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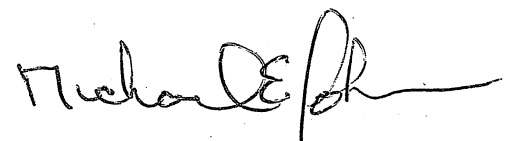
It's with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I submit this letter of interest and attached resume to fill the District 8 Council seat vacated through the resignation of Councilwoman Kate Gallegos.

I have devoted over thirty-five years of my life to public service as both a police officer and member of the Phoenix City Council. And currently serving on the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency. My service has provided me with a thorough understanding of how government services enhance the quality of citizens' lives and how to deliver the most balanced and sustainable level of service to our community

I am passionate about District 8, We have seen great growth and success, but there is more to be achieved. I have dedicated most of my professional life to serving this amazing community. I look forward to returning to the best job I ever had – serving the wonderful people of district 8.

I have served three consecutive terms on the Phoenix City Council, representing District 8 from 2002-2013. During my tenure, I worked tirelessly on economic development, business sustainability, public safety and bringing much needed infrastructure to the underserved areas of the district.

I truly believe that now is the time to bring my energy, passion, dedication and leadership back to the Phoenix City Council. I would be honored to be appointed to fill the vacant term in District 8, but whatever your decision, I will run a vigorous and positive campaign for the seat. This appointment and subsequent election isn't just about me, it's about the residents of District 8 who deserve a seamless transition.



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Michael E. Johnson

Michael E. Johnson is a local community leader who believes that the elements of collaborative leadership and hard work are an unbeatable combination. Johnson was a founding partner at Johnson-Neely Public Strategies. He is also a former member of the Phoenix City Council, Phoenix Police Department and business owner. He's currently serving on The Arizona Board of Executive Clemency where he was appointed in 2017 by The Honorable Governor Doug Ducey.

Johnson-Neely Public Strategies is a boutique government relations firm located in Phoenix which provides services in public policy advocacy, community relations, business development and association management. Johnson works with clients on projects in the areas of local, state and national government relations, law enforcement diversity impact, professional human relations, strategic planning, and small, local, minority and disadvantaged business relations.

Michael Johnson served three consecutive terms on the Phoenix City Council from 2002 to 2013. He represented District 8, which encompasses portions of central, east and south Phoenix. His focus was on his commitment to improving quality of life for his constituents. Putting his spirit into service, Johnson held essential roles in the development of economic, sustainable projects which impacted the district and city, many of which brought infrastructure into underserved areas. Some of these projects include the addition of light rail and expanded bus transit services; the downtown education zone comprised of the Bioscience High School, Arizona State University and University of Arizona; the downtown Sheraton Hotel; the transformation of the Civic Plaza into the Phoenix Convention Center; the Legacy Village shopping and dining center at 24th Street and Baseline Road in south Phoenix; and multi-million dollar projects at Sky Harbor International Airport, which include terminal renovation, new airlines and the Sky Train people mover system.

Johnson was a member of several City Council subcommittees during his tenure. He was chair of the Downtown, Aviation, Economy and Education City Council Subcommittee, and was a member of the Finance, Efficiency, Innovation and Stability Subcommittee, the Public Safety, Veterans, Transparency and Ethics Subcommittee, and the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. He chaired the Phoenix Economic Partners Board of Directors and was a member of the city's Audit Committee. He also was on the board of directors for the Downtown Phoenix Partnership and the Greater Phoenix Visitors and Convention Bureau. He served as the liaison to two of Phoenix's sister cities: Chengdu, China and Ennis, Ireland. He also led two delegations to Ramant-Gan Israel,

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three delegations to Chengdu, China, one delegation to Taipei, Taiwan and one delegation to Ennis, Ireland.

Johnson is an innovator for change. After noticing a significant need in the Black community for collaboration, he founded the African American Strategic Leadership Group (AASLG). The group was organized for the purpose of engaging the African American community around issues that have an impact on family, economy, health, politics and education. The group was comprised of a base list of approximately 500 individuals and organizations, and membership grew continuously throughout the years. One of the most significant outcomes was the professional development symposium held at the Phoenix Convention Center, iChange: Creating Possibilities, where Starr Jones served as the Keynote Speaker.

His dedication to strategic leadership lead to national opportunities. He was a member of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), a constituency group within the National League of Cities which represents the interests of African American elected officials, and was elected to serve on its board as president. While president, he created a luncheon to foster increased partnership between NBC-LEO and the Congressional Black Caucus. His presidency provided him a seat with the National Policy Alliance, an 11-member coalition of African American local elected officials and policy-related organizations which met regularly with President Barack Obama to address policy matters. He also served on the Advisory Board of the National League of Cities.

Michael Johnson has expert experience in law enforcement and public safety after more than 21 years of service in the Phoenix Police Department. During his time with the Police Department, he received training in several subject areas, including crime prevention, mediation, investigations and various cultural diversity topics. He was honored as Detective of the Year in 1992, and retired in 1995 as a homicide investigator.

Johnson's background also includes entrepreneurship. He briefly joined the private sector after opening Nkosi, Inc. in 1996, a security and investigation firm, where he served as president and chief executive officer until he began his first term in public office. This experience set a base for his support for the local business community, and he became a vocal advocate for the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) & Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs sponsored through the city of Phoenix.

Johnson's commitment to service has been featured by local media agencies, including, Phoenix Best of the Valley, The Big Black Book, Mahogany Page and The Ebony Cactus. He is the proud father of three adult children who have all

chosen careers in public service. His daughters work as educators and his son is in the military. 18 AUG 16 PM 3:07

LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS – Active Membership

- St. Luke's Medical Center/Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, Board of Directors
- University of Phoenix, College of Security & Criminal Justice (Industry Advisory Board)
- Checkered Flag Run Foundation Board of Directors
- Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission
- A Better Road Foundation, Board of Directors
- National Forum for Black Public Administrators – Central Arizona Chapter, General Member
- Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (P.L.E.A.), Retired Member
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Greater Phoenix Urban League
- African American Strategic Leadership Group (AASLG), Founder
- Phoenix OIC
- William H. Patterson Elks Lodge
- Greater Phoenix Urban League
- Salt Valley Lodge # 4, F&AM
- Combined Fraternal Organizations of South Phoenix

LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS – Former Board or General Membership

- National League of Cities (NLC), Board of Directors
- National League of Cities (NLC) Advisory Board
- National League of Cities, Human Development Policy Committee, Board Member; First Tier Suburbs Council, Committee Member; City of Phoenix Member
- Jewish Family and Children Services Board Member
- National League of Cities Immigration Task Force
- National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Board of Directors
- National Policy Alliance
- National Black Police Association
- Women in Municipal Government
- 2008 Arizona Super Bowl Committee
- Arizona Attorney General African Advisory Board
- Arizona Fiesta Bowl Committee
- Governor's African American Advisory Council
- City of Phoenix Finance Committee

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- City of Phoenix Judicial Selection Advisory Board
- City of Phoenix South Mountain Village Planning Committee
- City of Phoenix Rio Salado Advisory Committee
- Downtown Phoenix Partnership
- Greater Phoenix Visitors and Convention Bureau, Board of Directors
- Phoenix Globe Trade Initiative Committee
- Regional Public Transportation Authority Board (RPTA), former Chairman and Treasurer
- Regional Public Transportation Authority Finance Committee (RPTA)
- Mentoring African Americans for Leadership (MAAFL)
- Phoenix Symphony Board of Directors
- Young Arts Arizona, Board of Directors

CURRENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Master of Ceremony for The ONYX Extravaganza – 2018
- Travis L. Williams American Legion Post 65 Appreciation of outstanding service certificate - 2018
- Phoenix O.I.C. 50 Year Founders Day Celebration, Jewel in The Crown Award - 2017
- Love Not Blood Campaign Unsung Hero Award – 2017
- Pink Tie Cancer Gala Community Hero Survivors Award – 2017
- Travis L. Williams Amer

CARRER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Outstanding Leadership Award
- National Forum for Black Public Administrators, National Leadership Award
- United States Indian American Chamber of Commerce, Appreciation Award
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
- Downtown Phoenix Partnership, two-time recipient of the Dreamer Awards
- Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce, Chairman's Award
- Greater Phoenix Convention & Visitors Bureau, Visitor Industry Champion Award
- Arizona Black Chambers Presidents Award
- Make a Difference Foundation, Community Commitment Award
- Arizona African American Legislative Leadership Council, Economic Development Unsung Hero Award
- Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employees (A.B.L.E.), Achievement Award

- Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employees(A.B.L.E.), Ted Hutchinson Community Service Award
- Arizona OIC, Rev. Leon H. Sullivan Exemplary Alumni Award
- Combined Jack and Jill of America, Inc Phoenix Chapter, Phoenix Chapter of The Links, Inc and the Gamma Mu Boule of Phoenix Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Living History Award: The Art of Public Service
- Maricopa County NAACP, Roy Wilkins Award for Outstanding Leadership
- Maricopa County NAACP, Outstanding Leadership in Politics Award
- National Council of Negro Women, Metropolitan Sun Section, Men of Valor Award
- National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Phoenix Section, President's Award
- Northwest Black History Committee, Judge Jean Williams Annual Community Service Award
- The Phoenix Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Community Award
- 100 Black Men of Phoenix, Inc. Political Achievement Award
- Peace Fest, Outstanding Service Award
- Southwest Prostate Cancer Foundation Community Recognition
- Ebony House, Spirit of Commitment Award
- South Phoenix Rising Neighborhood Association, Achievement Award
- Mahogany Page Magazine, Positive Image Award
- INROADS Success to Significance, Leadership Award
- Collectors Club of Arizona, Notable African-American Men of Arizona Award
- Chinese School of Chinese Evangelical Free Church, Appreciation Award
- Phoenix Job Corps, Appreciation Award
- Phoenix Sister Cities, Appreciation Award

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