



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT

September 14, 2020

Ms. Holly Wolcott, City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360, M.S. 160-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

This letter serves to indicate that I am officially appointing Reverend Edward L. Anderson to serve as the Council District 10 appointment to the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission.

Reverend Anderson is the Senior Pastor of McCarty Memorial Christian Church in Council District 10, Co-Chair of California Poor People's Campaign and Regional Organizer of L.A. Voice, South Los Angeles, in addition to a host of Civic and Community Leadership and Board Membership positions. His many years of community service demonstrate his advocacy as a voice for the people and his strong commitment to advocate for and uphold civil and human rights.

I am pleased to appoint him and I am confident Reverend Anderson will serve all of the residents and communities within the City with fairness, honesty and a commitment to ensuring equality for all residents as a member of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

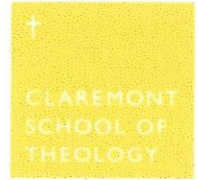
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Resume attached



Reverend Edward L. Anderson



EDUCATION:

Claremont School of Theology

Masters of Divinity

Masters of Arts, Religion

Honors: Claremont Scholarship

Activities: Alumni Association: Vice President; Interreligious Council: Chairman; Committee on Diversity and Inclusion: Member; Pan-African Seminars: President; Black Graduate Student Association: Advisory Board; Community Life Committee: Member, Claremont School of Theology Master Planning Task Force: Member

Claremont, California

December 2016

May 2014

Morehouse College

BA in Political Science with a concentration in American Government

Honors: Cum Laude; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Golden Key National Honor Society

Activities: Student Government Association: Pro Tempore; M.O.V.E. Foundation: President; Actively Changing Tomorrow through Service: Member; Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Assistant

Atlanta, Georgia

May 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Senior Pastor

McCarty Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

November 2015-Present

- Doubled membership of church and increased active participation by 40%.
- Implemented internal and external assessment tools including a rubric to determine mission alignment, regular evaluation of programs by trustees and church leadership.
- Strengthen community partnerships with grassroots groups, youth mentoring programs and historic civil rights groups (e.g. Outkast Dance Academy, YouthBuild, LEADS mentorship program and the American Institute of Architects and SCLC.)
- Increased civic participation and social impact of the congregation by producing cutting-edge cultural events, voter engagement and census outreach efforts including the launch of the California Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival with Reverend William Barber.

Regional Organizer, South Los Angeles

L.A. Voice (Pico Network)

May 2017-Present

- Lead organizer for SB10 Bail Reform Campaign to eradicate the cash bail system in California.
- Participated in Justice LA Coalition and Reform LA Jails Campaign to place a 2020 county-wide ballot initiative to grant the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Civilian Oversight Commission with subpoena power to effectively and independently investigate misconduct and to develop a plan to reduce jail populations and to redirect the cost savings into alternatives to incarceration.
- Served on advisory work group along with Community Coalition and Advancement Project for Race Counts, a race-based Equity Index and mapping tool to assess poverty, over policing and health outcomes by race in Los Angeles to inform increased investment in South Los Angeles using Prop 47 and Prop 57 funds.
- Lead organizer for campaigns to pass AB 953 and AB 109 to requires law enforcement officers track the race of those they pull over for traffic stops; provided testimony in Compton about accountability and meaningful implementation of AB 109, also known as "realignment," which offers non-violent offenders early release from prison under certain conditions.

Associate Pastor, First Christian Church, Burbank

Burbank, California

November 2014-November 2015

- Introduced a new alternative service to engage a spiritual but not religious demographic.
- Conducted congregational boards and community missions to create sustainable partnerships for holistic living.

Program Coordinator

Morehouse College Poll Worker/Voter Education Program

August 2009-May 2012

- Conducted pre- and post-program evaluations to assess student understanding of voter trends pertaining to the electoral process.
- Coordinated logistics for a “Voter Education Class” to strengthen civic engagement.
- Forged alliances with community organizations: Georgia Stand Up, Georgia Coalition for the People Agenda, and Fulton Election Commission.

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority**, Member, Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness
- **Reimagine LA Coalition**, Steering Committee Member
- **People’s Budget LA**, Steering Committee Member
- **Clergy for Black Lives**, Founding Member
- **Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation Committee, Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) Pacific South West Region**, Committee Member
- **National Justice Committee, Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) General Church**, Member
- **California Poor People’s Campaign: National Call for Moral Revival**, Co-Chair, 2017 – 2020

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- **Claremont School of Theology, Board of Trustees, President of Alumni Association**, May 2016 – Present
- **Eastmont Community Center**, March 2015 – January 2017
- **Crossroads, Inc.** June 2014-June 2016

FACILITATION AND TRAINING

- The L.E.A.P. Los Angeles Climate Change Taskforce
- Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson Clergy Breakfast on Justice
- Cecil Murray Center for Civic Engagement
- Board of Rabbi’s Los Angeles High Holy Days Workshop
- Trust Talks Los Angeles
- Racial Reconciliation Workshop, West Virginia

RECENT ACCOLADES AND AWARDS:

- Joe Idle Spirit of the Community Award, *All People’s Community Center*, July 2019
- Preston Taylor Fellowship, Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) General Church, 2016 – 2018
- Recognized Top 5 Millennial Preacher, Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) General Church
- Good Shepard Preaching Award, Most Distinguished Preacher, *Claremont School of Theology*- May 2016

MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS:

- Featured in the Los Angeles Sentinel, L.A. Focus, Los Angeles Times, Spectrum News, ABC7, Time Magazine
- 2014: *Wrestling with the Faith*, Contributing Author. Roman and Littlefield.
- 2013: “Let the Millennials Speak: Essay on Social Entrepreneurship” & “Land of the Pilgrim Pride: Essay on Immigration” *State of Formation* (Internet blog).

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Community and Economic Development, Peace and Mediation, Social Justice and Nonviolent Direct action in a Religious Context, Moral Leadership and Normative Ethics.
