

Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA)

Board of Directors STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

I, Latisha R. Atkins, J.D., do hereby submit my name for consideration as a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors for the HCCA.

Check One

Position: _____ President; X Vice President; _____ Corresponding Secretary; _____ Treasurer

BACKGROUND: Please provide some biographical information about yourself (i.e., occupation, education, experience serving in the HCCA or other volunteer organization) which describes the qualities that you have that would be an asset if elected to the HCCA Board of Directors

See attached bio.

I have lived in the Hillcrest community since 2015. I moved into the community while working as the Deputy Director of Mayor Gray’s Office of Neighborhood Engagement, a position I held after working as the Ward 7 MOCR (Mayor’s Office of Community Relations & Services), under Mayor Fenty. Throughout my tenure in DC Government, I have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Hillcrest (Ward 7) community to identify and address ward wide issues and concerns. From the smallest project to the largest undertaking, my goal is to always see it through to the best of my ability. In 2011, I was awarded a Recognition Award from ANC 7B for my devotion to the community, a passion that I still carry on this day. I believe that my vast knowledge of the District of Columbia’s resources, services/programs and my work with many agencies is a huge asset, one that will assist the HCCA Board of Directors in our work. Currently, I am the Director of the Pennsylvania Avenue East Main Street. In this capacity, I work to support the retail corridor along Pennsylvania Avenue, SE from the John P. Sousa Bridge to Southern Ave, SE. The mission of the Pennsylvania Avenue East Main Street (PAEMS) is to revitalize retail, retain and attract a diverse customer base, empower surrounding communities and develop businesses along the corridor. I consider it a true honor and privilege to live and work in Ward 7.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD:

I am interested in sharing my skills, talents and resources with the community in which I live. To whom much is given, much is required. We can give of our time, talents and/or resources. I am seeking to lend my resources and work with the community to identify priorities and work to address these priority areas with every single Hillcrest resident. If elected, I will do my best to maintain integrity and honor in this work. I will work to ensure that every resident's voice is heard in the process and to build and strengthen internal processes that will ensure accountability and transparency on the HCCA Board.
