



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: April 29, 2014

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Nomination of a Member to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (Josh Belinfante)

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the May 6, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum
Resolution
Biography

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER: JFM APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 5/6/2014

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () YES () NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: [Signature]

REMARKS:



To: John McDonough, City Manager
From: Andrea Hall, Economic Development Director
Date: Submission onto the May 6, 2014 City Council Meeting Agenda
Subject: Economic Development Advisory Committee Appointment

Background and Discussion:

On January 3rd, 2012, the City Council approved a resolution establishing the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The Mayor has nominated Mr. Josh Belinfante to serve on the Committee. A biography for Mr. Belinfante is attached.

Alternatives:

Committee members may be added or deleted.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Bio

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-XX

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY FULTON**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that economic development is a primary goal for the City of Sandy Springs; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with an Economic Development Director; and

WHEREAS, a key part of developing of an economic development strategy and plan is input from local community and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is desirable to establish an advisory committee of local community and business leaders to provide feedback to the City's Economic Development Director; and

WHEREAS, the City specifically desires for the Economic Development Advisory Committee to provide feedback to the Economic Development Director regarding economic development finance and revitalization of the city center area of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, while in regular session on the 6th of May, at 6:00 p.m., that Mr. Joshua Belinfante is appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

RESOLVED this the 6th day of May, 2014.

Approved:

Rusty Paul, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey, City Clerk

(Seal)

Joshua Barrett Belinfante

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- Experience:** **ROBBINS ROSS ALLOY BELINFANTE LITTLEFIELD, LLC** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Partner October 2009 – Present
Represent clients in litigation and regulatory matters before federal and state courts and government agencies. Significant experience in healthcare regulation and litigation, commercial and government litigation.
- OFFICE OF GOVERNOR SONNY PERDUE** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Executive Counsel (effective June 1, 2008) and Deputy Executive Counsel January 2007 – October 2009
Advise Governor Perdue on legal matters and policy matters; provided lead contact on Certificate of Need reform, Medicaid payment reform, healthcare appropriations, physician and hospital legislation as well as other matters.
- GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Legal Counsel January 2006 – March 2006
Assisted with negotiations and drafting of HB 1313, a comprehensive reform of Georgia's eminent domain laws.
- BALCH & BINGHAM, LLP** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Associate, Litigation June 2005 – January 2007
Litigated constitutional law cases and represented hospitals and other clients in commercial defense matters.
- UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Law Clerk, Chambers of Chief Judge J.L. Edmondson July 2004 – June 2005
- ALSTON & BIRD, LLP** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Associate, Products Liability Group August 2003 – June 2004
Represented healthcare providers and device companies in state and federal courts.
- PACE ACADEMY** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Faculty and Assistant Debate Coach August 1999 – August 2000
Taught seniors and freshmen in Contemporary Politics, Public Speaking, and Ancient-Medieval History.
- Education:** **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW** **Athens, Georgia**
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May 2003
GPA: 3.44/4.00
Honors: Richard B. Russell First-Year Moot Court Competition: Champion
Ralph J. Beaird Closing Argument Mock Trial Competition: Finalist
Lumpkin Inn of Court: Pupil
- Activities:* Student Bar Association: President (2001-2002); Class President (2000-2001 and 2002-2003)
The Federalist Society: President (2002-2003)
Moot Court Board: 2002 ABA Team; 2003 Vanderbilt University First Amendment Team
Mock Trial Board: 2003 ABA Criminal Justice Team (Champion); 2002 Georgetown White Collar Crime Team (Semifinalist)
- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA** **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Bachelor of Arts in History and Minor in Political Science, *Cum Laude*, May 1999
Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.0 Major GPA: 3.9/4.0 Minor GPA: 3.7/4.0
Honors: Thomas Cochran Award for Best Undergraduate American History Honors Thesis: "The Long Retreat, Southern Senators' Strategy from 1948 – 1957" (1999)
"Race and the Politics of the Modern South," Published in *Penn History Review* (1999)
Wolff Research Grant (1998)
- Activities:* Sphinx Senior Honor Society: Scribe (1998)
InterFraternity Council: President (1998), Judicial Manager (1997)
Alpha Chi Rho National Fraternity: Vice President (1997)
- PACE ACADEMY** **Atlanta, Georgia**
Diploma, *Cum Laude*, June 1995

Publications: "The Shield Remains: The Peer Review Privilege in Georgia," *The Georgia Bar Journal*, January 2006.
"To Dismiss or Not to Dismiss, Partial Motions to Dismiss," *The Federal Lawyer*, Winter 2006.
"The Other Illegal Drug Trade," *DRI Rx For the Defense*, Spring 2004, with Bernard Taylor.

“Campaign Finance After McConnell,” *Republican National Lawyers Association Newsletter*, Winter 2003.
“The Need For Mandatory Medical Review Panels,” *Georgia Public Policy Foundation*, November 2003, with Mac Gibson.

Professional Affiliations: The Federalist Society, Atlanta Chapter, Board Member
Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Law & Judiciary Committee, Board Member
Lumpkin Inn of Court, Barrister
American Health Lawyers Association, Member
Republican National Lawyers Association, Member