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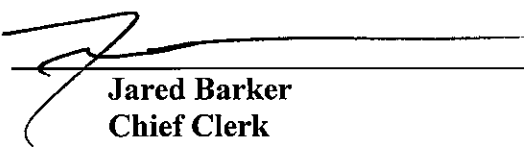
Approving the reappointment of Kathleen Testoni to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

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In Council           FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>          , 2016.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

  
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John P. DeFazio  
President of Council

Attest:   
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Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 28, 2016

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

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Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached bio of Kathleen Testoni, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board.

The MH/ID Board aids the County Executive and County Council in the planning, development and implementation of mental health and Intellectual Disability services and supports to the residents of Allegheny County. I am recommending that Ms. Testoni serve another three year term which will expire on December 31, 2018.

Ms. Testoni has been actively involved as a volunteer in the Pittsburgh region for over twenty years. She serves as a member of many not-for-profit boards including the ARCS Foundation, the Botanic Gardens of Western PA, and the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald  
Allegheny County Executive

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## **Kathleen M. Testoni**

Kathy Testoni has been actively involved as a volunteer in the Pittsburgh and other communities for over 20 years, including her most recent roles serving as a Member on several Not-for-Profit Boards of Directors. Her current Board positions include National Alliance for Mental Illness, (NAMI), (Vice Chair), the ARCS Foundation, (Co President) Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and National Aviary (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair).

Kathy appreciates the fact that the foundation for being an effective Board member comes from having first spent many hours as a volunteer. For example, while living in Westport, Connecticut more than 20 years ago, Kathy donated hundreds of hours caring for orphaned wild animals and young birds, and rehabilitating injured birds of prey as part of her volunteer activities for the Westport Nature Center. In addition, Kathy has spent countless hours working on various fundraising and event committees for many organizations, and augments her volunteerism of time and talents with her personal monetary contributions to further support those organizations important to her.

On the Boards in which she serves, Kathy has held a variety of different Committee and other positions that demonstrates her understanding of, and commitment to execute the important roles and responsibilities critical for Board Members to be effective. Specifically, on the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, Kathy earned her way onto the Board by having spent many years as a Docent for the Foundation, donating many volunteer hours learning about, and then giving guided tours informing students, community leaders and guests about the history of Pittsburgh, and the architectural features and structures in and around the Pittsburgh community. For the Botanic Garden Board, Kathy was part of the Landscape Design Committee responsible for researching and engaging the architectural firm that helped convert the Board's vision for the future Botanic Garden into the landscape and hardscape designs used as the basis for annual and capital fundraising that has made the Botanic Garden a reality.

As a new member of the NAMI Board, Kathy Chaired and Sponsored the initial NAMI Walk for Mental Illness, a community walk that created a fresh and new source of funds to support the organization's mission. As the Co-

Chair of the Membership Committee of the ARCS Board, Kathy and her co-chair designed, organized and collaborated on a brand new approach to attracting new members to ARCS, which resulted in a record number of new members during the 2008/2009 membership campaign. As a Co-Chair for the GCAC's annual PIZZAZZ fundraiser, Kathy worked tirelessly for over a year to ensure the fund-raiser was a success, despite holding the event just as the recent economic crisis was unfolding in the fall of 2008.

Kathy understands that the roles of an effective Board member requires equal parts of contributing her observations, ideas and talents to appropriately exercise the fiduciary responsibilities and to enhance the success of an organization, along with passionate and tireless volunteer participation in those activities critical to help the organization execute its fundraising responsibilities and mission.

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February 17, 2016

Ms. Kathleen Testoni  
117 Woodland Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Dear Ms. Testoni:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 16, 2016 Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Congratulations on your reappointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Kress, Appointment Review Committee Chair  
Allegheny County Council

cc: Marc Cherna, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

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