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Date of Application: Wed, 08/21/2019

Your Name:

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Board or Committee Parks & Recreation Committee

Background

How long have you lived on Marco Island? More than 15 Years

Are you a year-round resident? Yes

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a criminal offense (any level felony or first degree misdemeanor only)? No

Would you and/or any organizations with which you are affiliated benefit from decisions or recommendations made by this advisory board? No

Do you currently hold public office? No

Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Collier County or City of Marco Island board or committee? No

Qualifications

Please list your community activities and positions held (Example: Civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc.):

Experience/Background:

Education:

Resume [adrians resume - 2019 - prac.doc](#)

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ADRIAN CONNER

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Collier County Public Schools

Aug 2019 – current

Position: Guest Teacher

- Follow curriculum and lesson plans assigned by the primary teacher
- Flexible in adjusting to new environments and classroom dynamics

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Dec 2008 – Jan 2012

Position: Field Insurance Audit Investigator

- Conducted on-site audits and interviews for general liability and workers' compensation policies for various insurance carriers and provided detailed reports
- Reviewed financial/payroll records, incident reports and insurance policies to identify coding errors and/or fraudulent policies and claims

OFFICE OF U.S CONGRESSMAN CONNIE MACK

July 2006 – Dec 2008

Position: Constituent Service Representative, Naples District Office

- Acted as a liaison between the Federal Government and constituents, specializing in Immigration, Department of State and Social Security Administration casework
- Maintained knowledge of federal laws and regulations and attended community events

EDUCATION

B.S Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

May 2006

VOLUNTEER WORK/AWARDS

U.S. Army Family Readiness Group - Coordinator - Great Lakes, IL.

2008-2012

- Coordinated family events for the spouses and children of active duty service members

Marco Island Chamber of Commerce

June 2001

- Received award for *Employee of the Year for Excellence in Service to the Community*

Chairman Jared Grifoni,

I am interested in being a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. I have attached my resume; however, I want you to know my personal story, understand my background and why I care so much about Marco Island and our beautiful parks.

The first chapter of my life began on Goodland/Marco Island, where I was born and raised. I attended Tommie Barfield (when they were still composed of portable trailers), Manatee Middle school (when we had to leave the island for middle school) and then attended Lely High School (when there was only one option for high school). I earned my bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida in 2006. After graduating from college, I accepted a job with U.S House of Representative, Congressman Connie Mack. This position humbled me more than I can ever explain. I genuinely loved helping people, thrived on finding solutions to "impossible" problems and equally enjoyed educating constituents on various federal programs and the legislative process. I got a crash course on how to deescalate confrontations and defuse conversations with upset callers and walk-in constituents. I learned how to explain and relay information in a non-confrontational and remain calm in uneasy situations. I learned very quickly that no two people and two cases were the same. I never let political differences between the Congressman, constituents and even myself get in the way of listening and aiding those in need. I learned how important it was to hear both sides of an argument. There are people alive and living an easier life today because I got them approved for Social Security Disability and because I expedited their asylum application with Immigration. I also realized that sometimes just listening was the only thing that some people needed; so listening is exactly what I did in those situations. Each day was unpredictable, each day was challenging but every single day was worth it because I made a positive difference in someone's life. I often reflect on the experiences I gained from this position and know I am a better person because of it.

The next chapter of my life began in 2009, in which I supported my husband's military career. I resigned from Congressman Mack's office, with a heavy heart, the day after he was reelected because my husband was transferred out of state. Just when I thought I could not be anymore humbled, I experienced the sacrifices military families must go through, which included moving every few years, finding new employment opportunities and deployment hardships. I was determined to make life easier for military families under my husband's command, especially the children who just wanted to be kids. While working full-time, as an insurance audit investigator, I was very active in the military volunteer organization, Family Readiness Group.

The next chapter in my life began in 2013, when my husband retired after 20 years in the Army. We decided to move back to Marco Island to raise our two children. I wanted my children to grow up in the same great community that I did, attend the same great school that I did and make the same great memories that I did. I wanted them to experience the small-town love and feeling of Marco Island. I wanted them to play at Mackle Park, fish under the Marco bridge and hang out at the beach, just as I did when I grew up here. When we moved back to Marco, I decided to stay at home with my children over the next few years, until this recent school year. Since my youngest started kindergarten this past month, I decided to work, part-time for Collier County Public Schools, as a guest teacher. Since both of my children are now in school and I only work part-time, I have extra time to devote to PRAC. There are very important discussions for PRAC coming up and I want to be the voice, not only for

families with young children but for everyone equally. Thank you for all you do for Marco and thank you for your time, as always.

Thank you,
Adrian Conner