

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:** Scott Burns, Co-chair; AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair; Matthew McCarthy, Samia Suliman, Alfredo Castillo

**OTHER:** Constance Vickers, Director of Legislative Affairs; Atty. Mark Anastasi, City Attorney's Office; Council Member Jeanette Herron; Kenneth Flatto, Finance Director; Cory Ruser, Jacqueline Martoral (7:00 P.M.)

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Burns called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M.

**16-20  
APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE MARTORAL (U) TO THE BOARD OF  
ASSESSMENT APPEAL**

Ms. Martoral was not present for the appointment.

**RECESS**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL 7 P.M.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SULIMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The meeting was recessed until 7:00 P.M.*

*The meeting reconvened at 7:05 P.M.*

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE MARTORAL TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Ms. Martoral how she became part of this item and appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeal and her background.

Ms. Martoral stated that she had initially applied for Zoning which was what her application was for and it was the Mayor's office which had recommended her for the position due to her background in real-estate.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked about Ms. Martoral's background and ability to meet the time obligations of the position.

Ms. Martoral stated she was a tax preparer and helps low-income residents fill out their taxes. Additionally she has property-management experience. Her timeframe is both open and flexible and she is open for a 20-30 hour frame.

Council Member Suliman asked if she was a resident of Bridgeport.

Ms. Martoral stated that she had been born and raised in Bridgeport and listed the schools she had attended growing up in Bridgeport. She has worked in City Hall prior as well. She had moved out for a brief time but had returned to the city.

Council Member McCarthy asked how long she had been living in Bridgeport since she moved back.

Ms. Martoral responded that she had lived in Bridgeport for about 1 ½ years at this point.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked for more information about her current employment.

Ms. Martoral said that the company she works for, Clay Real-Estate, has been around for about seven years and she has worked for them part-time for at least three years. It deals with properties in Bridgeport and the Bronx.

Council Member McCarthy asked for more information on her reason for applying.

Ms. Martoral said it was self-motivated with a desire to help the city.

Council Member McCarthy asked how she would handle conflicts of interest.

Ms. Martoral stated that she'd recuse herself from any conflicts of interest.

Council Member McCarthy asked how she would know if there was a conflict of interest.

Ms. Martoral said that she assumed there would be a list of properties being discussed beforehand which would allow her to see if there were any dealings with anything she was familiar with and she'd recuse herself as a result.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE MARTORAL TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO ADJOURN**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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