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Mr. Newton, a partner with Jones, Patterson, Simpson & Newton, P.A., was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable C. Weston Houck, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, South Carolina, and for the Honorable John H. Waller, Jr., Associate Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court/Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit. He received his B.A. from Washington and Lee University in 1989 and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993. Mr. Newton is a member of the South Carolina, Beaufort County, Hilton Head Island and American Bar Associations. He is also a member of the Hilton Head Island Sunset Rotary Club and serves on the Board for the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic. He is a graduate of Leadership Hilton Head/Bluffton and serves on the Leadership Board of Regents. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Transportation Advisory Group.

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Mr. Von Harten is a retired USMC Lieutenant Colonel; former Executive Director for the Beaufort County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse; President & General Manager of The New Kinghorn Building Supply Company; Director, Project Planning & Development of Gray Holdings, L.P.; and Owner of Von Harten Consulting. He is the recipient of a Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals, and the Purple Heart Medal, a Presidential Citation as Outstanding Vietnam Veteran in S.C., and the Governor's Award as S.C. Ambassador of Economic Development. Mr. Von Harten is a graduate of The Citadel (B.S. in Business Administration), U. S. Naval War College, and The George Washington University (M.S. Foreign Affairs). He is a past Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Beaufort County Council. Mr. Von Harten has also served as Commodore of the Beaufort County Water Festival, Chairman of the Burton Fire District Commission, Chairman of Beaufort County Economic Development Board, President of the Sea Island Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow) and Chairman of the Beaufort County Military Enhancement Committee. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Land Management and Military Affairs, Vice Chairman of Information Technology, and Transportation Advisory Group; and a member of Finance and Public Services.

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Mr. Brafman is a retired attorney. In 1945, at age 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Later, during the Korean War, he served as a combat infantryman with rifle platoon in the 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division. He attended undergraduate school at the University of Missouri, where he received a B.S. in Business Administration with a major in Accounting. He attended New York Law School, where he received an L.L.B. He had a 32-year career with the U.S. Treasury Department, and is admitted to practice in the U.S. Tax Court. He is a member of the 24th Division Association; the Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County and South Carolina Republican Party, Hilton Head Island Land Trust, Beaufort County Open Land Trust, Friends of the Library, Tennis Association of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina Yacht Club, Greater Island Committee, and the South Carolina State Guard. Committee Assignments: Vice Chairman of Development Agreement, Finance, and Military Affairs; and a member of Intergovernmental Relations/Economic Development and Land Management

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Mr. Dawson was born January 2, 1953, in Gardens Corner, S.C. He received his early education through the Beaufort County school system. He later attended the Technical College of the Lowcountry, where he received certification as a licensed Emergency Medical Technician and as a licensed Paramedic. Mr. Dawson was employed as a paramedic with Beaufort County EMS and was also a Postal Letter Carrier with the US Postal Service, from which he retired. He is an ordained minister and serves as Associate Minister of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Mr. Dawson and his wife, Vivian, have four daughters and six grandchildren. Mr. Dawson has always displayed a keen interest in Beaufort County as well as in his community. He has served as President of the

Dale-Lobeco Community Center; PTO President of James J. Davis Elementary School; volunteer EMT, Beaufort County EMS; EMS Paramedic; Sheldon Planning District Representative, Beaufort County Planning Commission; Sheldon Planning District Sub-Committee Chairman; Parris Island Ministries Campus Crusade for Christ Instructor; Member of the Governor's Comprehensive Strategies for Prevention (G-CAP). He is also affiliated with after school programs at James J. Davis Elementary and Whale Branch Middle Schools. Committee Assignments: member of Affordable Housing, Employee Services, Grants/Minority Affairs, Information Technology, and Land Management.



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Mr. Generales is a financial consultant with the strategic asset management team at Melhado, Flynn & Associates, Inc. He attended the University of Massachusetts and is a veteran, having served with the Hospital Corps in the US Naval Reserve. He spent 20+ years managing various departments for major New York Stock Exchange companies. Mr. Generales managed both national and regional mutual funds, asset management, retirement planning and insurance departments for such firms as EF Hutton and Shearson Lehman Brothers. He moved to Beaufort County from Toronto, Canada, where he was the Director of Marketing and managed mutual funds sales and marketing for the largest brokerage firm in Canada. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Finance and Information Technology; and a member of Community Services/Public Safety, Development Agreement, Intergovernmental Relations/Economic Development, Land Management, Public Services, and Transportation Advisory Group.

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Mr. Glaze is Assistant Principal at Beaufort High School and the Track and Field Coach. He attended Benedict College, B.S., and the Pepperdine University, M.Ed. He is a member of Beaufort County Education Association, Burton Advisory Committee, Marine Science Association, National Education Association, National Science Teachers Association, New Hope Christian Church (Deacon), Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Sons of Beaufort Masonic Lodge #36, South Carolina Education Association, South Carolina High School League, and South Carolina Track and Field Association. He coached the Beaufort High School Girl's Track Team for 28 years, winning 18 regional (conference) championships, 8 state championships, and 2 state runner's up. He was awarded the South Carolina Track and Field 4-A Coach of the Year in 2002, the High School Coaches Association's highest honor. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Grants and Minority Affairs; Vice Chairman of Public Services; and a member of Affordable Housing, Community Services and Public Safety, Military Affairs, and Lowcountry Council of Governments.

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Mrs. Griffin, a retired administrative and legislative aide, was educated in Europe in both native and American schools. She attended the Royal Hammersmith Hospital School of Nursing in London, England. She is married with four grown children and ten grandchildren. Mrs. Griffin's prior government experience was on the Mahwah Township Council and President. She was a member of the Mahwah Township Planning Board, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, served on the Bergen County Office of Highway Safety Committee, Bergen County delegate to the NJ State Historic Preservation Society, and Board of Directors of the Bergen County Red Cross. She was an EMT on the Mahwah Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Since moving to Sun City Hilton Head, she joined the Church of the Palms United Methodist, served on the Board of Trustees, Building Committee, and as Membership Secretary. She presently serves on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and is Church Historian. She helped her husband build homes for Habitat for Humanity in Bluffton, was Treasurer of Beaufort County Republican Party, Sun City Republican Club, and a member of the Neighborhood Committee for Sun City Plat 8, various Sun City clubs, with a strong dedication to stained glass. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Employee Services; and a member of Affordable Housing, Community Services/Public Safety, Intergovernmental Relations/Economic Development, Land Management, Public Services, and Lowcountry Council of Governments.

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Mrs. Starletta Hairston is married to William Hairston, owner of Pro Plastering &

Stucco, Inc. She is the mother of four boys and the grandmother of two. Mrs. Hairston received her formal education in Gastonia, North Carolina and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she also received her airline training. She was employed by US Airways for 22 years, as a lead flight attendant for both domestic and international flights. Mrs. Hairston has been involved with many community organizations and projects. She is the Spokeswoman for (Project SAFE) Sewer Access for Everyone, Vice Chairperson of Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association, Committee Chairperson for the Gullah Celebration, a board member of the Boys & Girls Club, a member of the Hilton Head Rotary Club, a member of the Hilton Head/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, and past board member of the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Hairston has received numerous community service awards. She was Zonta's Woman of the Year 2000. She was chosen Mrs. Hilton Head Island 2001; and is a member of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on Hilton Head Island, SC. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Affordable Housing; Vice Chairman of Community Services/Public Safety; and a member of Development Agreement, Employee Services, Finance, Information Technology, Intergovernmental Relations/Economic Development, and Lowcountry Council of Governments..



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Mr. Lamb is a lawyer. He was an airman USAF March 1956-1959. Following his military service he attended the American University in Washington, D. C., receiving a B.A. in Economics and Accounting. He is a graduate of the Washington College of Law, receiving an LLB in 1964. He was admitted to the practice of law in Washington, D. C., the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Lamb was a Public Defender in Washington, D. C. from 1964-1966. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Development Agreement and Public Services; Vice Chairman of Employee Services and Land Management; and a member of Finance, Grants/Minority Affairs, Military Affairs, Lowcountry Council of Governments, and Transportation Advisory Group.



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Mr. McBride, a retired high school science teacher, and a former high school department head, attended the South Carolina State University, B.S., M.Ed. and The Citadel, Ed.S. He is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union (S.C. Chapter), Beaufort County Democratic Party, Lowcountry Council of Governments, St. Helena/Lady's Island Branch of the NAACP, South Carolina Science Council, Wesley United Methodist Church (Administrative and Trustee Boards). He is a board member and past president of South Carolina Association of Counties. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Community Services and Public Safety; Vice Chairman of Grants and Minority Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations/Economic Development; and a member of Development Agreement, Employee Services, Finance, Public Services, and Lowcountry Council of Governments.



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After graduating from Beaufort High School in 1967, Mr. Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in education from Georgia Southern University and an MBA with honors from Mercer University. Mr. Stewart worked as a school teacher before beginning a career of more than 25 years in wireless telecommunications, including nearly 10 years with Motorola. He formed several successful wireless communications businesses and served two terms as Chairman of the Board of the American Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA). Mr. Stewart is the Founder and CEO of 303 Associates LLC, a Beaufort-based real estate management company. He also is the founder of Associated Luxury, a hospitality company based in Beaufort. Mr. Stewart is married to the former Sharon Sullivan of Savannah. The Stewarts have a daughter, Leigh, who is a graduate student living in Boston. Mr. Stewart was nominated as Entrepreneur of The Year for the Atlanta area in 1992. Since returning to Beaufort in 1998, he has served as Chairman of the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Board of the Greater Beaufort-Hilton Head Economic Partnership. Mr. Stewart has received four Main Street Beaufort Awards for Excellence for property rehabilitations and renovations. Committee Assignments: Chairman of Intergovernmental Relations/Economic Development; Vice Chairman of Affordable Housing; and a member of Employee Services, Finance, Grants/Minority Affairs, Land Management, Military Affairs, and Public Services.