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A passionate advocate representing government agencies to amplify city-wide community outreach efforts. A combination of learned theory and practical ability is leveraged to drive innovation, departmental success, and foster a cohesive, ambitious culture.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Shelter Advocacy
- Community Outreach
- Public Relations

- Team Leadership
- Organizer
- Field Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

<u>Associate Outreach Specialist Department of Homeless Services PATH Family Intake Center</u> November 2022- January 2024

- Data entry into the homeless management information system, CARES, to capture service needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Assessment of migrants seeking eligibility status with DHS. Notify clients of status and create THA- Temporary Housing Assignment for shelter placements.
- Securing input of shelter documentation, accepting placements, escorting clients to transporting area.
- Arrangement of support for individuals with special needs including crisis management, customized accommodations, vital medical and nutritional aid referrals.
- Verifying entry of clients and notifying supporting government agencies of status updates.
- Notifying domestic violence victims of their DHS rights and enforcement protocols.
- Alerted police when incidents of assault occurred in the facility and provided deescalation intervention.
- Proficiently managing phone lines in multiple languages and maintained a detailed call log, ensuring timely status updates to clients.

Field Operations for Bronx Democratic primary for State Senator Bronx June-August 2023

- Extensive working experience as a canvassing manager, in-depth knowledge of canvassing procedures.
- Utilizing persuasive techniques and phone banking skills to engage voters on candidates' core values.
- Ensuring that canvassers have support during field operation hours with literature, technology, including necessary gear.
- Attend weekly zoom meetings with the campaign team to review progress and follow through with survey notes.

• Motivated voters of their capacity to effect change in the justice system by creating opportunities to have authentic dialogue about the power of politics.

Campaign Manager for Manhattan Surrogate Court Judge Election February 2022- June/2022

- Supported candidates in validating petition signatures.
- Verified candidates' eligibility for the primary race by adhering to Board of Election guidelines.
- Increased voter turnout through canvassing, branding, web design, and social media content.
- Provided daily reports on crew members' performance and the numbers of supported and unsupported signatures received.
- Accompanied candidate in supporting the validation of petition signatures.
- Ensured candidates' eligibility for the primary race by complaining with the Board of Election guidelines.
- Leadership strategies to increase supportive voter turnout, through canvassing, branding, web design, and social media content
- Daily reports on each crew member and the numbers they received supported or unsupported.

<u>Canvassing Director for MGM Resorts International.Empire City Casino. Live Gaming License.</u> Westchester, Yonkers, The Bronx 2019- 2021

- Assisted in preparing daily canvassing turfs and phone banking for target regions.
- Daily reports on each crew member's outreach results and community feedback.
- Ability to perform physically demanding work and ability to lift and carry weights.
- Maintained neat and well-organized canvassing binders. Chauffeured canvassers to their set destinations by means of 8 passenger's vehicles.

EDUCATION TRAINING

Fashion Institute of Technology: Certificate in Fashion Art for Fashion Designers/Color Theory. (2012) Hostos Community College: A.S. Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree. College credits 32. (Continuing)

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

♦ Q-FLOW ♦ CARES ♦ EXCEL ♦ MICROSOFT OFFICE ♦ VOTE BUILDER

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS & SKILLS

- Great organizational skills
- Leader of a multidisciplinary team
- Effective with diverse populations
- Commitment to the mission
- Class D driver's license
- Takes initiative

CERTIFICATE

New York City Board of Elections: Poll Worker Recertification. November - 2023
New York City Board of Elections: Translator worker Certification. June - 2023
New York City Board of Elections: Poll worker Certification. June - 2022
National Art Honor Society: Certificate of Membership. September-2007
Leaders of Color New York: Certificate of Membership. July -2021
NYC Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers: Certificate of Merit. August -2021

AWARDS

Department of Homeless Services PATH families Rising Star: Professional Recognition and leadership (2023)

Additional information: www.lesliemaxine.com/communityoutreach