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1. What personal, professional, and Board experience do you have that would contribute to the progress of the ADNA?

I have volunteered in my community at some level ever since entering college. Those volunteer opportunities have involved both lending my support to pre-existing efforts, as well as my seeing community needs and addressing them by growing programs from the ground up. I'm fortunate to have been recognized for these contributions with 2 awards – the *David E. Rogers Award for professionalism and community leadership* from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and the *William L. Stewart, Jr. Award for contributions to extracurricular life on campus* from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

If elected to the Downtown Neighborhood Association board, I will bring the same skills that helped me to affect community progress in other places that I have lived to Atlanta. I am including examples of my volunteerism by way of demonstrating the diversity of projects that I have worked on, in addition to the different capacities in which I have done this work:

Faith in Action, Friendly Visitor Program, 12/2004-present

Volunteer

Atlanta, GA

Visit senior citizens and/or infirmed members of the community to provide company and assistance with light chores

A Space of Her Own (SOHO), Alexandria Court Service Unit/Torpedo Factory, 2/2003-5/2003

Mentor, Art Class Aid, Design Consultant

Alexandria, VA

SOHO seeks to build confidence and promote cooperation and friendship among low-income, at-risk girls through art and interior design.

Thurgood Marshall Academy, 11/2002-4/2002

High school student mentor

Washington, D.C.

The Forum on Blacks in the Arts and Sciences , 2/1999

Inaugural Speaker

Seattle, WA

Delivered talk, "Becoming a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Biological Sciences"

Office of Minority Affairs, University of Washington, 11/1998

Guest lecturer

Seattle, WA

Presented lecture, "My Day as a Research Scientist"

Minority Biomedical Graduate Association (MBGA), 9/1994-12/1997

Co-founder and vice president, 1994

Baltimore, MD

Helped to recruit and retain minority graduate students to Johns Hopkins by corresponding with prospective students, forming support groups, sponsoring an annual lecture series, and by visiting local elementary and high schools to increase interest in science

Bridges Not Walls (BNW), 3/1992-9/1994

Founding Member

Baltimore, MD

Improved dialogue between The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the residents of East Baltimore through seminars, volunteer placement, neighborhood fairs, and by attending community meetings

AIDS Response at M.I.T. (ARMIT), 3/1988-5/1990

Founding Member

Cambridge, MA

Educated the M.I.T. community about AIDS by scheduling programs to observe World AIDS Day, distributing literature on AIDS to interested students, and by giving presentations in dormitories and campus organizations

Women's Health Education Network (WHEN), 9/1989-5/1990

Member

Cambridge, MA

Performed informational "road shows" throughout the M.I.T. campus to discuss issues affecting women's health

Institute Advising, 9/1987-5/1989

Associate Student Advisor

Cambridge, MA

Advised incoming M.I.T. freshmen on classes and campus life in association with a faculty member

Project Contact, 9/1987-5/1990

Coordinator for Africa

Corresponded with newly accepted African students to answer questions and welcome them to M.I.T.

African Students Association (ASA), 9/1986-5/1990

Member

Cambridge, MA

Highlighted cultural diversity at M.I.T. by participating in international students' events

2. **What 3 issues matter most to you as a resident or business owner in Downtown?**

- a. Public transportation/infrastructure for walking
- b. Converting unused properties into viable community resources/businesses
- c. Cultivating connectedness among downtown residents

3. Is there anything else you would like ADNA members to consider in reviewing your candidacy?

Not at this time. Thank you.