



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Bertha Henry

Department: County Administration

Division: Intergovernmental Affairs/Board Section

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO APPROVE appointment of Kamruz Hosein to the Police and Criminal Justice Review Board in the category of "member of the clergy nominated by a clergy organization(s) representing a broad range of denominations and faith groups."

Why Action is Necessary

Fills a vacancy on the Police and Criminal Justice Review Board.

What Action Accomplishes

Appoints Kamruz Hosein to the Police and Criminal Justice Review Board.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

None.

Summary Explanation/Background

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/BOARDS SECTION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM.

The Police and Criminal Justice Review Board (PCJRB) is comprised of 24 members appointed by the Broward County Commission. A clergy organization representing a broad range of denominations and faith groups may nominate a member to be appointed by the County Commission.

Kamruz Hosein was nominated by the board of directors of JAM & ALL Interfaith to serve on the PCJRB. The County Attorney has determined that Mr. Hosein qualifies for appointment (Exhibit 1).

Information relating to JAM & ALL can be found at <https://jamandallinterfaith.net>. The following is from their "About Us" tab on the website:

"Our Story"

JAM & ALL was founded in response to the events of 9/11 by a rabbi and an Imam. They believed it was important to get Muslims and Jews together to get to know one another and understand each other's traditions. So they formed a group called JAM - Jews and Muslims. Very soon after, people of

other faiths wanted to become involved, too, so the organization changed its name to JAM & ALL.

Throughout its history, JAM & All has sponsored and hosted a variety of programs designed to bring people together through dialogue. One such program was the women's living room dialogues, in which women had opportunities, in a safe, intimate setting, to ask questions of each other about their faith traditions. This program lasted seven years, and gave birth to the Peaceful Pairings program. This involved two congregations--one Jewish, one Muslim that met monthly to study a curriculum called "The Children of Abraham." Through this program, people learned that they had much in common on a human level. Peaceful Pairings eventually became what is now our Interfaith Roundtable Meetups--monthly gatherings of people from many faith traditions, to discuss topics of interest to all.

Other JAM & All initiatives have included the creation of an accredited college course, the organization of conferences at Nova University, social events such as interfaith family picnics, film viewing and discussions, and hosting and coordinating student exchanges.

JAM & All Interfaith is proud to be a Cooperation Circle of United Religions International (URI).

JAM & ALL Interfaith, Inc. is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, dedicated to fostering understanding, social harmony, and peace through dialogue, multicultural interaction and educational projects.

JAM & ALL Interfaith supports dialogue in the community through monthly Interfaith Roundtable gatherings, town hall meetings, youth activities, and other special events. All are welcome to come join the conversation at any of our upcoming events.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.