNieves.pdf; Lydia Cotton-Bio for Commission.docx; Matt Foster Bio.docx

Governor,

Please see the first attachment for the biography of the one member who can serve in the 3rd District seat on the State Commission for Minority Affairs, as recommended to us by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Walter Torres is a young entrepreneur in Walhalla. He owns and operates a company called Printing Solutions and won the 2014 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" award.

The other recommendations are not from the 3rd District and we have solicited recommendations for the At-large seats elsewhere.

Let me know if you would like to move forward with Mr. Torres.

Respectfully,

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From: Webb, Beth
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Philpott, Katie
Subject: FW: Minority Affairs Commission

FYI

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From: Gustavo Nieves [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.

Gustavo Nieves

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On Mar 16, 2015, at 4:41 PM, Webb, Beth <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.

HISTORY: 1993 Act No. 164, Part II, Section 110; 2003 Act No. 85, Section 3; 2012 Act No. 279, Section 3, eff June 26, 2012.

We look forward to hearing any recommendations you may have for the 3rd District or At-Large seats. The Board typically meets on a quarterly basis.

Thanks again,
Beth

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From: Gustavo Nieves [<mailto:gnieves91@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: Priester, Nicole
Subject: Re: Introduction

Beth & Nicole,

I wanted to reconnect with you both about the potential dates for a legislative appreciation event with the SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. At this point, I'm still open to doing it either in Greenville or Columbia.

Here are some potential dates: July 17th, July 24th, any Friday in September, any Monday in September.

What are your thoughts? Beth, I remember in our conversation that you said Fridays or Mondays are better days?

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On Feb 23, 2015, at 3:49 PM, Webb, Beth <BethWebb@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Gustavo,

Great speaking with you today. Please do let Nicole Priester, the Governor's scheduler, know the potential dates for your event once you have them. Her email is nicolepriester@gov.sc.gov.

I look forward to hearing how the microloan pilot program goes.

Best,
Beth

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From: Gustavo Nieves [<mailto:gnieves91@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:54 PM
To: Webb, Beth
Subject: Re: Introduction

That works for me. My cel is listed below.

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On Feb 23, 2015, at 1:53 PM, Webb, Beth
<BethWebb@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Gustavo,

If 3 pm is still good for you, that works for me. Please just let me know how best to reach you.

Thanks,
Beth

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From: Gustavo Nieves [<mailto:gnieves91@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 12:47 PM
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: Evelyn Lugo
Subject: Re: Introduction

Sure thing. How about 3pm?

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On Feb 20, 2015, at 11:16 AM, Webb, Beth
<BethWebb@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Evelyn,

Nice to hear from you. I am happy to speak with Gustavo about his idea.

Gustavo, would you like to schedule a time to speak on Monday?

Thanks,
Beth

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From: Evelyn Lugo [<mailto:elugo@schcc.org>]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 3:50 PM
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: Gustavo Nieves
Subject: Introduction
Importance: High

Beth,

Hope all is well with you.

Allow me to introduce Gustavo Nieves, our government affairs director, who you met already in our meeting last year.

He has an idea that would like to run through you and we wanted to make it as smooth as possible.

Thank you for your support and look forward to work with you and Governor Haley this year.

Best regards,

Evelyn

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