**ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**16 January 2017**

**MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Mayor’s Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs**

**Director, Office of Veterans Affairs**

**SUBJ: Board Member Absences**

**Chairman Wingo and Director Ross,**

As Board Secretary, it is my obligation to maintain the record of attendance at our meetings. I therefore have the responsibility to inform you that the following members were marked absent at all three of our past meetings (November and December, 2016, and January, 2017). Those with asterisks have communicated the reason for their absences and expressed a desire to remain on the board.

* Nancy Black.
* Dnasha Harrison
* Sidney Locks
* Daryl McLendon
* Jacque Patterson
* Victoria Pridemore\*
* Antionette Scott\*
* James Sydnor\*

I would note that Ms. Pridemore is currently deployed. Mr. Sydnor has informed us of school commitments that led to these particular absences, and he expects to resume active participation starting in February. Likewise, Ms. Scott had a family emergency in December and notified the Board of her absence in advance. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Harrison have already informed us of their desire to resign their positions.

As you are aware, the Board By-Laws include two sections regarding member “absenteeism.” Section 1089.1 states “The names of Commission members with three consecutive absences shall be forwarded to the Mayor with a recommendation for removal.” Section 1089.2 then states, “The names of Commission members with three consecutive absences shall receive a letter from the Chair asking for their resignation.” The By-Laws are not clear, in my reading of them, whether these are to be done simultaneously or in some order. I will leave that to you to resolve.