

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Ethnic Issues Advisory Board
RE: Recommendation for a Board Vacancy
DATE: August 15, 2007

At our August 14, 2007 Ethnic Issues Advisory Board Meeting, we discussed a recent vacancy with the resignation of Hailu Robele. Hailu and his family have left Troy for El Paso, Texas due to his wife's job transfer.

A motion was made by Kelly Jones, seconded by Mayada Fakhouri to recommend Karen Yelder to the Troy City Council to fill the new vacancy on the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board replacing outgoing Hailu Robele.

Karen Yelder is a resident of Troy, United States Citizen and registered voter. She is also a member of the following: NAACP, Charles H. Wright African American Museum, Board of Directors Boys & Girls Club of Troy, Board of Directors Troy Schools Sex Education Advisory Board, Co-Chair of the Troy Daze Talent Show, Founder of a Social Group for African American Women Business Owners in Oakland County, Greater Grace Temple member. She has attended all sessions of Bridging the Racial Divide sponsored by the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board, attended all MLK Celebration of Freedom events with City of Troy and the Troy Schools. She is also an Athens Athletic Boosters parent and small Business Owner.

The motion was approved unanimously to recommend Karen Yelder to fill the vacant position on the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board.

Her leadership, dedication and compassion would make her an outstanding asset to the Board.

August 1, 2007

Hi Cindy:

It has been wonderful serving as a Board member for Ethnic Issues Advisory Board. I enjoyed working closely with all of you. Unfortunately my because of my wife's job we are relocating to El Paso, TX at the end of August. Therefore, I would like to resign from Ethnic Issues Advisory Board.

Hailu S. Robele