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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Lynnise Roehrich-Patrick
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DATE: 23 August 2013

SUBJECT: Commission Updates

The Commission welcomes Representative Antonio Parkinson, (District 98, Part of Shelby County), as our newest commission member. Speaker of the House, Beth Harwell, appointed Representative Parkinson to serve on the Commission from 20 August 2013 to 4 November 2014. He replaces Representative Lois DeBerry.

Representative Parkinson is a retired U.S. Marine and a Desert Storm veteran. He was a firefighter with the rank of lieutenant with the Shelby County Fire Department. Representative Parkinson is the founder of ABetterMemphis.com, the founder and organizer of The Block Party for Peace, has served on the Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission, served as president of Frayser Exchange Club, was a board member for Frayser Community Development Corporation, was the former vice president of the Raleigh Community Council, and is president of The Voice of Raleigh and Frayser Community Action Network.

Representative Parkinson's service in public office includes serving as a member of the 107th and 108th General Assemblies and as a member of the House Local Government Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, Calendar and Rules Committee, Ethics Committee, and Local Government Subcommittee.

In addition, please join me in welcoming David Lewis back to our staff as a senior research associate. David is returning to us from the Office of Criminal Justice Programs in the Department of Finance and Administration and brings a wide range of experience and knowledge to our team.