

**CONFIRM:
STATE
COMM. ON
HUMAN
RIGHTS**

Alaska State Legislature

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Senate State Affairs Committee

REPORT ON CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

March 6, 2003

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
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Dear President Therriault:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate State Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration

State Commission of Human Rights – Grace Merkes

There were no stated objections to the confirmation of the named individual by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the individual during any further sessions.

Respectfully,

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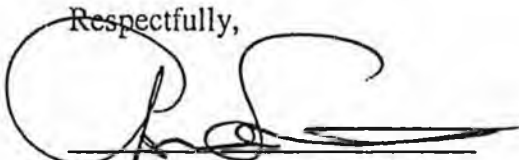
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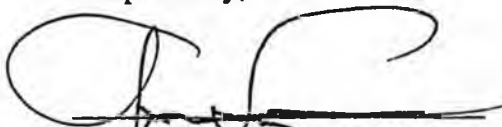
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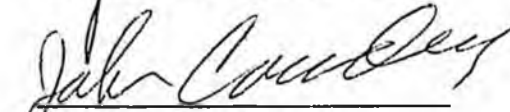
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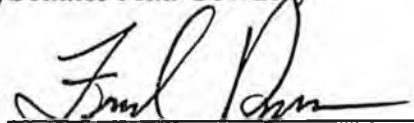
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GRACE MERKES

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OBJECTIVE

To work with Governor Murkowski's Transition Team, in a position of either working on the Transition Team or as a member of a Board or Committee, to offer my services to the state and communities. My personal strengths are leadership, ability to make decisions, dependability, established in the business, local and state government communities, have grass roots support, familiar with non-profit agencies and I have experience working with volunteer and state agencies. Because of my personal strengths, job and volunteer experience, I feel qualified for a position as a member of the Transition Team or being appointed to a Board or commission.

WORK HISTORY

ST. OF AK., DEPT. OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

10/15/90 RESIGNED 06/01/95

Administrative Clerk II; Duties included support of a staff of seven social workers with computer work including letters, court documents, reports, case plans, licensing work, and input in State PROBER system. Front office receptionist included; monthly statistical reports, screened community representative to participate in 4-E Reviews, process Permanent Fund and Medicaid applications, interview and assign Job Service volunteers to work in the office, oversee family visits and working with Foster Parents. While working for the Division, I had the opportunity to observe all functions of the Social Service system without having to make the decisions in the case.

VECO

05/01/90 RESIGNED 10/14/90

Payroll and Accounts Payable Clerk; this job included inputting data from time sheets for payroll. Solving problems, if there was a mistake on the workers check. Inputting receipts from purchases of materials and assigning them to the appropriate job site.

IRV CARLISLIE, ACCOUNTING

01/01/90 RESIGNED 04/15/90

Tax Preparer; Interviewed clients for information needed to prepare and complete their Income Tax Return. Did individual, partnerships and corporation returns. Worked on Financial Statements.

MOOSE RIVER REALTY AND TAX SERVICE

1981 SOLD BUSINESS 1986

Broker/Owner of Moose River Realty & Tax Service; Interviewed clients to establish their eligibility for financing and requirements for purchasing land, homes or business. Completed Income Tax Returns. During this time, also had a Securities License to sell interests in Limited partnerships.

PENINSULA REALTY, INC.

1974 THROUGH 1981

Salesperson for Peninsula Realty & in two years became an Associate Broker; Interviewed and sold homes, land and businesses to clients. Listed and established prices on inventory.

EDUCATION

Frontier Vocational Training Center, 1989

Certificates for Clerical, Accounting, Computers, and Business English

Kenai Peninsula Community College, 1960 through 1970

Various Business credits in Clerical, Income Tax Preparation, Accounting, Real Estate, Computers etc.

Graduate of Edgar High School, 1952-1956

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I am currently, an elected Assembly Member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. My first term started in 1991. I was appointed to the Planning Commission from 1977 through 1984. I am a member of the Sterling Community Club; Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, Kenai Peninsula and National Republican Party, liaison person from the community to the Sterling Elementary in 1998; member of the Legislative Committee for Health & Social Services, Education Committee, and Local Government for Alaska Municipal League, Member of Sterling Seniors and a member of Bid Committee for the Arctic Winter Games.

GRACE MERKES

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HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Twenty nine years law enforcement and investigative experience
- Eight years experience as a homicide or felony assault investigator
- Five years experience as a crimes against property investigator
- Five years experience in police/safety administration
- Experienced in all areas of computing, trouble-shooting and repair
- Experienced in Microsoft Office and other Windows software applications
- Goal oriented, highly motivated and committed to top quality service
- Accustomed to working in high risk, fast pace environments
- Skillfully organized, able to work independently, meet or beat deadlines
- Owned and operate a small private security and investigation business
- Experience in Federal and State grant acquisitions
- Specialized in government contracts
- Knowledgeable in industrial safety and security issues
- Experienced in hazardous materials (Haz-Mat) operations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PRIVATE SECURITY / INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPUTER SKILLS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Law enforcement management and supervision, recruitment and hiring of police personnel, staff training, developed a standard operating procedural manual for various police departments, prepared revisions to city codes and restored public confidence in communities with little or no respect for law enforcement.
- Extensive experience in criminal investigation, interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects, collection and preservation of evidence, writing detailed police reports, provided sworn depositions for attorneys, testified in court, and worked closely with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies.
- Served as field training officer for newly hired recruits. Conducted both classroom instruction and field training to over 50 new police officers.
- Obtained numerous Federal and State grants for law enforcement personnel, equipment and training.

PRIVATE SECURITY / INVESTIGATIONS

- Eight years experience owning and operating a small successful private security and investigation agency specializing in government contracts and security consulting.
- Experienced with industrial safety and security on the North Slope (Alaska) oil fields.
- Conducted numerous private investigations for attorneys in matters of personal injuries, wrongful deaths, marital and property disputes and criminal defense cases.
- Specialized in obtaining government contracts, providing law enforcement services and consulting to various communities in Alaska.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS CONTINUED

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Experienced in Microsoft Windows, Office, Word, Outlook and Publisher. Also knowledgeable with many other productive type software applications.
- Experienced in Web Page designing.
- Knowledgeable in areas of computer trouble-shooting and repair, installation of various systems hardware, experienced in recovering lost data in hard drive crashes and restoring system after hard drive failures.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Trained in areas of public relations, problem-solving policing, community oriented policing and media relations. Conducted many interviews with news media regarding homicide investigations and other law enforcement issues.
- Served as police department spokesperson.
- Wrote press releases for news media regarding major incident cases.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May 1998 to Present	City of Whittier, Department of Public Safety Director of Public Safety (Police, Fire, and EMS)
April 1991 to May 1998	L. Charles Lunceford Security and Investigations Private Security, Consulting and Investigations (Contractual Positions)
July 1987 to April 1991	Bristol Bay Borough Police Department (Alaska) Acting Chief of Police, Investigator and Field Training Officer
August 1984 to June 1987	North Slope Borough Department of Public Safety (Alaska) Police Officer, Investigator and special assistant to Mayor
April 1981 to July 1984	Pasco County Sheriff's Office (Dade City, Florida) Deputy Sheriff and Field Training Officer

EDUCATION

University of Louisville, Kentucky	Graduate of the Southern Police Institute (Police Administration and Management)(Certificate Program)
University of Alaska, Fairbanks	Bachelor of Criminal Justice (Anticipating completion in fall 2002)

TRAINING

U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration	Drug Investigation School
Anchorage Police Department	Homicide Investigation School
State of Florida	Police Management and Supervisor School
Kenai Peninsula Emergency Services	Hazardous Materials Operations (Haz-Whooper)

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Goals and Objectives

To obtain employment as a Program Manager or Executive Director with an opportunity to use my extensive experience in leadership, training, management, supervision and interpersonal skills.

Summary of Qualification

Demonstrated performance in leading a large number of personnel demonstrated skills in resource management, counseling, training and employment.

Community Activities

Boards of Director: Ft. Wainwright, AK; and Copperas Cove, TX; Federal Credit Union, Family Centered Service of Alaska; Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption; Literacy Council of Alaska, Crisis Line, Interior Neighborhood Health Clinic, Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, and FNSB School District Board of Education.

Committees: Alaska Court System Consumer User/Sub-Committee, Alaska National Guard advisor, School District Board Ethnic Committee, School to Work Program and Junior Achievement Program.

President/Chairman: Past Chairman, Tanana Valley chapter of the American Red Cross; Past President, Fairbanks Homeless Coalition; Past President, Polar Bear chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, and Past President, Family Centered Services of Alaska.

Education

- Ph.D. Candidate, Community Development UAF (2004).
- Master of Public Administration, University of LaVerne, LaVerne, CA. 1991.
- BS, Business Administration, Wayland Baptist University, Plainsview, TX. 1988.
- Senior Leadership Academy (Sergeants Major Academy) Ft. Bliss, TX. 1978.

Teaching Experience

- **Substitute Teacher:** Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, Alaska. Subjects taught: Mathematics, Physical Education and Social Studies. Enforced classroom management and discipline.
- **College Instructor:** Wayland Baptist University and Texas Central College. Subjects taught: Financial Management, Economics, Ethics and Business Management.

Work Experience

Executive Director, Fairbanks Crisis Clinic Foundation

1999-2001

- Eliminated the Crisis Clinic \$50,000 debt in a three month period after assuming the position of Executive Director.
- Managed the operation of the Crisis Clinic with no staff for one year.
- Performed all budgeting functions, grant writing, and fiscal reports with assistance from a Board Member.
- Represented the organization in public in public settings and public campaigns.
- Executed a Crisis Intervention program that was instrumental in reducing suicides through crisis intervention.

Community Development Specialist with Work Force Development 1998-1999

- Assisted hundreds of clients through training and employment to attain quality jobs.
- Performed assessments to determine aptitudes, interest and abilities for vocational and educational training.
- Provided outreach for clients to take advantage of state and local training programs.

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Program Manger, (STEP) Fairbanks Private Industry Council 1990-1998

- Reduced unemployment recipients by 50 percent, the result of excellent program management.
- Named outstanding employee during my first year of employment.
- Assisted nontraditional students explore options for major and degree progression.
- Wrote and issued Request for Proposals for local business and unions.

Senior Enlisted Leader (Command Sergeant Major) U.S. Army 1980-1990**Command Sergeant Major Ft. Wainwright:**

- Supervised 5000 soldiers and provided counseling, safety, training, discipline and personal welfare. Improved the installation by implementing a mayoral program through out Ft. Wainwright, with the assistance of a military sponsor program.
- Participated in multi-million dollar capital improvement plans that lead to the construction of housing for enlisted and officers, expansion of the golf course, bike paths, and a vehicle storage facility.
- Provided quality of life programs for family members to include monitoring the child care center and the youth center.

Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion 21st Field Artillery, Ft. Hood, Texas:

- Provided leadership, training management and counseling for 500 soldiers.
- Assisted the Artillery battalion to be designated as the best-trained unit in Division Artillery. By passing grade of 100 percent on the nuclear readiness test.
- Provided a system for college programs to be taught in the unit to encourage soldiers to expand their education.

Command Sergeant Major, 4th Battalion 9th Infantry:

- Taught infantry tactics to enlisted and officers.
- Directed unit promotion and disciplinary boards.
- Motivated soldiers through individual and group counseling and quality training.
- Consulted the commander on issues pertaining to enlisted soldiers and family members.

Sergeant Major, Camp James E. Rudder, Florida Ranger Training Phase:

- Implemented a training doctrine that distinguished Camp Rudder as one of the army's best training units.
- Developed administrative procedures that saved the army thousands of dollars by eliminating a 500 mile round trip to Ft. Benning, GA. For administrative matters.
- Established a Youth Activity Center for the camps' youth.
- Established an outstanding safety record in spite of the extremely hazardous ranger training.
- Prepared Ranger Instructors for an occupational skilled test with a 100 percent pass rate, with an average score of 97.5 percent. The best performance in the Infantry School.

Computer Skills:

- WordPerfect, Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Internet, e-mail

References are available upon request