

CITY OF KEY WEST
CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD
PO BOX 1946
KEY WEST, FL 33041
(305) 809 -3887

APPLICATION

Name: Felix Gustavo Pradas-Bergnes

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD (CRB): The City Charter sets out the criteria for membership on the CRB:

(a) All members of the CRB shall be residents of the City of Key West and have good reputations for integrity and community service;

(b) No appointee to the CRB or any member of his or her immediate family, shall be currently employed by the City of Key West;

(c) No appointee may be currently a party in litigation against the City of Key West and the filing of a complaint against the City of Key West alleging liability of the City through actions of any law enforcement officer shall immediately disqualify any appointee from serving on the CRB; and

(d) Any appointee who has been a legal representative of any party in litigation against the City of Key West is prohibited from serving on the CRB for two years from the conclusion of such litigation.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you are not eligible to make application to serve on the Citizen Review Board.

1. Are you, your spouse or any immediate family member (children, parents and/or siblings) currently employed by the City of Key West? ____ Yes __X__ No
2. Have you, your spouse, or any immediate family member ever been a sworn employee of the City of Key West? ____ Yes __X__ No
3. Are you currently a part or a party's legal representative in any litigation against the City of Key West? ____ Yes __X__ No

About the Citizen Review Board Sixty percent (60%) of the voters who went to the polls on November 5, 2002, approved an amendment to the Key West City Charter to create a Citizen Review Board (CRB). This is an independent, seven-member, volunteer (unpaid) board with authority to review and/or investigate complaints involving Key West police officers and forward findings and/or recommendations to City management, the Chief of Police, State Attorney, other state and federal law enforcement agencies and/or grand juries. Any applicant for a position on the CRB must complete this application and submit it within the prescribed deadline noted.

The CRB has a policy of delivering its documents and materials via online/internet communications. **All applicants must have adequate computer skills to send/receive e-mail, with PDF attachments and be able to access the internet and download documents and files.** New CRB members are expected to be available to attend the Annual NACOLE (National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) Convention/training sessions to occur sometime in September 2018. The expenses for this training event shall be covered by the CRB approved budget.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL APPLICATIONS & MATERIALS IS

May 8th, 2019, 5:00 P.M.

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Currently, the board will be filling two positions; one City Commission position, and one Board position. The positions shall be nominated by a local civic or social organization and selected by the Key West City Commission with a term ending on May 31, 2023. Interested candidates should seek sponsorship from a local civic/social organization and fill out the attached application with a cover letter of sponsorship signed by the civic/social organization's representative. All documents sent to the CRB become public records.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 PM., May 8th, 2019. Mail to: PO Box 1946, Key West, FL 33041-1946 or hand-deliver to City of Key West Citizen Review Board, 100 Grinnell Street (Upstairs inside the Ferry Terminal building), Key West, FL.

DO NOT E-MAIL THE APPLICATION.

Questions: Thomas Pakenas, Executive Director (305) 809-3887 or crb@cityofkeywest-fl.gov. The CRB Charter and Policies & Procedures are available on the City of Key West web site by going to the city website @ www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov and then accessing the CRB homepage via the department drop down menu.

Applicant must be a resident of the City of Key West

Name of Civic or Social Organization Sponsoring Your Application:
(please provide sponsorship letter)

Basilica of Saint Mary Star of the Sea / Rev Father John Baker

Your Name: Felix Gustavo Pradas-Bergnes

Home Address: 512 Amelia Street, Key West, FL, 33040

Telephone Number (Home): 305 294-2649 / (Cell):305 647-8180

Mailing Address (if different) (Same as above)

Date of Birth 11 Nov 1957; Sex: Male; E-Mail Address: felixpradas@hotmail.com

Do you have a record of a misdemeanor or felony conviction? If Yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper? No

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SCREENED VIA A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND THOSE ARREST RECORDS/RESULTS, ALONG WITH THIS DOCUMENT AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS SUBMITTED SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PUBLIC RECORD VIEWABLE BY THE PUBLIC.

1. What aspect of your life and/or work experience has prepared you for membership on the CRB? (You may attach up to a one-page response.)

I have had the privilege of working as an intelligence analyst at the service of our nation for over 30 years. This work requires the highest standards of critical thinking, communication and writing skills, and team work. I am currently a subject matter expert training younger cadres of officers.

2. Why do you wish to serve on the CRB? (You may attach up to a one-page response.)

I believe I can be of service to the community by adding my skills to the Board, and service is the highest form of reward.

3. List your last three employers:

USAF / Cryptologist Linguist / 1980-1991
Open Source Enterprise / Translator, Intelligence Officer / 1991-2014
Joint Inter-Agency Task Force / Trainer, Technical Writer / 2014-To present

4. List any organizations with which you are affiliated and position(s)/office(s) held. (You may attach a separate sheet or resume, if necessary.)

San Carlos Institute / Board member / 2012-to Present
Art in Public Places / Board Member / 2018-To Present

REFERENCES. Please provide the names and contact information of two local citizens who know you well.

1. Name: Rev Father John Baker
Address: 1010 Windsor Lane, Key West, FL, 33040
Daytime phone#: 305 2941018
2. Name: Elba Canalejo
Address: 510 Amelia St, Key West, FL, 33040
Daytime phone#: 305 294-4890_____

Please attach a brief resume that outlines your background. It is recommended that you include:

- Education
- Employment background
- Military service
- Law enforcement experience
- Community service, memberships, affiliations
- Awards and honors
- Professional affiliations
- Special skills, such as languages, computers, mediation
- Any other information that would be helpful to those responsible for selecting members to the CRB

Don't forget to include a letter of sponsorship from a sponsoring civic organization

In applying to become a member of the CRB, applicants must agree to participate in at least 30 hours of structured training, as recommended by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), before participating in Board activities, plus extensive continuing education throughout your term of office. **Note that NACOLE training shall occur in September 2019. The expenses related to such training are provided for in the CRB budget.**

Board members are expected to have sufficient technological abilities to receive, open and read pdf files and operate e-mails/attachments, internet access and ability to access websites and download materials from these websites

CERTIFICATION. I hereby certify that all the statements made in this application, including attachments, are true and correct. By signing this application, I authorize verification of my background record.

If appointed to the CRB, I agree to participate in at least 30 hours of structured training, plus extensive continuing education throughout my term of office. To attend the monthly meetings as required.

I also understand that this application becomes a public record and criminal background check results (if any) are available to the public.

Signature:  Date: 4/22/2019

Felix Pradas-Bergnes

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JIATF-S email: felix.g.pradas-bergnes.ctr@mail.mil / work: 305 293-5666

A top-rated native Spanish speaker, with extensive experience crafting and delivering persuasive, concise, culturally-relevant articles for Latin communities.

Ten years of experience mapping and exploiting social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube).

Twenty-eight years of experience managing SIGINT and Open Source collection, translation, serial and FYI reports and analytic writing -- to include innovative Red Cell reports and OSE official website content management and technical review, implementation and training of OSE's PRINCE and DAVE software.

The Intelligence Community's recognized subject matter expert on Cuba, with a known track record for producing relevant and innovative reports and highly effective presentations.

Security Clearances: Top Secret (SCI) 1984-1990, Secret 1990-2017. Successfully completed Polygraph test on September 2016. Interim TOP SECRET granted on July 2018.

Work History:

1980–1984 USAF Forward Air Controller with the Tactical Air Command at various CONUS locations and one ROK deployment.

1984-1990 USAF Cryptologist Linguist at the 6947th Electronic Security Squadron. Expert SIGINT officer, trainer and flight chief (Key West, FL).

December 1990-September 2012 Open Source Center officer. Subject matter expert on Cuba and the Caribbean media, analyst, trainer, and video production (Key West, FL).

September 2012-March 2014 Open Source Center Liaison Officer to the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South (JIATF-S). Translations and joint reports on Central America social media in conjunction with JIAFTS' OSINT team (Key West, FL).

(Retired from Federal Service on March 2014)

November 2014-2016 JIATF-S J5 MISO Officer. Responsible for the speedy and accurate design of customized target messaging, logos, graphics and social media and audio products.

2016-2018 JIATF-S J2 Trainer. Responsible for the design and delivery of courses on OSINT, advanced PowerPoint, Intelligence Writing Primer, and week-long Effective Analytic Writing. Responsible for the design of graphics and newsletter template and review and update of content and effectiveness of J2 course content.

2018-To Present JIATF-S J7/J1 Technical Writer, Trainer. Responsible for the design and delivery of Critical Thinking course and draft and quality assurance of Personnel Management Policy.

Education:

University of Puerto Rico (1976-1979): Architecture School Design, Graphics, Engineering, Art History, Humanities, Advanced placement Spanish Literature.

Various USAF Schools (1980-1990): Tactical Air Command Forward Air Controller School, Cryptologist Linguist School, NCO Leadership Academy.

Various Open Source Center courses (1990-2012): Hidden Universes of the Internet, Media Resonance, Team Building Training, Web Content Management, Analytic Tradecraft, Video Processing, Visual Persuasion.

Additional courses: Lay Ministry, Fundamental Theology, Introduction to Scriptures by the Archdiocese of Miami.

Self-taught: 3D virtual design and basic scripting.

Work Highlights:

Personal commendations from former CIA Director Michael Hayden and former Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez.

Commendation for coverage of the Havana riots and refugee crisis of 1994.

Early mapping of web presence of Cuban dissidence.

OSC Cuban Leadership Charts from 2009 to 2013.

Speaker at the Foreign Service Institute Future Cuban Leadership Meet, 2012.

Ground-breaking application of Generational Dynamics Theory to Cuba, 2013.

Featured expert at CIA HQ conference on Cuba, 2014.

Social Involvement:

- Volunteer support for military, local authorities in processing Cuban rafters.
- Ad Doc Designer, Community Event Organizer, Community Instructor, Homilist, and Master of Ceremony at the Basilica of Saint Mary Star of the Sea.
- Member of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Board of Directors of the San Carlos Institute, and Art in Public Places Commission for the City of Key West.



The Basilica of Saint Mary Star of the Sea

1010 Windsor Lane
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April 22, 2019

To: City of Key West Citizens Review Board

From: Fr. John C. Baker

Re: Felix Pradas-Bergnes' nomination to the CRB

I write to recommend the placement of Felix Pradas-Bergnes to the CRB. He has served as a pastor assistant at the Basilica for many years. During my tenure, he has demonstrated a clear mind that finds pragmatic and empathic resolutions to every task assigned to him.