

**AGENDA  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
CITY OF ARCADIA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Interview with Candidates for City Council Seat Vacancy
  - a. Robert R. "Bob" Allen
  - b. Jammarius A. Bing
  - c. Charles R. Conklin
  - d. Renee Otto
  - e. Melissa L. Sanders
  - f. Judy Wertz Strickland

**ADJOURN**

*NOTE: Any party desiring a verbatim record of the proceedings of this hearing for the purpose of appeal is advised to make private arrangements therefore.*

**PLEASE TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**

**ROBERT R. "BOB" ALLEN**  
P. O. BOX 1269  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34265

August 29, 2011

To the Arcadia City Council,

This is to request that I be considered to fill the vacancy left by Sharon Goodman on the City Council.

I have lived in Arcadia since 1951 and was employed by the telephone company for 46 years. The following are positions that I held during my career with the telephone company: installer, repairman, local manager, and district commercial manager for four counties including DeSoto, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades. I also held the position of Government Affairs. This position gave me the responsibility to represent the company with both local and state officials on matters concerning the company.

I have also previously served on the Arcadia City Council and four years on the DeSoto County Commission.

I ask that you consider my many years of public service and government experience in making your choice.

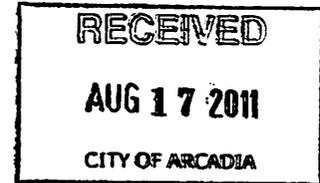
Thank you for your consideration,

*Robert R. Allen*

Robert R. Allen  
(863) 494-4011

August 17, 2011

To the Honorable Mayor and City Counsel Members,



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This letter is in regards to the open seat in the City Council. I, Jammarius A. Bing would like to be considered for that seat. I am an open-minded young man, I am not biased or racist by any means towards anyone.

I would like to give you some insight about myself. I was born and raised here in DeSoto County. I am currently 22 years old. I have been active in the community. I have volunteered with the Arcadia Police Department on several occasions. I have also participated in several different community events, such as when a disaster came I assisted in making sure everyone was safe and got what they needed. I am an active member in the True Holiness Blessing Center Church.

I am very interested in this position and I am knowledgeable of the way the council conducts city meetings and the business in the city. I've attended city council meetings for the past several years, just to stay current with the issues that face the city. My dedication to the city and its citizens is at their best interest. I am a native of Arcadia and this is a long way from where I began. I was a troubled youth and my life was heading down the wrong path. But I had strong leaders of this community that intervened in my life and some currently serve as active members of the council. These individuals have helped me to achieve and maintain my focus. I have become a productive member of this community. I am confident that I can do an awesome job for the city. There is still hope for our town. I ask that you please consider appointing me for the vacant seat.

### Community Involvement

Arcadia, Florida

- Volunteer Services to Several local charitable organizations.
- Arcadia Assisted Living for the Elderly
- Assisted High School Athletic Programs
- Teen Leader / Mentor for several years for the Police Explorer
- DeSoto Teen Court Program

### Education

- Graduate of DeSoto County High School

### Experienced

- Successful Businessman
- Leader in our Community

### Dedicated

- A good long history of Helping and Supporting Others
- Being a very Involved young man in our Community

If selected, I will be eager to serve the people of the community. If I am appointed, I am willing to accept responsibility and be a source of reliability to others. I will be open to learning more and have a positive attitude . I will always be respectful and do what it takes to better our community to advance forward.

Please appoint me Jammarius A. Bing.

“There’s still hope for Our Community.”

Thank you,

Jammarius A. Bing

Charles R Conklin

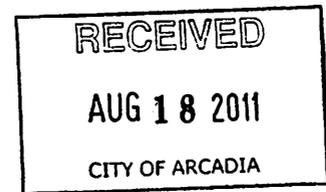
301 Bridle Path, Arcadia, FL 34266

Cell: 863.990.8087

August 18, 2011

Arcadia City Council

Arcadia, Florida 34266



To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to be considered for the opening on the city council board that has been made vacate by City Councilwoman, Sharon Goodman in fulfilling her term.

I have lived in the city of Arcadia for 5 years and have been active with the city meetings for the past 9 months. I am active with DeSoto County Homeless Collation. I feel I can bring some new ideas to the board and help in supporting old ones.

Thank you for considering me for this opening. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely

*Charles R. Conklin*

Charles R Conklin

**Renee Otto**

233 North Monroe Ave  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266  
494-3233

September 13, 2011

City of Arcadia  
c/o Ms Virginia Hass, Recorder  
23 North Polk Avenue  
Arcadia, Florida 34266

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**Dear City Council Members:**

Please accept this letter as my request for consideration to be appointed to the City of Arcadia City Council position vacated by Councilwoman Goodman.

I am a resident of City of Arcadia and a qualified voter as required by the City of Arcadia Charter to hold the Council member seat.

In the 2011 City of Arcadia Council elections, I was one of four candidates contending for a seat on the City Council. I finished third only seven votes less than the second place candidate selected to serve on the City Council.

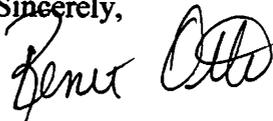
I am the dedicated, determined, and dependable professional you seek to serve the citizens of the City of Arcadia.

In these uncertain times, it is important that we all ask what we can do for the City of Arcadia. Therefore, I am committed to conducting City business ethically, with integrity, and in accordance with the laws.

I am also committed to being actively involved in the community as a council member and advocate policies that support the health of our community. My husband, Tim Kilkelly, is a firefighter and my daughter, Erin, is a student in DeSoto County.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request to be appointed to the City Council of Arcadia. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or references.

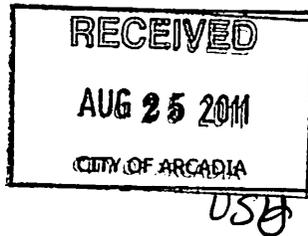
Sincerely,



Renee Otto

MELISSA L. SANDERS

August 25, 2011



Dr. Lawrence Miller  
City Administrator  
City of Arcadia  
23 N. Polk Ave.  
Arcadia, FL 34266

Dear Dr. Miller:

Please let me put forth my name for consideration in the search for a City Council member to fulfill the term of Dr. Sharon Goodman.

As a fifth-generation Arcadian, it would be an honor to represent my fellow Arcadians and do my part to ensure the success and future of our town. Since moving back to Arcadia in 2004, I have been involved in many projects aimed at the improvement of our community. As the Planning Manager at the DeSoto County Health Department, I helped to bring Walkability expert Dan Burden to town and extensively promoted the Walkability study and the adoption of a Master Plan for the City. After leaving the Health Department, I continued to work toward that goal by submitting the Tiger II transportation grant on behalf of the City and the Main Street organization. This work was done pro-bono out of a desire for Arcadia to succeed and fulfill its potential.

Although I am currently working in Charlotte County, my home is Arcadia and I feel a responsibility to serve my community in whatever capacity I can.

I would be pleased to meet with the Council and members of the public at the public workshop on September 20 to answer any questions they might have about my qualifications and ability to serve.

Best regards,

Melissa Sanders

JUDY WERTZ STRICKLAND  
608 East Magnolia  
Arcadia, Florida 34266

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September 12, 2011

Ms Virginia Haas  
City Recorder  
23 North Polk Avenue  
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Re: Council Seat Vacancy

Dear Ms. Haas;

As a registered voter in the City of Arcadia, I am very much interested in filling the vacancy for the unexpired term of Councilwoman Dr. Sharon Goodman.

I have lived in the city of Arcadia for about 3 years and my address is 608 East Magnolia Street which is located at the corner of Pasco Avenue and Magnolia Street. I am a life long resident of DeSoto County living in the county most of my life except for the years inside of the city.

I am a female, 69 years old that was educated in DeSoto County schools, graduating from DeSoto High School in 1960. My higher education resulted in graduating with a Bachelor Of Liberal Arts Degree from Florida Southern College in 1995. Since my College graduation, I have obtained a Certification in Safety Management and Reporting and a certification in Oscha Level 5-Chemical cleanup and reporting.

I am a member of the Oak Hill Baptist Church, were I serve on the Budget Committee. I have served in different capacities at Oak Hill and presently I a teach a bible Study class.

In 1959 I married Darryl Wertz and together we have two children, Kimberlyn Wertz Ducette and Robert Edward "Eddie" Wertz. From those two children, I was given three of the most adorable grandsons and one granddaughter, Dalton and Aaron Wertz, Clint Klishin and Catherine DuCette . After my first husband died in 1997, I married T.A. Strickland who later died in 1999.

My past employments have been with DeSoto County as a deputy clerk with the Board of County Commissioners,1960-1972. Sub Rural Carrier with the local Post Office, 1972-1974. Owned the Country Cottage Flower Shop, 1976-1994,and was co-owner of Darryl Wertz Well Drilling from 1968 - 1994.

For the past 16 years my present employment is with DeSoto County Transport, Inc. a management company for Sorrells Citrus, Sorrells Grove Care, Inc, Sorrells Groves, Inc. and Sorrells Brothers Packing Co., Inc.

Of the previous Sorrells companies I am the Safety and Compliance Officer dealing with Human Resources and Foreign Labor. My job description as Compliance Officer involves adhering to regulations set up by US Governmental agencies. I deal with the US Department of Labor, Department of Environmental Protection, DeSoto County Health Department, Southwest Florida Water Management District, US Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Transportation.

In the past 12 years I have been involved in the procurement of Foreign Labor to harvest the company fruit. My job has been to file the petition to the Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Labor and the Workforce Innovation Offices to process the foreign workers for a work visa. This part of my employment is paper intensive so we must be right on target with the filings and the process to obtain the work visa for our foreign worker's. I travel to Mexico four to six times a year to take part in the process of our workers in obtaining a visas.

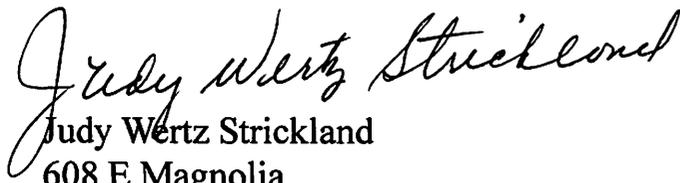
When our workers arrive in Florida, my job turns around to another status in that I must document and tract all employees through the time period they are employed with DeSoto Fruit and Harvesting, Inc., the company Farm Labor Contractor. We must be pro-active operating under the Work contract issued by the different governmental agencies. Operating within the rules of the contract and Safety is first and foremost in the operation of a business when a company uses H2A foreign labor.

After reviewing my letter of qualifications, I'm sure you can see my past & present work with government agencies as well as a strong self-employment background give me an edge on being able to handle the job as City Council Member.

I feel strongly that success is achieved through compliance, never try to go around the law, instead always achieve your goals by compliance.

With this letter I submit my interest in the seat that was vacated by Dr. Sharon Goodman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Wertz Strickland".

Judy Wertz Strickland  
608 E Magnolia  
Arcadia, Florida 34266

863-494-7661