


Bill No. 1403-04

APPOINTMENT

Approving the reappointment of Laurel McAdams to serve as a member of the Property Assessments Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.

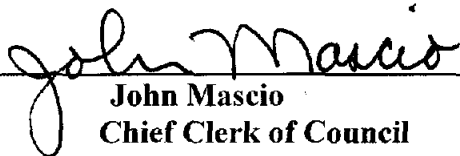
In Council February 17, 2004.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



County of Allegheny

DAN ONORATO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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January 20, 2004

Honorable President and Members
Allegheny County Council
119 Courthouse
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Laurel McAdams, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board.

The purpose of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board is to oversee assessment appeals and certify assessment appeal decisions concerning the valuations of real property used by taxing authorities within the County for the purpose of levying taxes, and whether real property is exempt from real property taxation based upon the applicable law. I am recommending Ms. McAdams to serve another 3-year term ending on December 31, 2006.

Ms. McAdams has served as a volunteer member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board since January 2001. Additionally Ms. McAdams is the former president of ACTION Housing, Inc.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. McAdams will make herself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Onorato", written over a horizontal line.

Dan Onorato

CC: Laurel D. McAdams

Laurel D. McAdams, GRI

Professional Affiliations

Pennsylvania Licensed Real Estate Associate Broker since 1978
REALTORS® Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh; 1992 President
Graduate REALTORS® Institute (GRI), a professional designation

Professional Activities

Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review Allegheny Co.
Member – January 2001 to December 2003

ACTION Housing, Inc.

President – June 1997 to June 2000 Pittsburgh PA

- Agency develops multi- and single-family housing to serve the area's vulnerable populations; manages special-use properties; and provides supportive services through housing to promote self-sufficiency of the agency's clients.
- Served on Board of Directors beginning in 1991.

Volunteer Education Advisory Committee

Chairman – 1987 to 1999 Harrisburg PA

- A panel appointed by the State Real Estate Commission to provide counsel regarding a variety of consumer issues that ultimately impact the practices of real estate licensees.
- Committee developed educational curriculum, recommended regulatory language and monitored practices relative to real estate activities.
- Committee member until term expired December 31, 2000.

Robert Morris College, Department of Continuing Education

Real Estate Program Coordinator – 1979 to 1992 Pittsburgh PA

- Courses encompassed all elements of real estate and valuation curriculum to satisfy real estate salesperson, broker and appraiser licensing requirements.
- Developed and instructed a variety of the courses.

Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review

Member – 1984 Allegheny County PA

- Served for 3 months before resigning due to professional commitments that precluded full-time position on the Board.
- Served as part-time hearing examiner for several years.
- Experience provided considerable insight about the challenges that must be overcome to administer the assessment and appeal functions and to implement sound valuation methodologies to ensure fair and equitable assessments for Allegheny County's property owners.

Laurel D. McAdams, GRI

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Publications

Dearborn Financial Publishing, Inc.

Chicago IL

Title: *Modern Real Estate Practice in Pennsylvania*

- Consulting Editor, 7th edition; Development Writer, 4th, 5th and 6th editions, and the 9th edition that was released in 2002
- One of the most widely adopted basic real estate textbooks used for study in Pennsylvania
- Writing requires expertise in all aspects of real estate ownership, transfer and **valuation methodology**, including all relevant laws, regulations and documents, from legal, ethical and practical perspectives.

Title: *Real Estate Brokerage, A Management Guide*

- An Author of Record, 4th and 5th editions, and the 6th edition that was released October 2003
- Business management textbook geared to the operation of real estate brokerage organizations for use throughout the country
- Text includes the management of financial and human resources and business facilities and systems in the contemporary real estate environment.

Title: *Modern Real Estate Practice*

- Consulting Editor, 14th edition; Development Writer, 13th edition
- One of the most widely adopted basic real estate textbooks used for study throughout the country, which serves as the model for the publisher's state-specific publications.
- Expertise similar to that required for the Pennsylvania-specific text, though from a national rather than regional perspective.

Title: *Continuing Education for Real Estate Salespersons and Brokers*

- An Author of Record, 1st and 2nd editions
- Course of study designed in accordance with the State Real Estate Commission's mandatory curriculum and also provides elective curriculum to satisfy the biennial continuing education requirement for license renewal. Some topics also satisfied continuing education requirement for appraisal recertification.

Personal Information

Registered voter as Laurel Ann Hutchins, wife of Jacque L. Hutchins, and property owner in Allegheny County.

Real estate license registered under professional name, Laurel D. McAdams, though not currently engaged in professional activities for which licensure is required.



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January 29, 2004

Laurel D. McAdams, GRI
1743 Theodan Drive
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Dear Ms. McAdams:

This is to inform you that Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Council's Committee on Appointment review, has scheduled an Appointment Review Committee Meeting for 4:30 Wednesday, February 12, 2004 in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

The Councilman requested your presence at the meeting to discuss your nomination for reappointment to the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board. He indicated that those of you that were nominated for reappointment should be prepared to answer questions including how long you have served on the board, your biggest accomplishments on that board, and what you envision your future goals to be if reappointed.

Those of you that are new nominees should be prepared to answer questions relative to your background and qualifications and what you hope to accomplish if appointed.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

Sincerely,

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
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RICH FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT
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February 25, 2004

Laurel D. McAdams, GRI
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Dear Ms. McAdams:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 17, 2004, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2006.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald, President
District 11 Representative

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