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August 3, 2020

Thomas Pakenas
Citizen Review Board
P.O. Box 1946
Key West, FL 33041

Re: Application for Citizen Review Board

Dear Mr. Pakenas:

Enclosed please find my application for the Citizen Review Board to be considered when a position becomes open. I also enclose my professional resume. I ask that this cover letter serve as a supplement to respond to questions 1, 2 and 4 found on pages 3 and 4 of the application.

Having initially purchased a home in Key West in 2008 my wife and I have progressed to establishing residency at the beginning of 2016.

I have been a lawyer in private practice in NJ for approximately 43 years, including criminal defense work. For more than 20 years, I have served as counsel to a Zoning Board for a municipality in NJ, and I am proud that when litigation was a necessity my representation resulted in not a single court defeat. During the recent Covid virus crisis, our meetings have been virtual requiring special skillsets with computer technology.

I am also a former municipal judge in NJ, having served 2 terms, during which I also served as treasurer of our judge's association. During that time the majority of the cases involved police activity and intervention which allowed me the opportunity to assess and deal with the public and law enforcement in a respectful manner, to listen to differing opinions, and to analyze facts and come to logical and legal conclusions.

Educationally, I participated in a scholar's program that allowed me to leave high school after 11th grade to begin college early. I then attended Rutgers University from which I graduated after only 3 years with a BA in economics and a minor in accounting. Subsequently, I attended Rutgers Law School from which I received my JD. I was the youngest lawyer in NJ in the latter part of the 1970s. I am also a licensed scuba instructor with certifications from 3 respected international agencies (though I have chosen to not professionally further engage in instruction).

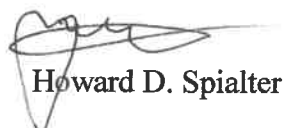
In addition to my legal career, I own and manage multiple real estate properties in FL, NJ and NY.

I am a captain in the Conch Republic Navy, and my duties include being the communications officer and second in command in the JAG corps. I was an active member and fundraiser in connection with the sinking of the USNS Vandenberg off of Key West. I have been a significant contributor to the Boys and Girls Club and fundraising activities post-hurricane Irma. I am a member of the Southernmost Republican Club and the Key West Art and Historical Society.

My wife and I are also active members of Congregation B'nai Zion in Key West. While residents of NJ we were members of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, in Clark, NJ, for which I served in a variety of leadership capacities culminating as president for a 2-year term.

My vast experiences encompass the requisite skills necessary to provide review and investigation of matters involving Key West police to allow for such actions to be undertaken for the combined benefit of the department and the public which it serves.

Respectfully,



Howard D. Spialter

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

APPLICATION

Name: HOWARD D. SPIALTER

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 or September 2019. 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.

CITY OF KEY WEST
CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD (CRB)
APPLICATION

Currently, the board will be filling one (2) positions. The position preferably shall be nominated by a local civic or social organization and appointed by the Citizen Review Board for a term ending on June 30, 2021. Interested candidates should preferably 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., September 10th, 2018. 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: Chris Sclichter, Executive Director (305) 809-3887 or crb@cityofkeywest-fl.gov. The CRB Charter and Polices & 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)

SOUTHERNMOST REPUBLICAN CLUB

Your Name:

HOWARD D. SPALTER

Home Address:

922D EATON STREET, KEY WEST, FL 33040

Telephone Number (Home):

(Cell): 908-400-2579

Mailing Address (if different)

1107 KEY PLAZA #325, KEY WEST, FL 33040

Date of Birth

04/29/54

Sex: (M) F

M F

E-Mail Address:

hdse92@AOL.com

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

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SCREENED VIA A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND THOSE ARREST RECORDS/RESULTS, ALOING 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.)

PLEASE SEE 8/3/20 LETTER PROVIDED HEREWITH.

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

PLEASE SEE 8/3/20 LETTER PROVIDED HEREWITH.

3. List your last three employers:

Employer	Position	Dates
S HOUBE + STERN PA	ATTORNEY	1977-1981
SELF	ATTORNEY	1981-PRESENT
BALDWIN MANOR LP	CEO-MANAGER	2005-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.)

PLEASE SEE 8/3/20 LETTER PROVIDED HEREWITH.

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

1. Name: TUDD GERMAN

Address: 320 PEACOCK LANE, KEY WEST, FL 33040

Daytime phone#: 305-942-1611

2. Name: CAPT. WILLIAM GROSSCUP

Address: 13 HILTON HAVEN, KEY WEST, FL 33040

Daytime phone#: 305-304-4458

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PRIMARY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney: 1981 – Present: Sole Practitioner in New Jersey. General practice of law. Emphasis on real estate, corporate, business, tax and estate planning and administration, including Wills and Trusts. Land use law. Landlord/Tenant matters. Drafting and negotiating of business, real estate and leasing transactions. Business and commercial litigation. Municipal Court. Personal injury and workers compensation.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Judge: 1993 – 1998: Union Township, New Jersey, Municipal Court

Attorney: 1989 – 1992 & 2001 – Present: Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Clark, New Jersey

Attorney: 1990 – 1991: Special Counsel, Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union, New Jersey

Attorney: 1987: Prosecutor of the Union Township Municipal Court, New Jersey

Attorney: 1982: Counsel – State Senator C. Louis Bassano, New Jersey

Attorney: 1977 – 1981: Shoobe and Stern, P.A., Clifton, NJ

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor: 1977 – Rutgers School of Law, Newark, NJ

Bachelor of Arts: 1974 – Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
Economics Major; Accounting Minor

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States of America

Admitted to the Federal District Court of New Jersey

Citizens Review Board

From: paladinmgc@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Citizens Review Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Sample Recommendation Letter

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mr. Pakenas Thank You, I write this email in full support of Howard Spialters application for membership with the KW CRB. . I have personally known Howard for over a decade, and just recently I supported his promotion to the rank as Rear Admiral (Jag Unit) of the Conch Republic Navy. Howard not only has an extensive resume as an judge, his volunteering time to the many CRN fund raising events has always been outstanding. The CRN High Command Fully supports his latest example of community commitment. If you have any questions I can be reached at 305 2968918. Thank You , Bill Grosscup Fleet Commander Conch Republic Military Forces

-----Original Message-----

From: Citizens Review Board <crb@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
To: paladinmgc@aol.com <paladinmgc@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Aug 30, 2021 2:03 pm

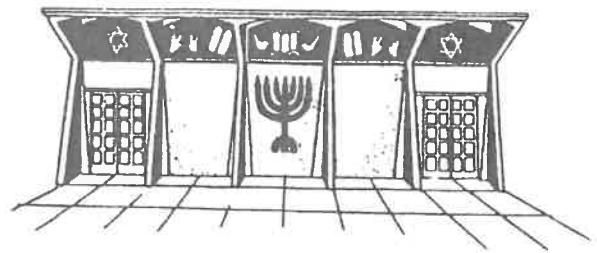
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Congregation B'nai Zion

*South Florida's First Congregation
Since 1887*

750 United Street Key West, Florida 33040-3251

(305) 294-3437



Rabbi Shimon Dudai

PRESIDENT, DR. FRED COVAN

August 30, 2021

To whom it may concern

Please be advised that I have known Howard Spialter since 2008 the year he joined our congregation and he has remained an active and contributing member.

We know him as a retired judge from NJ, and still a practicing attorney in that state. Our interactions with him have noted positive attributes that are typically necessary to be a successful Jurist and attorney.

We proudly sponsor his nomination and appointment to the Citizens Review Board.

We commend him to you without reservation.

Faithfully yours,
Congregation B'nai Zion
Rabbi Shimon Dudai