

**BOARD OF ETHICS
OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**

J. Shane Creamer, Jr.
Executive Director
Board of Ethics
of the City of Philadelphia
1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

v.

Celena Morrison

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Respondent

Matter No.: 2106ET19
Date Served: July 15, 2021

RESPONDENT CELENA MORRISON'S EXHIBIT LIST

R-1:1 – R-1:5	8/25/20 Emails re: Media inquiry concerning Kendall Stephens
R-2:1 -- R-2:2	8/25/20 – 8/26/20 Emails re: Media inquiry concerning Kendall Stephens
R-3:1 – R-3:2	6/4/20 Statement of Financial Interest filed by Celena Morrison with the City of Philadelphia Board of Ethics

RESPONDENT CELENA MORRISON'S WITNESS LIST

Celena Morrison

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(215) 686-0330

Kendall Stephens

Contact information is available from the
Executive Director of the Board of Ethics

Avery Shaw

[REDACTED]

(Respondent is attempting to contact Mr. Shaw)

Dated: December 3, 2021

Respectfully, submitted

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From: Celena Morrison
<Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Caroline Curley
<Caroline.Curley@Phila.gov>
Subject: Fw: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Please see the emails below

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From: Lauren Cox
<Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:08 PM
To: Celena Morrison
<Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>
Subject: RE: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Just added you to a chain with PPD to review. Kept the statement very simple since you were not there in an official capacity.

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From: Celena Morrison <Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:41 PM
To: Press <Press@Phila.gov>; Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Thank you Lauren.

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From: Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:34:24 PM
To: Celena Morrison <Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>; Press <Press@Phila.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Ugggh. That is terrible.

I'll draft something up in a bit and send your way.

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From: Celena Morrison <Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:19:10 PM
To: Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>; Press <Press@Phila.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Hi Lauren,

A fight started outside her home. I was actually on the phone with her because she is a popular community activist. We were discussing prison policy when I heard her say that they were fight outside her house. I told her that I would catch up with her later and to be safe.

At some point the angry group turned on her when they were told that she was Trans. They forced themselves into her house and assaulted her. She even has a broken nose.

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From: Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 5:27 PM

To: Celena Morrison <Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>; Press <Press@Phila.gov>

Subject: RE: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Thanks for adding that context, Celena. And sorry you are now dealing with this both personally and professionally.

I will draft up a general statement later this evening and have you review before I send to the reporter.

Based on what you know, were the attackers already in her home when an assault happened; or did they enter the home specifically to attack her.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 5:18 PM

To: Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>; Press <Press@Phila.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Lauren,

This is a close friend of mine that was assaulted last night by about about five guys and girls. I met her at the Police department and drove her to the hospital.

I honestly don't feel comfortable answering those questions. I will take your advice it differs.

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From: Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Press <Press@Phila.gov>; Celena Morrison <Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>
Subject: RE: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

Dropping Michele.

Celena – We have no context for what this request is about, so can you please fill us in. I am out of the office starting tomorrow, so I'd like to be able to draft any responses tonight.

We generally cannot comment on open investigations, so we'll be limited in what you can say here. Michelle also sent a request to PPD about this.

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From: Press <Press@Phila.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:30 PM

To: Mike Dunn <Mike.Dunn@Phila.gov>; Kelly Cofrancisco <Kelly.Cofrancisco@Phila.gov>; Sarah Reyes <Sarah.Reyes@Phila.gov>; Deana Gamble <Deana.Gamble@Phila.gov>; Lauren Cox <Lauren.Cox@phila.gov>; Irene Contreras Reyes <Irene.Contreras.Reyes@Phila.gov>; Chelsea Reed <Chelsea.Reed@Phila.gov>

Subject: FW: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

From: Michele Zipkin

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:29:38 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: Celena Morrison; Press

Subject: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

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Hi Celena,

Thanks so much for your willingness to send a statement for the story about the attack on Kendall Stephens that happened last night. My questions are below.

At what point in the evening did you come to Kendall's aid?

Kendall said that you were with her at one of the police precincts. How did the police officer(s) respond to Kendall's report of the assault?

Can you comment on the assault on the whole and how the police officers handled the incident? To your knowledge, was this a hate crime?

My deadline is tomorrow, Wednesday 8/26 at 1 p.m.

Thanks,

Michele

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From: Michele Zipkin
<michele@epgn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Press <Press@Phila.gov>
Cc: Celena Morrison
<Celena.Morrison@Phila.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry/follow-up, Phila. Gay News

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Thank you both for your help with this.

Take care,

Michele

On Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 9:29 PM Press <Press@phila.gov> wrote:

Hi Michele,

Celena joined Kendall following her assault as a personal friend. As such, she is not comfortable confirming any specific details of the incident.

However, the following statement can be attributed to Celena Morrison as Executive Director of the Office of LGBT Affairs: "While I'm not able to comment on the details of Kendall's experience, it is always troubling and deeply upsetting to see acts of violence carried out against my fellow trans Philadelphians. Our office will continue to do all we can to work with the Philadelphia Police Department, community members, and others to ensure that trans and non-binary folks are able to feel and be safe in their city."

Police public affairs will get back to you on the request you directed to them earlier.

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**STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL INTERESTS**PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF ETHICS
DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS
ROOM 156, CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107*All Statements of Financial Interests shall
be made available for public inspection
and copying during regular office hours.***INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the entire form. Type or print in ink. Clearly enter your name in the space provided.
Attach the additional 8-1/2" x 11" sheets if necessary, identifying each item by number.
This form may be completed on line at <https://financial-disclosure.phila.gov>☒ **AMENDED
STATEMENT**

1. LAST NAME <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">M o r r i s o n</div>		FIRST NAME <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">C e l e n a</div>		MI <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div>	SUFFIX <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div>
2. STREET ADDRESS XXXXXXXXXX		CITY XXXXXXXXXX	STATE XX	ZIP CODE XXXXXX	
CITY DEPARTMENT / AGENCY / COMMISSION / BOARD Mayors Office			3. TELEPHONE NUMBER XXXXXXXXXX		
4. NAME OF PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC OFFICE YOU HOLD/HELD Executive Director (Currently Holding)			5. OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION		
REMEMBER: Items 6 THROUGH 12 - All information concerns the PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR. NO DOLLAR AMOUNTS are required except in Item 9. If answer is NONE, check the box where indicated. Information must be included for the filer only and not family members.					
6. REAL ESTATE INTERESTS: List any direct or indirect interest in any real estate as described in attached Instructions. If none, check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
ADDRESS			NATURE OF INTEREST		
7. CREDITORS: List each loan or debt over \$5,000 and the interest rate thereon as described in the attached Instructions. If none, check: <input type="checkbox"/>					
CREDITOR	ADDRESS		INTEREST RATE		
1st National Bank			11.7%		
8. DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME: List all sources of \$500 or more in the aggregate as described in the attached Instructions. If City is a source, list City. If none, check: <input type="checkbox"/>					
SOURCE OF INCOME		ADDRESS			
City of Philadelphia		1400 John F Kennedy Blvd, Philadelphia, PA - 19107			
9. GIFTS: List sources of gifts with an aggregate value of \$200 or more as described in attached Instructions. If none, check: <input type="checkbox"/>					
SOURCE OF GIFT		ADDRESS			
Mr. Kendall Stephens		, Philadelphia, PA			
VALUE OF GIFT	CIRCUMSTANCES OF GIFT				
\$4000	Loan Loan				
10. HONORARIA: List sources over \$100 described in attached Instructions. If none, check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
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11. OFFICE, DIRECTORSHIP OR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS ENTITY. If none, check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
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12. FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY BUSINESS ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT (See attached Instructions.) If none, check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
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Celena

LAST NAME

Morrison

MI SUFFIX

Positions continuation

Public Position: member

Affiliation Status: Held in Past

Governamental Entity: Comm Human Relations

Profession:

Address:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of Respondent Celena Morrison's Exhibit List and Witness List was served upon the following as indicated:

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Date: December 3, 2021

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