

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Marilyn Stewart Date: 02/04/09

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Residence Address: 7031 E. 10th Ave # B

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Occupation: President, Steppingstone (business owner)

Seat Applicant is Applying For: Seat B (Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter in the Municipality of Anchorage.)

Have you ever been convicted of, admitted committing, or are you awaiting trial for any crime involving moral turpitude? (PTPC Reg. 20 AAC 10.030)

Yes  No If you answered yes, please attach written explanation.

Attachments to this application should include:

- resume
- statement of reasons why the applicant wishes to be a member of the Board
- other information deemed pertinent by applicant

Note: Within 30 days of taking office, the successful applicant will be required to submit a Conflict of Interest form as required by APOC.

Applications should be mailed to: Office of the Superintendent  
Anchorage School District  
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.  
Anchorage, AK 99504-3135

Or hand-delivered to: 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Deadline for applications: All applications need to be received in the Superintendent's office by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009.

The School Board will make the appointment during a Special Meeting, convening Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Signature: Marilyn Stewart



# STEPPING STONE

REFERRAL & TRAINING AGENCY LLC

To the Anchorage School Board

Re: Statement of reasons why I wish to be a member of the Anchorage School Board

From: Marilyn Stewart

Date: February 5, 2009

Thank you for allowing me this privilege of expressing why I would like to be a member of the Anchorage School Board. I realized early in life that I have a tremendous desire, and commitment to serve others. I have carved out fifteen years of community services and relationship building throughout the state of Alaska, among diverse organizations, which has been one of my most treasure investments for understanding and respecting others. I have extensive experience in leadership, management, community development, governmental budgeting and regulations concerning state agencies, and private sectors I believe this qualifies me to serve with each of you on the Anchorage School Board and run for re-election in April 2009.

**My Vision:** is to work with an engaging team to establish a system of public education in which all children achieve at high levels and are given the opportunity to reach their full potential. In addition, I envision the development of a universal, well rounded and comprehensive curriculum (example). These include educating them in the arts, foreign languages, and physical education. These courses of study that stimulate a child's brain must not be reserved as a privilege of children who attend private schools or public schools in wealthy districts.

**My Inspiration:** My mother rooted in me to always follow my passion. I believe we are here on this planet earth to live, grow up, and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom and economic prosperity. Our children are our most precious resources, however looking at the ASD graduation (07-08, 64%) and dropout rate (07-08, 4.16%) can be parallel to that of a stockholder's report. Investors would be highly upset on the lack of return on their investments. We as parents, teachers and educators must act now to create a brighter future for our children. I want to be a part of an organization that increases the level and quality of educational opportunities for our youth.

**My Dedication:** is an instrument that has proven to be timeless when one is as passionate as I am about making a difference in the eyes of our future generation. For it is our vision that their eyes are looking through, and praying for us (as parents, teachers, community leaders) to see beyond our time.

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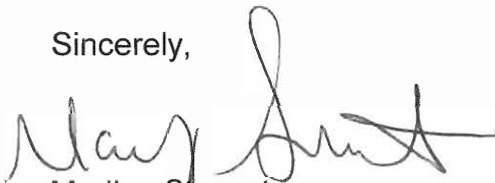
*"A path to progress towards obtaining a sustainable job"*

**My Accountability:** Government resources should be better invested to support the academic and personal maturity of our precious resources (children). The growth of parents to ensure that they are capable of advocating for and orchestrating the extra support necessary for the whole development of their children is the key to a quality education. In addition adequately training and fairly compensating professional staff that can teach in responsible ratios of adults to children is extremely important.

**Our Success:** If selected and given the opportunity to work with such a dynamic group of parents, educators and support staff in coordination with the established goals of the Anchorage School Board and Superintendent, I feel that we can create a system of public education in which all children can successfully participate and enjoy learning in order to reach their full potential.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my vision, inspiration, dedication, accountability, and success goals. I look forward to having the opportunity to listen, learn and foster the relationships necessary to make the Anchorage School Board a leader in all that we do for our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marilyn Stewart', written in a cursive style.

Marilyn Stewart  
President & Founder

Summary of Qualifications for  
Marilyn Stewart -Richardson  
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Alaska Resident for 28 years – Over 15 years of community service and relationship building in Alaska, including knowledge, skills and extensive experience in leadership, training, management, community development, governmental budgeting and regulations concerning state agencies and private sectors.

### EDUCATION

- Sears University one year Competitive Advantage leadership/diversity course – Graduated 2001
- PEW Charitable Trust Foundation Scholarship/Grant – one year intensive leadership course, Alaska Pacific University - Graduated 1998
- Six weeks leadership school, South Carolina- Graduated 1980
- Castleberry Conecuh County High School, Castleberry, Alabama – Graduated 1979

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, 2004-2006:

- Developed supervised, budgeted and implemented DCCED's first Statewide Small Business Development outreach programs in Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, Kenai and the Mat-Su Borough to include identification of federal and state resources available to small businesses and /or individuals interested starting a business.

Anchorage Governor's Office, 2002-2004:

- State Deputy Director, Community Relations: Developed and implemented policies, goals and objectives which included supported services for those seeking governmental assistance. Assisted state and federal government in interfacing with community and civics groups on issues of importance; jobs, youth development, corrections, transportation and senior citizens issues.

Department Manager, Sears Department Store in Anchorage, Alaska 2001-2004:

- Managed and supervised the distribution and inventory of retail product, facilitated the relationship between transportation and customer support inventory planning and purchasing. Developed experience in logistics and warehouse management. Managed monthly goals, reviews, assessment rating for a team of 79 employees.

Deputy Director, Presidential Candidate, Gary Bauer 1999-2000:

- Directed, supervised and organized major fundraising events throughout Alaska. Coordinated community and speaking engagements throughout the United States, to include assisting in organizing the Ames Straw Poll in New Hampshire for Mr. Bauer.

Executive Director, Anchorage Bridge Builders 1997-1998:

- Duties included scheduling, directing, managing and assisting Bridge Builders, a 15- member Executive Board and its diverse membership of 600 members. Responsible for maintaining all organizational function. Increased membership by approximately 25%.

### STRENGTHS

- Communication: able to act as liaison and work with many cultures.
- Leadership: can easily engage people in the community, accustomed to being in positions of responsibility, know how to build consensus between government and the people.
- Organization: expert at managing time and resources effectively; prioritize and work, consistently to meet deadlines.

### CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

President & CEO, Alaska Black Chamber of Commerce, Alaska Black Leadership Conference, Street Ministry of America, Ambassador for Peace, Anchorage Governors Prayer Breakfast, NAACP Anchorage Branch, and Victim's for Justice, Matanuska Electric Bylaws Committee, Anchorage Senior Citizens Commission, Federation of Business & Professional Women-United Nations Chapter, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, Anchorage Pioneer Home Residential Council.

February 5, 2009

Office of the Superintendent  
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ATT: Anchorage School Board

This letter is to recommend Ms. Marilyn Stewart to a seat on the Anchorage School Board. I have been Marilyn's spiritual leader for over ten years in the Faith-Community. Therefore, I'm honored to write this letter of support for her.

I have had, and continue to have the privilege of observing Marilyn in her many leadership roles on the professional levels of government, city, state, federal and in the private sector as well. I have also witnessed her spiritual commitment, and leadership capabilities when it comes to helping others.

In addition to her leadership experience Marilyn has a strong passion for working with young people in the following areas: mentoring, tutoring and counseling them on the importance of an education. These unique traits have earned her much respect among her peers, friends and colleagues.

Marilyn is capable, energetic, and loyal and has an incredible ability to connect, and succeed. It is with these many qualities that she will be a great resource and asset to the Anchorage School Board. I encourage you to give her application serious consideration.

Sincerely,



Clifton J. Gay III  
Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church



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**WE'RE SERIOUS! SERIOUS ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**  
**SERIOUS ABOUT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CHURCH**  
**SERIOUS ABOUT REACHING THE LOST FOR CHRIST**

*Matthew 22:37 - 40; Matthew 28:16-20*



# Greater Friendship Baptist Church

PASTOR LEON D. MAY I



**"Caught-up In A 'Divine' Partnership.....Catering To The Needs Of The Common Man"**

Anchorage School District (Board)  
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504-3135

February 5, 2009,


To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Marilyn Stewart

I do regard Marilyn Stewart *"in the highest light"*. Marilyn is a person of the highest integrity. She is kind, caring and compassionate, as her excellent record of public service will attest to! Marilyn has the knowledge, and skill level, that would commend her to *any* undertaking! Whether it be fighting for jobs for *all* Alaskans, inclusive of minorities, or serving along-side of, and being servant to, elected public officials, all of which she *has* done, admirably, I might add, Marilyn is *extremely* qualified, and equipped, for public service!

With her knowledge, background and objectivity, in the state of Alaska and the city of Anchorage, expressly, Marilyn would be a major asset to the Anchorage School Board and District! Her knowledge of the educational issues, *and needs*, of our city's children and youth, would be well served in this capacity. I, both, *commend* her years of public service and *recommend* her continued service, in this most noteworthy capacity!

Yours, In *"Divine"* Partnership,

  
Pastor Leon D. May I

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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

February 6, 2009

To whom it may concern:

This letter of reference is written in support of Ms. Marilyn Stewart in becoming the appointee of seat "B" on the Anchorage School Board. Ms. Stewart is a single female who is culturally relevant throughout the Anchorage constituency and has been involved in virtually every level of social transformation in the past decade.

I believe Ms. Stewart possesses the skills and abilities that are necessary to represent the larger constituency of the Anchorage school populace. It is a matter of record that Ms. Stewart has been involved in the political arena and has supported several state administrations. Additionally, she has been part of the leadership constituency for a number of local organizations to wit, bringing about social change, new integrations and developments within many of our grassroots organizations. She has worked closely with several Governors, Commissioners and other important community leaders.

Ms. Stewart is an entrepreneur who utilized innovative insights and vision casting to establish her own business. She is caring and concerned about the children of the Anchorage School District. She is committed to family integrity and economic stability. She is goal oriented and has a sincere desire to achieve success in all her endeavors.

I believe that I speak on behalf of many of my professional contemporaries when I say that Ms. Stewart would make a strong contribution to the ballet in representing the concerns of our children's future education, and heal the breach from within the system that we now struggle with. As Pastor of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, past president/chair of the Alaska State Parole System for over 12 years, current Chair of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Anchorage citizen for over 38 years, I believe that this person would be perfect for our education system.

I trust that you will give strong consideration when choosing the next appointee the seat "B". I'm confident that if selected for the appointment, the community will be well pleased with her contribution. Thank you much for considering this person who has a powerful impact throughout our entire community.

Sincerely

Dr. Alonzo B. Paterson, Pastor  
Executive Minister  
American Baptist Churches of Alaska



Reverend Gracie M. Jackson  
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February 5, 2009

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ATT: Anchorage School Board

This is a letter of recommendation for Ms. Marilyn Stewart to a seat on the Anchorage School Board. I have worked with Marilyn for the state of Alaska for approximately 4 years. Therefore, I am honored to be writing this letter on her behalf.

I am always impressed by her dedication, commitment, and leadership capabilities when it comes to helping others. Marilyn's interest in developing our community is commendable she demonstrates great personal fortitude and desire to transform our community for the good of others. She promotes change and growth in our state.

Marilyn has a strong passion for working with young people in the following areas: mentoring, tutoring, and counseling them on the importance of an education. These unique traits have earned her justifiable respect among her peers, friends, and colleagues.

Marilyn is capable, energetic, and loyal and has an incredible ability to connect, and succeed in public service; with these qualities, she will be a great access to the Anchorage School Board.

Please give her serious consideration

Sincerely,



Reverend Gracie M. Jackson, M.Div.

**Malcolm B. Roberts**  
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To the Anchorage School Board  
Re: Character reference for Marilyn Stewart Richardson, candidate for the Board  
From: Malcolm Roberts  
February 5, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Mayor Rick Mystrom and a group of community leaders created Bridge Builders of Anchorage in the spring of 1966. I was serving in the Mayor's Office at the time and was assigned to help develop what became an award-winning program that helped Anchorage win All America City honors in 2002. Since then, with many public events year in, year out, it has challenged all residents in our dramatically diverse community to help create "the first city without prejudice."

Marilyn Stewart Richardson served as the first executive director of Bridge Builders. She did an outstanding job and represented in her own person and life story the struggle in America for those of color to excel and succeed. A product of segregated elementary and secondary schools in Alabama, Marilyn lifted herself from that environment through enrolling and serving with the distinction in the U.S. Air Force.

Never one to blame others or make excuses for her challenging start in life, Marilyn has set an example for our African American and immigrant population through her strong sense of self worth, her personal confidence, and her dedicated involvement in community and statewide issues.

Today her greatest concern is to help young people follow her example of working hard, with no excuses, to obtain a quality education and succeed as full citizens of this country.

Sincerely,



Malcolm B. Roberts