Committee: London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: Maria-Fernanda Medina

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Occupation: Moved to London 2 month ago from Winnipeg

Work experience: -2002-2015 Community Program Director, B'nai Brith Canada -2010-2012 Research Assistant, Faculty of Science Department of Preventive Dental Science, University of Manitoba -2009-2010 Faculty of Science, Department of Community Health Science, University of Manitoba Local Health Director, Chapinero Division, Bogota Education: -2014 Masters of Science, Community Health, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg -1996 Internal Control (Quality Control for Public institutions), Nueva Granada University, Bogotá 1993 Internal Control (Quality Control for Public institutions), Pontific Javeriana University, Bogota -1990 Doctor of Dental Surgery, St. Martin University Foundation, Bogota -

Skills: -Compassionate advocate of community action. -Coordinate roundtable discussions and programming with the Aboriginal, Christian, and Jewish Communities. -Design and develop interfaith and multicultural programs with these communities. -Assess and respond to crisis/human rights complaints. - Prepare incident reports and media monitoring. -Comprehensive understanding of Canada's community. -Interpersonal and rapport-building skills. -Engage volunteers and execute annual community programs. Organize pre-election political debates for the three level of government.

Interest reason: For the last 14 years I have been involved with human rights, multicultural communities and interfaith programing. In addition I am a health professional and I recently graduated with a masters degree in Community Health.

Contributions: I can offer an extensive experience working with diverse communities in terms of background, faith and race. Experience and engagement combating human rights violations. (Hate, discrimination, bigotry, bullying, etc.)

Past contributions: For the last 14 years worked with The League of Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada

Interpersonal: -Recognition, understanding and demonstrated emotional self-awareness, assertiveness, optimism, stress tolerance and empathy, in a variety of situations. -Strong participatory leadership. -Excellent team building. -Polished interpersonal and rapport-building skills -Exceptional talent for organization and a drive to succeed under the values of respect, trust and collaboration. -Strong negotiation and conflict resolution skills

Interview interest: Yes