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August 4, 1997

Sandra Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, N.W., Suite 820
Washington, D.C. 20006

Subject: Detail to ONAP

Dear Ms. Thurman: *Sandy*

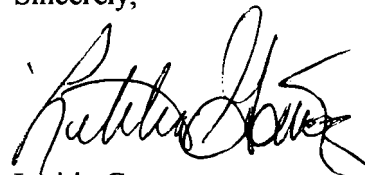
I am writing to offer my talents to you and your office as a member of your team through a detail. I am currently working for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command here in Washington, D.C. as a GS-13, Community Planner (Series 020). Although, I have worked for the Navy for most of the ten years that I have been in Washington, I have devoted much of my extracurricular time to organizing and working with marginalized and under served communities.

I was a founding board member and later Executive Director of LLEGO, the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization. In 1993, LLEGO was one of 23 National Minority Organizations to be funded by the Centers for Disease Control for a five year Technical Assistance and Training on HIV/AIDS program targeting gay and lesbian Latinos.

I was also a founding board member of the D.C. Women's Council on AIDS, an HIV/AIDS organization created to serve the needs of women living with HIV/AIDS in the Washington, D.C. metro area. I worked with women living with HIV/AIDS, local government representatives, health care policy activists, and health care providers to establish the by-laws, structure and obtain government funding for this initiative. The organization provided HIV/AIDS education, counseling and referral to mostly working class women and incarcerated women. This woman-centered program was the first of its kind in D.C., and served as a catalyst for the creation of a national network of HIV/AIDS organizations serving women.

Ms. Thurman, I hope that you take my interest in working for you seriously. I believe that I would bring an important perspective to the office. Please let me know what you decide and can work out. I can be reached daily at 202-685-3065 or at home 202-526-4442.

Sincerely,


Letitia Gomez

cc: File

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OBJECTIVE

Administrative position in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy that will utilize my experience in planning, policy research and analysis, management, human resources and intergovernmental relations.

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

Planning and Program development	
Crisis Management	EEO and Minority Recruitment
Intergovernmental Relations	Public Speaking
Staff development	Event Planning and Management
Policy Research and Analysis	Fiscal Management
Cultural Diversity	Contract Administration
Computer literate, including: WordPerfect, Dbase 3+, Quattro Pro, Excel	
Good oral and written English and Spanish fluency.	

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

COMMUNITY PLANNER

March 1996 to Present

Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C.

As a regional Navy planning expert, I provide technical expertise and advice to the public works and planning staff at several Navy and Marine Corps bases in this region. Recently, I have acted as the Navy planning authority through the development of a site development plan for the Marine Corps Heritage Center, a high visibility, multi-phase construction project. In this effort, I have been advising the Heritage Center Executive Steering Committee and Working Group composed of top levels of management, both civilian and military.

I currently have the responsibility for intergovernmental coordination of Navy and Marine Corps construction project reviews in the Chesapeake region. This includes writing reports, making briefings, site visits, attending commission meetings, consultation with other state and Federal agencies, and coordination with base planning staff. I regularly deal with a variety of agencies like the National Capital Planning Commission, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, State Historic Preservation Offices of the District of Columbia, the States of Maryland and Virginia as well as local county governments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 1993 to January 1996

LLEGO, The National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization, Washington, D.C.

- Responsible for day to day operation of an agency with an annual budget of \$600,000.
- Provided fiscal oversight over five year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control
- Supervised a staff of six professionals, three support staff, interns and volunteers.
- Supported and worked with an eighteen member Board of Directors.
- Represented the organization in public forums, inter-agency meetings, meetings with government officials and to the media.
- Responsible for providing monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the board of directors and funding agencies.
- Initiated a multi-level fundraising strategy which included targetting government, foundation and private support.

COMMUNITY PLANNER

October 1989 to July 1995

Engineering Field Division Chesapeake, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C.

- Provided regional planning services to Navy activities in the Chesapeake region.
- Responsible for management of over \$3 million in government architectural and engineering contracts.
- Reviewed contractor qualifications; contractor negotiations; contract administration, including review and evaluation of submittals made by contractor to insure quality control
- Managed intergovernmental coordination of review of local construction planning projects which may have impact on local jurisdiction.
- Worked on a multi-disciplinary professional team.
- Served as Hispanic Employment Coordinator and representative to the EEO committee.

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT INTERN

October 1987 to October

1989

Engineering Field Division Chesapeake, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C.

- Conducted planning studies for Navy and Marine Corps activities in the National Capital Region.
- Served as an assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Navy for the Environment as a 60 day detail and prepared draft policy guidance for the ASN.
- Served a rotational assignment at the National Capital Planning Commission in which I "shadowed" key planning staff to learn the organization's role in regional planning.
- Produced planning reports using desktop publishing skills.
- Worked on a multi-disciplinary professional team.

- Produced point papers for the Navy commander who was the head of the planning department.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SPECIALIST September 1989 to May 1990
National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline, under contract to Social and Scientific Systems, Rockville, Maryland

- Provided telephone counseling in Spanish and English on the bilingual drug abuse hotline.
- Provided information and referral on information, treatment and counseling

VOTER REDISTRICTING STATISTICAL TECHNICIAN March to August 1987
Alamo Community College District, San Antonio, Texas

PLANNING INTERN January 1986 to March 1987
City of San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

CITY MANAGEMENT INTERN September 1985 to December 1985
City of Universal City, Universal City, Texas

MEDICAL, SOCIAL WORKER July 1977 to December 1982
M.D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Institute, Houston, Texas

- Provided casework services to a diverse Latino patient population and their families.
- Served as part of a multi-disciplinary health care team.
- Responsibilities included identifying and developing resources at the local community level to provide financial and social support to Latino patients and their families; advocating on behalf of the patient and families with hospital and medical staff; translating (Spanish-English) medical information for the patients, families and physicians.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

July 1997	Co-Chair, Latino/a Caucus, Ryan White Three Year Plan, Washington, D.C.
11/95 - Present	Ex-Officio Member, District of Columbia Democratic State Committee
06/95 - Present	Board member, National Lesbian and Gay Health Association
10/96 - 6/97	1st Vice President of the Board, Latino Civil Rights Task Force, Washington, DC
09/96 - Present	Advisory Board Member, POZ en Espanol, New York City, New York
05/96 - Present	Advisory Board Member, National Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Washington, D.C.
01/95 - Present	Advisory Board Member, Homovisiones, New York City, New York
1994 -1996	Member, Lesbian Health Advisory Network, Washington, D.C.
03/93 - 6/97	Board member, Latino Civil Rights Task Force, Washington, D.C.
10/92 - 01/95	Mayoral Appointment to Civilian Complaint Review Board,

	District of Columbia
05/92 - 01/94	President, ENLACE, D.C. Metro Coalition of Latino/a Lesbians and Gay Men
02/89 -01/94	Board Member, D.C. Women's Council on AIDS, Washington, D.C.
02/88	Founding Board Member, LLEGO, National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization
02/88 -07/93	Board Member, LLEGO, Eastern Region
05/89 - 07/90	National Co-Chair, LLEGO
11/87 - 01/94	Member, ENLACE, D.C. Metropolitan Coalition of Latino/a Lesbians and Gay Men
10/87	Founding Member, NLLGA, National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Activists, [later renamed LLEGO]
Spring 1987	Co-Organizer, First Lesbiana Latina Retreat, San Marcos, Texas
1981- 1982	Member, Gay Chicano Caucus, Houston, Texas

EDUCATION:

M.A. Urban Studies, Trinity University, 1987
12 Hours Political Science, University of Houston, 1982
B.A. Sociology, University of Texas, 1977
Social Work Certification, University of Texas, 1977
A.A. General Studies, San Antonio College, 1975

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS (Partial List)

National Lesbian and Gay Health Association Conference, Atlanta, July 1997
National Lesbian and Gay Health Association Conference, Seattle, July 1996
Brief to Director of Office of Minority Health, Rockville, Maryland, February 1996
Library of Congress, GLOBE, Washington, D.C., January 1996
Lesbian Community Project, Portland Oregon, October 1995
Department of Commerce, GLOBE, Washington, D.C., June 1995
Texas Lesbian Conference, Austin, Texas, April, 1995
Creating Change Conference, Dallas, Texas, November, 1994
United Federation of Metropolitan Community Churches, Dallas, August 1994
Unity Expo, Los Angeles, California, September 1994

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

"Same-Sex Marriage", Cristina Show, January 1996
"Gays in the Military", Tamas y Debates, Univision, 1993
"Hate Crimes", Spanish CNN, 1993
"HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community", Tamas y Debates, Univision, 1989

ARTICLES

"The Future of Our Health" in a soon to be published anthology, The Lesbian Health Book edited by Jocelyn C. White, M.D. and Marissa Martinez

"La Raza Cosmica", Black Gay Pride Program, Washington, DC, 1996

"Same-Sex Marriage", Gay Community News, 1996

"Same-Sex Marriage", Latino Hombre, 1996