

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Member Absence and Direction to Staff Related to the
Appointments to the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board

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September 26, 2008

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To Mayor and Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for permission to remain on the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board. I have been a member of the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board for over three years. I am aware that there may be no more than one absence for the year.

Unfortunately, my duties at the law firm that I am employed required me to work overnight and as a result, I was not able to attend the meeting.

I want to be clear, that I am a very active participant of the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board. In fact, although I was not able to attend the meeting, I conducted a mediation the day after the meeting. I take my duties on the Board very serious and as such, I ask the board to allow me to remain on the Board.

I would like the Mayor and Council members to please consider two things. First, I ask you to please excuse my absence due to the fact that I was preparing for a trial. Second, I ask the Mayor and City Council to look into the possibility of allowing for certain excusable absences. I know that I had to make a judgment call and unfortunately, it has led me to petition to do the very thing that I love and that is to be an active member of the very city that I grew up in.

I truly enjoy being a member of the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board and I have mediated in several different settings. None of my mediation experiences surpass the experiences that I have obtained as a member of the board. It is my desire to remain an active member of the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board and I ask the Mayor and Council members to afford me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ricky Windom
Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board

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July 30, 2008

Dear Fellow Board members:

After 4 years of being an Alternate Board member, attending meetings, having only one arbitration, endlessly talking about improving our worth to the city and its residents by expanding our scope of jurisdiction and the City refusing; After 4 years of realizing that we are a necessary, but impotent, appendage that was formed and continues ad infinitum so the City can obtain monies from state and federal governmental units, it's finally time to hand in my resignation.

I want to thank the well-meaning, well-trained Board members for wanting to expand their usefulness, but I fear it will be a very long time coming. I will try to help and influence the city from outside the traditional structure.

If you would ever like to contact me, don't hesitate to call me anytime between 9 am and 9 pm any day of the week at 310-836-7557.

My best wishes to all of you,

Tom Camarella