



Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) Appointment Application Form

Personal Information:

Full Name

Robin Elizabeth Keller

Address (Please note: There shall be no more than one appointed member of the RAC representing one of the eight subareas within the Delray Beach CRA District at a given time. Subareas are based on address. See Resolution No. 2023-03 and <https://delraycra.org/property-map/>.)

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Delray Beach, FL, 33483
United States

Phone Number

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Are you over the age of 18 years old?

Yes

Date of Birth

Sunday, September 20, 1953

Are you a property owner within the Delray Beach CRA District? (See <https://delraycra.org/property-map/>)

Yes

Do you currently serve on any other advisory board or committee (Please note: No member of the RAC may concurrently serve on any other advisory board or committee)?

No

If you answered yes to the previous question and you do currently serve on another advisory board or committee, will you resign from the other advisory board or committee if you are appointed to the RAC?)

Yes

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Yes

Are you aware of any potential conflict of interests that may arise from your serving on the Redevelopment Advisory Committee to which you are seeking appointment?

No

If yes, please explain:

Are you a vendor or employed by a vendor that does business with the Delray Beach CRA?

No

If yes, please explain:

Are you a lobbyist or employed by a lobbyist as defined in the Palm Beach County Registration Ordinance?

No

Do you, any member of your immediate family, your employer or your business (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) currently have any contractual relationship with, or do business with, the Delray Beach CRA, or has there been any such relationship within the past 5 years?

No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been found to have violated, or had a complaint filed against you alleging a violation of, the Florida Code of Ethics for public officers and employees, Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (or any other ethics code)?

No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been filed a lawsuit against the City of Delray Beach or the Delray Beach CRA?

No

If yes, please explain (please include as much details as possible including case name, parties involved, subject matter of the lawsuit, year complaint was filed, etc.):

Have you ever served on the Delray Beach City Commission?

No

If yes, please provide dates of service:

Have you ever served on the Delray Beach CRA Board of Commissioners?

No

If yes, please provide dates of service:

Current Employment Information:

Current Employer Name	Retired
Occupation/Job Title: (Please note: There shall be no more than one (1) appointed member of the RAC engaged in the same profession at a given time. See Resolution No. 2023-03)	Attorney - Retired
Employer Business Address	717 S Lake Ave Delray Beach, FL, 33483
Employer Business Phone Number	(917) 817-3142
Start Date	Saturday, April 1, 2023
Number of years employed with this employer?	1

List any certifications or licenses:

J.D. New York State

Briefly describe why you wish to serve as a member of the RAC and how your personal experience and background relate:

My husband, youngest son and I have recently moved to Delray. I had a 44 year career as an attorney in "Big Law" in New York City. My specialty was corporate restructuring and bankruptcy, and I ran the U.S. restructuring practice for Hogan Lovells, a global law firm. I retired as a partner at the end of 2018, and retired fully from the practice of law in 2022. During my career I spent significant time working with a variety of real estate matters, from single properties to global portfolios. I worked on corporate restructuring plans for a wide variety of entities in multiple industries. I am interested in learning more about Delray Beach and its development plans, and hope to bring my many years of experience with complex strategic planning and corporate growth to work for the benefit of Delray Beach, our new home.

List any other community/civic involvement which you would like the Delray Beach CRA Board to consider (If none, please write n/a):

n/a

Educational Background:

Highest level of education completed:	Law Degree (graduate school)
Highest level of school attended:	Boston University School of Law
Number of Years Attended	3
Graduated?	☒ Yes
Area of Study	Corporate Law
Degree received	J.D.
Trade School/Other	Harvard University

Number of Years Attended	4
Graduated?	Yes
Area of Study	Government
Degree/Certificate received	B.A. cum laude

Resolution No. 2023-03:

(A full copy of Resolution No. 2023-03 is available at delraycra.org)

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-03 which establishes the RAC, below are some highlights regarding an applicant's appointment to the RAC. Please refer to Resolution No. 2023-03 for full details regarding the RAC membership and duties.

- The RAC shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the CRA Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the CRA Board without compensation.
- The term of each member of RAC shall be for one (1) two-year term. Initially, three (3) members shall be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years, with the balance of the members being appointed for an initial term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for one (1) two-year term.
- No member shall be appointed for more than one (1) term.
- Upon completion of the maximum allowable two-year term of membership, no RAC member shall be eligible for reappointment to the RAC for a period of two (2) years.
- The RAC shall service only in an informational advisory capacity with no voting powers and shall hear matters that are assigned by the CRA Board.
- The CRA Board must approve, by majority vote, any assignment given to the RAC.
- When matters are assigned to the RAC, reliance on CRA staff should be minimized to the extent possible. The RAC may not assign work to CRA staff members. Research by the members of the RAC should be done independently and with as minimal reliance on CRA staff as possible.
- The RAC shall hold quarterly regular meetings.
- Inadequate Attendance: A RAC's member's absence at two (2) or more regular meetings of RAC during the twelve (12) month period shall be grounds for removal from the RAC.
- The RAC members serve at the pleasure of the CRA Board and may be removed with or without cause at any time by a majority vote of the CRA Board.
- No member of the RAC derives any property rights in the position on the RAC.
- The RAC shall be subject to the Florida Sunshine Laws, Public Records Act, and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.

Did you read the above highlights from Resolution No. 2023-03?

Declaration of Personal Information Exemption:

Personal information provided in this application is public information unless the applicant qualifies for an exemption pursuant to Florida Statutes.

You are encouraged to thoroughly read the applicable sub-sections of section 119.071, Florida Statutes

(http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0100-0199/0119/Sections/0119.071.html).

If you qualify, your address and phone number are protected information.

You may contact the Delray Beach CRA Legal Advisor, Kim Phan, Esq., at 561-276-8640 if you have any questions.

Do you qualify for an exemption under Florida Statutes?

Yes

If yes, please indicate below which statutory provision you are citing for the exemption.

Yes, I have an exemption under Section 2(e) for personal identifying information and home addresses as I am the spouse of a United States District Court Judge.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume:

Curriculum Vitae/Resume



Robin Keller Resume 2024.docx

Please agree with the following statement: I understand the duties and responsibilities of the RAC for which I am applying.

I agree

By signing below, I certify that all of the information provided by me on this application is true and complete, and I understand that if any false information, omissions, or misrepresentations are discovered, my application may be rejected.

E-Signature of Applicant:

Robin Keller

Today's Date

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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Career Overview:

- I'm an experienced financial restructuring attorney with expertise in the analysis of risk, development of legal options, and solution of complex business problems for public and private corporations, financial institutions and private individuals.
- I have played a leadership role in some of the most significant and complex restructurings of companies of the last few decades, both on the Debtor side and representing institutional creditors. I have been a trusted advisor to corporate boards, CEO's, hedge fund managers, asset managers and insurance companies, corporate trust banks, financial advisors and consultants.
- Following law school I held two Federal Court Clerkships in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. I then joined the Bankruptcy practice of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, a pioneer in the post-1978 development of Chapter 11 case work.
- In 2007, I joined Lovells as an equity partner (which merged in 2010 with Hogan & Hartson to become Hogan Lovells), where I built and headed their U.S. Business Restructuring practice for 11 years. My duties included business development, administrative responsibilities, strategic planning and financial management.
- As a restructuring lawyer, I have handled the analysis, strategic planning and resolution of business problems and distress. Sometimes these matters were handled out of court, and other times as part of a full blown legal proceeding in the federal bankruptcy courts. My advice on restructuring has included the management of company side and creditor relations, financial restructuring options, litigation and M&A strategies.
- I am detail oriented and a strategic thinker. I work from the investigation of facts up to the implementation of strategy to develop a pathway to achievement of corporate objectives. I listen to people and have empathy for them – this has enabled me to gain the trust and friendship of my clients and business associates in many different industries and countries across the globe.

Outside Activities/Boards

- For over 20 years, I've served as a board member and Board Chair for Birch Family Services (www.birchfamilyservices.org), a not-for-profit that runs schools, group homes and other support services for people with autism and other developmental disabilities in New York City. During my tenure, the business has grown from annual revenues of approximately \$30 million to current annual revenues in excess of \$80 million per year. As Board Chair, I have served on the Executive Committee, the Finance and Audit Committees, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Investment Committee, and others. I have been involved in all aspects of governance including executive compensation, regulatory compliance, and have successfully recruited CEOs and board members. This business is highly regulated and requires intensive Board oversight, involvement and responsibility. We serve a fragile, often impoverished, largely minority population of thousands of developmentally delayed individuals throughout New York City, and their families. We have effectuated acquisitions of programs and properties, and recently sold a real property asset which has generated a multi-million dollar endowment for the organization.

Education/Professional Credentials

- B.A. cum laude, Harvard University, 1975
- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1978
- Admitted to the Bar of the State of New York, 1979
- Admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts of the Southern and Eastern Districts
- Pro Hac Vice admissions in numerous Bankruptcy Courts around the country.
- Chapter published in *Workouts and Turnarounds II: Global Restructuring Strategies for the Next Century – Insights from the Leading Authorities in the Field*. "The Lawyer's Role in Representing the Distressed Company". September 1998.

Honors/awards/media recognition

- Lawdragon 2020: Named in 500 Leading Global Restructuring & Insolvency Lawyers.
- Superlawyers: Selected to Super Lawyers for 2006 - 2020. Super Lawyers is an exclusive list of top-rated attorneys in specific practice areas who were chosen after thorough evaluation of numerous criteria.
- 2010 Voices of Hope Award from Birch Family Services "for her extraordinary dedication to the welfare of people with special needs and her generous leadership of the Birch Family Services Board of Directors."