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To: Honorable Mayor & village Council

Date: January 28, 2013

From: Ron E. Williams, Village Manager

Re: Educational Compact Advisory  
Committee Member

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO  
AD HOC ADVISORY BOARDS; APPOINTING A MEMBER TO  
THE EDUCATIONAL COMPACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE;  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

Committee Member Jaime Ehrenreich advised the Village Clerk that she will be unable to continue to serve on this Committee. Therefore, there is a vacancy on this Committee that should be filled. In November of 2012, the Village posted the application and qualifications for this Committee on the Village's website. Ms. Ehrenreich had been previously appointed by the former Vice Mayor.

One of the recent applicants, Karyn Cunningham, meets the qualifications for this Committee. She responded to the website solicitation and provided an updated application. Staff recommends that the Vice Mayor offer his nomination in order to fill the vacancy.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct fiscal impact anticipated.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council direction.

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**WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Palmetto Bay (the "Village") had previously passed Resolution 2012-12, which created the Educational Compact Advisory Committee, and Resolution 2012-38 and 2012-70, which appointed members to the Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, a member has resigned, indicating that she is unable to continuing serving. This individual was previously appointed by the former Vice Mayor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The following individual is appointed: \_\_\_\_\_(Vice Mayor John DuBois nominated.)

**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2013.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meighan Alexander  
Village Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley Stanczyk  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Eve A. Boutsis,  
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Tim Schaffer \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Joan Lindsay \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Mayor John DuBois \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Shelley Stanczyk \_\_\_\_\_

**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY BOARD  
EDUCATION COMPACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Please complete the application, including attachments, and return to the Village Clerk, 9705 E. Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay 33157 (305-259-1234)**

Name: Karyn I. Cunningham  
Home Address: 13985 SW 72 court  
City: Palmetto Bay State: FL Zip: 33158  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 305-799-0695  
Email address: kicunningham01@comcast.net

**EDUCATION (Attach additional information to application, if necessary)**

Degree(s) BA Psychology, Elementary Ed  
School: University of South Florida  
Year Graduated: 1981

**CURRENT OCCUPATION**

Occupation: Government and Labor Relations- UTD, Teacher  
Employer: United Teachers of Dade/ MDCPS  
Business Address: 2200 Biscayne Blvd  
City: Miami State: FL Zip: 33137  
Telephone: 305-854-0220 ext. 239 Fax: 305-576-7761  
Email address: Karyn@utd.org

**What prompted your interest in the Education Compact Advisory Committee?** It has been my desire for the Village to have an Education Advisory Committee for some time now. Collaboration between the school district and municipalities is a vital component of success for our community's students and schools. As a homeowner in Palmetto Bay for over 15 years and a lifetime resident of Miami-Dade, one of the drawing factors for moving to our neighborhood was the success of the public schools in the area. In light of the recent changes in educational policy in our state, collaboration between community and the district is even more important to the continued success of our public schools.

**What do you plan to accomplish as a Committee Member?** The areas of focus in this collaboration include: teacher recruitment and retention; enhanced communication of educational and community events; family/parental involvement in education; community/business engagement, enhanced student health and well-being; improved student achievement; school safety; and technology access.

**What is your vision for the Village's involvement with public schools?**

**Please describe any special qualifications or experience that would be beneficial to your service on the Education Company Advisory Board:** As a public school employee for 27 years and advocate for teachers and public education both locally and at the state level, I have a personal commitment for public education and programs that support the success of our public schools. See attached resume.

**Please indicate your affiliation(s) with any education-related organization and your role:** United Teachers of Dade Member and Lobbyist, Florida Education Association- Member and Local Lobbyist, National Education Association- Member,, American Federation of Teachers- Member, The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment- Board Member, Education Advisory Council of Pinecrest- Member, Chamber South Education and Business Coalition, Member, Commonthreads, Miami Advisory Council

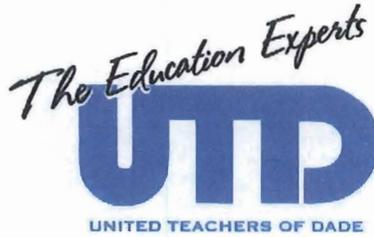
**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
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EDUCATION COMPACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Letter of Intent** stating the reason you wish to serve on the Education Compact Advisory Committee (attached)
- 2. Current resume** (attached)
- 3. Three personal /professional references** (below)

**Personal/Professional References:**

- 1) Dr. Larry Feldman, Vice Chair, Miami-Dade County School Board, [doclarry101@gmail.com](mailto:doclarry101@gmail.com)
- 2) Dr. Frank DeLaurier, Executive Director, The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment, [frank@melissainstitute.org](mailto:frank@melissainstitute.org)
- 3) Karen Aronowitz, President, United Teachers of Dade, [Karen@utd.org](mailto:Karen@utd.org)



December 7, 2012

Meighan Alexander  
Village Clerk  
Village of Palmetto Bay  
9705 E. Hibiscus Street  
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Dear Mrs. Alexander,

This letter serves as my intent to apply to be a part of the Education Compact Advisory Committee.

As a lifetime resident of Miami-Dade and longtime resident of Palmetto Bay, I believe my experience as a public school teacher and education advocate, will be an asset to the committee's mission. I am committed to assisting our village in working with the district to assure the success of our community's public schools. I know the value that successful schools bring to our community and its residents and hope to work with the committee to support the high quality education that already exists in our village and promote programs that will support and enhance our schools successes.

I am resubmitting updated resume and application for your review. My references will remain the same and I will notify them of my intent to reapply. Please let me know if there is anything else you need for consideration.

Best regards,

Karyn Cunningham  
Government and Labor Relations  
United Teachers of Dade

## **Karyn Ilene Cunningham**

**Kicunningham01@comcast.net**

**13985 SW 72 Court  
Miami, FL 33158**

**Work: (786)594-0239  
Cell: (305)799-0695**

### **PROFILE**

- Eighteen successful years teaching experience with a reputation for creativity, flexibility, passion and superior communication and interpersonal skills.
- Six years experience as Designated Building Steward.
- Three years as an Field Organizer in schools in Miami Shores, Liberty City, Overtown and Midtown areas for the United Teachers of Dade.
- Four years as Government Action Specialist for United Teachers of Dade.
- Comfortable and experienced in developing rapport with and lending support to school site and district administration, fellow educators, school support staff, parents and community members.
- Dedicated and experienced to assisting members in implementing the UTD/MDCPS contract.
- Experienced in membership recruitment and in coordinating volunteers for joint task force committees, rallies, demonstrations and political actions/campaigns.
- Experienced in political fundraising and planning small community events for the purposes of disseminating information and recruiting membership.

### **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**

- United Way Student Campaign Chairperson- 1995-2001, 2003-2004
- EESAC Chairperson- 1996-1998
- Teacher Education Center Representative- 1998- 2004
- Grade Level Chairperson- 2001- 2004
- UTD Legislative Committee Member 2002-2007
- UTD Legislative Committee Staff Liaison 2007- 2011
- Mentor/Peer Teacher- various years
- Access Center V APOY Committee Member- 2004
- UTD School Board Member Candidate Screening- 2004
- State and National Delegate FEA/AFT- 2007-2009
- UTD/MDCPS Joint Task Force Assessment Committee- 2006-2007
- Steward Training Design Team and Instructor, 2005- 2007
- Education Summit Committee, 2006-2007
- Miami-Dade County Days, Board Member, 2008- Present
- Serve as Liaison on various MDCPS/UTD Joint Task Force Committees
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Leadership Miami Class of 2011-12

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1985-2004

**Professional Educator**

**Little River Elem/Royal Green Elem.**

- Responsible for providing an educational atmosphere where students have the opportunity to fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical and psychological growth.
- Responsible for organizing and implementing an instructional program that will result in students achieving academic success.

2004-2007

**Union Organizer, School Improvement Zone**

**United Teachers of Dade**

- Supported membership at 19 of the 39 lowest performing schools in Miami Dade County Public School district.
- Assisted stewards and members in organizing within the schools
- Trained stewards and active members within assigned feeder patterns
- Assisted stewards in implementing the contract
- Worked collaboratively with school site and district administration to lend support in , implementation of School Improvement Zone (SIZ) initiatives

2007-Present

**Government Action Specialist/Lobbyist**

**United Teachers of Dade**

- Create and maintain a cadre of volunteers, as well as develop the grassroots capacity of the union to affect the political environment
- Recruit and maintain a database of volunteers from UTD Members for political grassroots activities
- Coordinate volunteer activities with endorsed political campaigns
- Communicate face to face regularly with members to recruit political activists.
- Develop and provide on-going relevant training to activists.
- Develop a cadre of members who are prepared to interact with the media
- Provide year-around government relations and public affairs representation both locally and in Tallahassee.
- Maintain UTD political accounts (CCE, PAC, ECO)
- Assist in development of effective public affairs plan and focused political/community message
- Identify other organizations that share common public affairs goals and. As appropriate, coordinate strategy with them
- Promote United Teachers of Dade to local and state elected officials, department personnel, and key community stakeholders
- Plan and Coordinate scheduled meetings for members and union leadership with elected officials, both locally and in Tallahassee
- Review the legislative goals of other entities and, when necessary, work to stop any legislation or initiative that may have a negative impact on the Town's interests.
- Prepare status of legislation, budget requests, or any other important issue through written progress reports, meetings, and/or telephone contact.
- Present issues and legislative summaries to members at monthly meetings

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Use professional contacts to assist in promoting local not for profit organizations to local and state elected officials, department personnel, and key community stakeholders, so that a full understanding of the organization's commitment to the community will facilitate resources, policy and collaboration with other local and state initiatives.

1. **Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention**
  - Peace and Harmony Annual Fundraising Event Committee
  - Board of Directors
2. **Yaeger Foundation**
  - Advisory Board
3. **Common Threads- Miami Advisory Council**
4. **Lauren's Light**
5. **No More Broken Hearts Committee- School Board District #2**
6. **Candidate for Vice Mayor of Palmetto Bay- November, 2012**

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 1985  
University of South Florida- Tampa, FL  
Graduated Cum Laude

Urban Education Certification, June 1987  
Florida International University- Miami, FL

Elementary Education Certification, December 1990  
Florida International University- Miami, FL

Certifications- Elementary Education (1-6), Psychology- Secondary (7-12),  
ESOL Endorsed

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
4 THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA RELATING TO  
5 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA; URGING THE STATE TO ADOPT  
6 LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL AUTOMOBILE  
7 INSURERS THAT PROVIDE FLORIDA PROPERTY INSURANCE  
8 THROUGHOUT THE STATE BE MANDATED TO ALSO PROVIDE  
9 PROPERTY INSURANCE TO HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS  
10 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STATE OF FLORIDA. [Sponsored by  
11 Councilman Patrick Fiore].  
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13 WHEREAS, some of the largest insurers nationwide provide insurance coverage within  
14 the State of Florida; and

15 WHEREAS, while many of these insurance companies will provide automobile coverage  
16 to a qualified policy holder, the insurance company may choose not to provide coverage for a  
17 policy holder's home or business due to their geographic location in the State of Florida; and

18 WHEREAS, to permit these insurance companies to refuse coverage to Florida home  
19 and/or business owners, while allowing them to remain in the automobile insurance business in  
20 Florida, is an inequitable business practice that should not be permitted by the State; and

21 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village and Community for the legislation to  
22 be enacted.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE  
25 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:  
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27 **Section 1.** The above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference herein.  
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29 **Section 2.** The Village Council directs the Village Clerk to forward a copy of this  
30 resolution to the Florida Legislature and our sister cities for review and support.  
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32 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.  
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34 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2013.  
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38 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

39 Meighan Alexander  
40 Village Clerk  
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Shelley Stanczyk  
Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Eve A. Boutsis,  
FIGUEREDO & BOUTSIS, P.A., as Office  
of the Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Tim Schaffer \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Joan Lindsay \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-Mayor John DuBois \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Shelley Stanczyk \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE TOPICS FOR THE 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA THAT SUPPORT THE PRIORITIES OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the coming legislative session, the Village Council is desirous of supporting the following listed priorities:

1. Supporting legislation banning manufacture, possession, distribution, purchase, or sale of synthetic drugs;
2. Supporting the establishment of statewide policies concerning sustainable energy development and conservation;
3. Supporting the legislation to maintain the present cap on the increase of new and renewed Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's premium;
4. Supporting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2013 State Legislative Program;
5. Supporting funding for increased school security;
6. Opposing Florida Power & Light early cost recovery;
7. Supporting expansion of early voting site and expansion of time frame for early voting;
8. Opposing legislation that restricts or eliminates municipal revenues generated through communication services taxes and by the local business taxes; and
9. Urging adoption of legislation to require Statewide property insurers to insure all home and/or business owners if the insurer is also providing automobile coverage within the State.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Council desire to lobby the State Legislature to consider and address these priorities.

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