

September 24, 2016

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Board of Management of The 519

Subject: Nominations for Appointment to the Board of Management of The 519

In accordance with the Annual General Meeting held for the Membership of The 519 on Saturday September 24, 2016, the Board of Management of The 519 recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council appoint the following nominees for a two-year term ending September 24, 2018 or until their successors are appointed. The 519 continues to maintain the required catchment residency provision. These recommended appointments comply with the Public Appointments Policy and the Relationship Framework between the City of Toronto and Community Centres:

Catchment:

1. Gwen Benaway
2. Linder Booker

Non-Catchment:

3. Alex Abramovich
4. Patrick Gervais
5. Paul Saguil

Retiring Board Members

The new candidates are replacing the following retiring Board Members:

Catchment:

1. Nadia Bello
2. Luc Levasseur
3. Nicki Monahan

Non-Catchment:

4. Michelle Walker
5. Wesley Watson

This year, the number of available Board positions was equal to the number of recommended candidates. Therefore a motion recommending the appointment of candidates was presented to the membership in lieu of an election. The 519 Membership passed a motion to recommend these candidates for appointment by Toronto and East York Community Council. These recommended appointments meet the requirements under the City of Toronto's Public Appointments Policy including the requirement to be 18 years of age, a resident of the City of Toronto and they expected in the role of a Board member to provide:

- A variety of perspectives, reflecting the diversity of the community
- An understanding of diverse neighbourhoods and communities within the catchment area
- Reflect the cultural and social diversity of the community
- Have knowledge and understanding of community and public service
- Bring specific skills and expertise that contribute to good governance
- Support for mission and mandate of The 519; and to
- Possess strong communication and decision making skills

In addition, the Board of Management must offer a strong mix and balance of skills, knowledge and experience while reflecting the diversity of the communities The 519 serves. Each year the Board's Nominations Committee establishes priority recruitment targets as a mechanism to ensure that we comply with the City of Toronto Public Appointments and best equip our Centre to achieve its overall mission. This year recruitment also included:

1. Diversity priorities to include continuing to advance the representation of individuals from a cross-section of age groups, members of diverse racial and ethno-cultural communities, women and trans people; and
2. Skills and experience priorities to include a deep understanding and demonstrated competencies in philanthropy and fundraising such as sharing knowledge, leveraging extended networks, innovation, use of technology on fund development; board governance; community and neighbourhood development and engagement; recreation and health promotion planning; and,
3. Support in continued priorities requiring skills and experience in policy expertise with refugee and newcomer, and homelessness and housing services; diverse and demonstrated expertise and connections in government relations; and, experience and understanding of marginalized communities.

All candidates applications are screened, successful applicants were interviewed by the Nominations committee and candidates presented to the Membership for recommendation at the Annual General Meeting.

Appointments to the Board of Management of The 519 is a matter for which the community council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision, provided that the recommendations do not vary from the Public Appointments Policy.

The nominees are deemed qualified to serve on the Board of Management pursuant to the relevant provisions of the City of Toronto By-law (Chapter 25 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code), the Relationship Framework for Board run Community Centres and the Public Appointments Policy.

By this letter, the Board of Management requests that all individuals named, be appointed as Directors on the Board of Management of The 519.

On behalf of the Board of Management, I respectfully request the City take the necessary steps to implement the above requested appointments.

Sincerely,

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