

**APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**  
This form must be completed in full, signed, notarized and accompany a current resume.

1. Board(s) of Interest: Council on Elder Affairs

2. How did you hear / learn about this appointment opportunity? Personal research and referrals

**Personal Information**

3. Name: Ms Gezil C Andrews  
Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. First Middle/Maiden Last Suffix(Jr./Sr./III/etc.)

4. Residence: 9831 Del Webb Pkwy Jacksonville Duval 32256  
Street City County Zip Code

Unit 4408  
Post Office Box City County Zip Code

309-660-1091

Telephone: (area code) number Mobile: (area code) number

5. Business: NA  
Business Name

Street City County Zip Code

Post Office Box City County Zip Code

Telephone: (area code) number FAX: (area code) number

6. Email Address: gkandrews97@gmail.com

7. To which address do you prefer correspondence regarding this application be sent?  Residence  Business

8. Is your address exempt from Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, regarding Public Records?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Your Gender:  Male  Female

10. Describe yourself within one or more of the categories below. This information is requested pursuant to Section 760.80, *Florida Statutes*. Access the Statute online.

- Caucasian  Asian American  physically disabled
- African American  Native American
- Hispanic American

11. As of what date have you been a continuous resident of:  
A. Duval County? 09/30/2017 Month/Day/Year  
B. Florida? 09/30/2017 Month/Day/Year

12. Are you're a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

13. Are you registered to vote in Florida?  Yes  No If yes, County of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

14. High School: Mt. Gilead High School Mt. Gilead Ohio  
Name City State

15. Postsecondary Institutions:  

<u>Name and Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Certificate/Degree Earned</u>
<u>UMUC</u>	<u>Varies</u>	<u>8 30 2010</u>

### Employment

16. Provide the requested information for all employers within the last five years, beginning with the most current. Please elaborate in your attached resume.

A. **Retired**  

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	
<u>Volunteer Support</u>		<u>9/2015 - current</u>
<small>Type of Business</small>	<small>Occupation/Job Title</small>	<small>Dates of Employment</small>

B. **Bliss McKnight** **Bloomington, IL**  

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	
<u>Insurance Organization</u>	<u>VP Sales &amp; Mktng</u>	<u>2006 - 9/2015</u>
<small>Type of Business</small>	<small>Occupation/Job Title</small>	<small>Dates of Employment</small>

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<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	
<small>Type of Business</small>	<small>Occupation/Job Title</small>	<small>Dates of Employment</small>

### Special Qualifications

17. List any special qualifications you think are relevant to your being appointed to a board, commission, council or committee, including any type of licensure or certification you hold, as well as any civic, professional, or political organization to which you belong. Please elaborate in your attached resume.

<u>Type or Name of License or Certificate</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Granting Agency</u>	<u>Date Granted</u>
<u>NA</u>			

<u>Name of Civic, Professional or Political Organization</u>	<u>Office(s) Held</u>	<u>Membership Dates</u>
<u>Brooks FCYMCA</u>	<u>Vice Chair, Board</u>	<u>May 2017 - current</u>
<u>Take Stock in Children</u>	<u>Mentee</u>	<u>2017 - Current</u>
<u>Sandpiper Condo Assoc</u>	<u>Vice Chair, Board</u>	<u>2018 - Current</u>

18. Give any additional information you believe is relevant to your appointment to a board, commission, council, or committee. Please elaborate in your attached resume.

During my working career, I was involved in numerous charities and organizations giving of my finances, time and talent. I have often moved into a leadership role.

### Ethical Disclosure

19. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?  Yes  No

20. Have you been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past four years?  Yes  No

If yes, did you receive compensation other than reimbursement for expenses?  Yes  No

<u>Agency Lobbied</u>	<u>Principal(s) Represented</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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21. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of:  
A. Part III, Chapter 12, *Florida Statutes*, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees?  Yes  No  
B. Chapter 602, *Jacksonville Municipal Code*, the Jacksonville Ethics Code?  Yes  No  
If yes to either above, please provide:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nature of Violation</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
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22. Have you ever been suspended from any public office or appointment?  Yes  No If yes, please provide:

<u>Title of Office</u>	<u>Date of Suspension</u>	<u>Reason for Suspension</u>	<u>Result (Reinstated/Removed)</u>
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23. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine of \$150 or less was paid.)  Yes  No  
If yes, please provide:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Nature of Violation</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
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**CERTIFICATION / AFFIDAVIT**

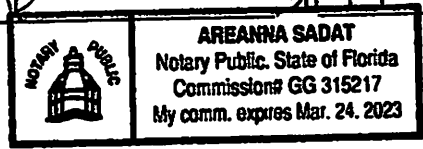
STATE OF Florida COUNTY OF Duval

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Gezil Andrews who, after being duly sworn, says: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally reviewed the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information is complete and true; (3) that he/she executed the foregoing instrument of his/her own free will and accord, with full knowledge of the purpose therefore, and (4) that he/she will, as appointee, uphold the constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

*Gezil Andrews*  
Signature of the Applicant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

*Areanna Sadat*  
Signature of Notary Public



Print, type, or stamp commissioned name

Personally Known

OR

Produced Identification

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Type of identification produced

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## **GEZIL ANDREWS**

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### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

A high- energy retired senior executive that consistently exhibits core skills in organizational management, team building, leadership, marketing, communication, business development and financial management. Noted for excellent project management and collaborative work with diverse individuals and groups to expand organizational reach and exceed objectives. A results-driven communicator with the ability and experience to contribute to a for-profit, mission-based not-for-profit or social services organization to achieve its mission and vision.

#### ***Leadership/Management:***

- Recruited, hired, trained and supervised staff in local, regional and national market areas. Successfully manage network of 500+ brokers and staff of direct reports
- Recognized as a leader in mentoring employees thereby adding to depth and breadth of organization. Coached young professionals in communication and conflict resolution skills resulting in higher revenues and enhanced image in community.
- Successfully built teams and partnerships in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environments. Highly organized strategic thinker with ability to build diversity into a cohesive, goal directed team.

#### ***Client/Business Development:***

- Developed processes and procedures to retain current customers to optimize operational efficiencies. Helped current organization achieve 98% retention in constantly changing political environment.
- Strong expertise in customer relationship management (CRM) extends to work with not-for-profit organizations in managing relationships with donors and volunteers.
- Built and enhanced strategic partnerships resulting in affinity marketing opportunities. Set current organization apart from competitors while providing mutual benefit to partners.

#### ***Marketing/Communications:***

- Noted for ability to analyze and understand the market or community and set an organization apart through targeted programs and services.
- Created and designed corporate brand identity materials and implemented cohesive "Keeping our Covenant" campaign including written materials, public appearances, and community outreach.
- Served as communications liaison to embed the vision and mission within the organization. This 12-month campaign encompassed empowering a base of 55 employees to understand, embrace and express the mission.
- Author of three books and multiple journal and magazine articles.

#### ***Financial/Budget Management:***

- Areas of fiduciary responsibility include operations, personnel, public relations and advertising.

**Gezil Andrews**

- Applied financial analysis experience and led not-for-profit Board of Directors to change assets of philanthropic foundation to enable future solvency and growth.

**Community Leadership:**

- Actively serve on Boards of Directors for community service organizations to apply business and interpersonal skills to enhance organizational mission and benefit the community.
- Chair multiple community projects working with staff, volunteers and donors to meet and exceed objectives.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**BLISS MCKNIGHT, INC.,** Bloomington, Illinois

2006 – September 2015

**SALES & MARKETING OFFICER**

Responsible for a privately held Midwest Managing General Agency (MGA and Insurance Company..

- Direct responsibility for field sales and a retail agency distribution network of 500+ brokers in the Midwest.
- Created and developed collaborative interface for Key Accounts resulting in 98% retention in a soft market.
- Built and enhanced strategic partner relationships to strengthen program endorsement status.
- Designed and delivered innovative direct mail campaigns resulting in viable and visible brand.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST INSURANCE BOARD (UCCIB),** Gaithersburg, Maryland

2001 – 2006

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The UCCIB, an ecumenical partnership between two major denominations with responsibility for a covenantal insurance program for over 4700 churches through the U.S. Core responsibilities involved growing market share, managing a national distribution network of independent marketing representatives, public relations, advertising, communications, and building partnerships with District and Regional Ministry leaders.

- Responsible for strategic partnerships for 70+ Ecumenical Conferences and Regions throughout the country.
- Recruited, hired, trained, and managed national sales network of independent agents.
- Increased program participation by 102% in select target market group.
- Created direct marketing campaigns and a communication series to build customer loyalty.
- Built direct marketing campaign for a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic audience.

**STATE AUTO MUTUAL,** Columbus, Ohio

1992 – 2001

**TERRITORY MANAGER**

Responsible for achieving sales, profit, and operating expense objectives for a high- profile regional insurance and financial services organization in a tri-state region.

- Achieved 200% of goals while rebuilding a team of sales specialists.
- Recognized as the strongest business development executive in the organization.
- Expanded and reorganized sales force for a tri-state region during national restructuring.
- Recruited, hired and trained four of top ten sales specialists in the organization.

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**GEZIL ANDREWS**

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**Member, Ashville Rotary, 9/2015 – Asheville, NC**

**Board Member, Boys & Girls Club, 2012 – 2015**

**Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Chair: 2015 Gala, *Symphony with Sass***

**Heartland Community College Foundation, Board of Directors, 2014 – 2015**

**Illinois State University Red Hot Society, Queen – Fundraising arm of ISU Women's Athletics, 2014**

**Bloomington Sunrise Rotary, Board of Directors: Chair, Community Service Committee (2013 - 2015)**

**YWCA, Board of Directors, McLean County, Illinois**

**Chair, Fundraising Committee; Co-Chair, Circle of Women; Chair, Leadership Transition Team, Moderator:  
*Girls Be U Program.***

**Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, Board of Directors, Capital Campaign Committee 2013 - 2015**

**Home Sweet Home Missions, Woman of Hope Leadership Program, 2014**

**SCORE Service Corp of Retired Executives, National Virtual Consultant 2015 – 2018**

**Take Stock in Children 2-17 – current**

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters, 2018 – Current**

**Brooks YMCA, Vice Chair, Current: Chair, 10/2019**

**EDUCATION**

**B.A, COMMUNICATIONS**

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, College Park, Maryland**