Committee: The London Police Services Board

Organization/Sector represented: social services, violence against women

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Occupation: Executive Director

Work experience: I have been a community leader for over 30 years having worked for organizations that address issues that effect the lives of girls and women but have volunteered on boards with diverse mandates.

Education: I have a BA from Carleton as well as a MSW with a concentration in policy and community development. I also have an MPA from Western in local government. I have my CFRE which is a certificate in fundraising.

Skills: I see the big picture, I have well developed and applied leadership skills. I have a gendered analysis which applies to both men and women. I am skilled at fundraising, planning and engaging community in that work and I have financial acumen

Interest reason: I believe I could help the City in relation to the tensions that exist between the budget sought and the grim realities. I believe the next Chief will be critical and I would like to be part of that process as it is time to look for external talent, a person that exhibits qualities that can heal the service and create a new vision for policing in the 21st century. Contributions: I am a good listener and a great problem solver. I am skilled at governance and policy I can create bridges but will not be bullied. Having seen the current board in action I have quite frankly been appalled by the ongoing lip service of its members and the lack of brain at the table, I think I could make a difference..

Past contributions: I have worked on many boards: Forward House, Thames Valley Family Services, the former WOTCH board, Changing Ways, the London Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse, the Coordinating Committee for Children and Youth . Provincially I have been on the boards of the Big Sisters Association of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses. I also sit on the Building A Bigger Wave committee which is an emerging association of domestic violence coordinating committees. I am happen to provide my resume with the extensive list of my community involvement.

Interpersonal: I lead in a very difficult sector and manage to negotiate and broker change. I am well respected by our provincial ministers and I have the great fortune to be the expert at the table regarding recommendations for changes to bail using the domestic violence lens.

Interview interest: Yes