SOPHIA ELIZABETH COGER-ATKINS

LIFE HISTORY

PERSONAL LIFE

- Daughter of the late James E. Coger, Sr. and Mrs. Orangella Coger
- Sister of Cathryn, James Edward, Turner, John Walter, LeRoy, and Richard
- Three children: Edna, Floyd, Jr., and Edgar; and eight grandchildren
- And the wife of a loving husband, Floyd Atkins, Sr.

SCHOOLING

- Attended White Station "Colored" School
- Woodstock Training School
- Graduate of Melrose High School Class of 1956
- B.S. Degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee
- Attended the University of Mississippi, Memphis State University, and Peabody College

CAREER

- Taught at Hyde Park Elementary School, Cummings Elementary School, Lincoln Junior High School and Colonial Middle School
- Taught American History and 7th grade Social Studies
- Served as the chairman of the History Department at Lincoln Jr. High School
- Served on the Textbook Adoption Committee for Memphis City Schools
- President of Greater Memphis Council for Social Studies
- Currently employed by Accent Mortgage Company of Memphis, Tennessee as Loan Broker
- Owner of Weddings by Sophia

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Held office on the Board of Directors at Marc House of Memphis (a group for the mentally retarded), and the Runaway House of Memphis
- Board of Directors at Porter Leath Children's Center
- Past President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, serving on numerous local, regional, and local committees
- Served as the National Sergeant-at-Arms Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Past President of the Barron Heights Civic Club, and the Kirby Trace Cove Neighborhood Association
- Board of Directors of the Truce McKinney Subdivision

CHURCH

- Serves on Beulah Baptist Church's Trustee Board
- Serves on the Beulah Baptist Church Usher Board #2
- Served as Woman's Day Chairperson in 1990
- Served as a member of the Beulah Baptist Church Daycare Center
- Member on the International Visitors Committee

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Nominated Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators in 1991
- Member of the Shelby County Beer Board
- Board of Directors of Memphis Greater Council of Social Studies
- Outstanding Teacher Award received from the Tennessee Council of Social Studies in 1989

Board/Commission

Division of County Government

Name: Sophia E. Coger-Atkins

Date of Birth: [redacted] Race Black M F X

Business Name: 6700 Kirby Trace Cove

Business Address: Zip: 38119 Phone 901-756-4728

E-mail Fax 901-756-0567

Education: B.S. Degree, Tenn. State University. Other: Old Ma. University of TN.

Name of Spouse: Floyd L. Atkins Number of Children 3

Home Address: 6700 Kirby Trace Zip: 38119 Phone 901-756-4728

Resident of Shelby County 72 years.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ___ No X

I give authorization to Shelby County Government to request that the Shelby County Sheriff's Department perform a background check. Yes X No ___

I also understand that other sources including the official state websites listing sexual predators and a check of outstanding balances owed to departments and offices of county government may be performed.

Yes

List any affiliation or ownership interest you have in any business, corporation, or partnership, and if such business contracts with or sells products or services to Shelby County Government.

None

List members of family, where employed, and whether or not their employer contracts with or sells products or services to Shelby County Government.

None

Sophia E. Coger Atkins
Signature

9-2-09
Date

(For Office Use Only)

Attendance Record (if applicable)

No. of Meetings ___ No. Attend ___ No. Absent ___

Disposition:

Approval ___ Resolution ___ Item # ___

NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES TO SHELBY COUNTY BOARDS, AUTHORITIES OR COMMISSIONS

Pursuant to Resolution #26 adopted July 26, 1993, as amended, each person who submits his or her name for nomination to serve on a board, authority, or commission subject to approval by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners shall submit a list of all private county, social, athletic or professional clubs of which that person is a member. In the event it is determined that any such clubs are disciminatory in choosing their members on the basis of race, sex, or religion, the Shelby County Board of Commissioners may use this information in voting to reject the nominee.

Pursuant to the aforementioned Resolution you are hereby required to list all private country, social, athletic or professional clubs of which you belong.

1 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Local + National
2 National Sergeant-at-Arms
3 Life Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
4 Trustee of Beulah Baptist Church
5 Member of the NAACP
6 Board Member of Class 1956 - Melrose
7 High School
8 Chairman of the Scholarship Committee at Beulah Baptist Church

List below any of the aforementioned clubs of which you belong that do not have female members.

1 None
2
3
4

List below any of the aforementioned clubs of which you belong that do not have minority group members (e.g., African American, Hispanic, Asian).

1 None
2
3
4

Do any of the aforementioned clubs of which you belong discriminate in selecting members based on race, sex, or religion?

Circle Below:
Yes (No)

Submitted: Sophia E. Coger Atkins
(Print Name)

Signature: Sophia E. Coger Atkins

Date: 9-2-09

GRATUITY DISCLOSURE FORM

Shelby County Ethics Commission

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is for all persons receiving any Shelby County Government contract, land use approval or financial grant money to report any gratuity that has been given, directly or indirectly, to any elected official, employee or appointee (including their spouses and immediate family members) who is involved in the decision regarding the contract, land use approval, or financial grant of money.

1. **NAME**

   None

2. **DATE OF GRATUITY**

   None

3. **NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE GRATUITY**

   None

4. **NAME OF THE OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, APPOINTEE, OR FAMILY MEMBER WHO RECEIVED THE GRATUITY**

   None

5. **NAME OF THE PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDED THE GRATUITY**

   None

6. **ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDED THE GRATUITY**

   None

7. **DESCRIPTION OF THE GRATUITY**

None

8. **COST OF THE GRATUITY (If cost is unknown and not reasonably discernible by the person giving the gratuity, then the person giving the gratuity shall report a good faith estimate of the cost of the gratuity.)**

None

9. **The information contained in this Gratuity Disclosure Form, and any supporting documentation or materials referenced herein or submitted herewith, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and affirm that I have not given, directly or indirectly, any gratuity to any elected official, employee or appointee (including spouse and immediate family members) that has not been disclosed and I affirm that I have not violated the provisions of the Shelby County Government Code of Ethics.**

Sophia E. Coger Atkins
Signature

9-2-09
Date

Sophia E. Coger Atkins
Print Name

A copy of your completed form will be placed on the Shelby County Internet website.