

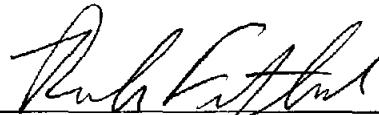
Bill No 2181-05

APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Laura Zinski to serve as a Member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

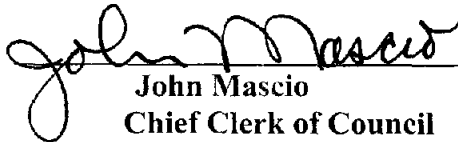
In Council December 6, 2005.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



DAN ONORATO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

County of Allegheny

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October 13, 2005

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Ms. Laura Zinski whom I am recommending for appointment to the Community Services Advisory Council. Ms. Zinski would fill a vacancy on the Council and her term will expire on December 31, 2007.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Allegheny County Department of Human Services concerning the allocation of resources, and to determine the priorities, goals, plans and geographical distribution of resources provided through the Community Service Block Grant Program and other government and private resources.

Ms. Zinski has been extremely active and effective as a volunteer and staff member for many years in Allegheny County and I believe will serve the County well.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. Zinski 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", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Onorato

cc: Ms. Laura Zinski

LAURA RICHESON ZINSKI

448 Second Street
Braddock, PA 15104
(412) 351-4014

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management; Pittsburgh, PA

Master of Science in Public Management and Policy, May 1994

- Participated in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Community and Development Work Study Program

- Participated in Systems Synthesis, a year-long research project coordinating a manufacturing network and community development corporations in the city of Pittsburgh

Wheaton College; Wheaton, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts in History, cum laude with Department Honors, May 1992

EXPERIENCE

CEO

July 2001-Present

Homestead, PA

Mon Valley Initiative

- Implementing the policies, programs and projects of MVI as set forth by the Executive Committee and the Board of Delegates
- Establishing and maintaining good working relationships with civic organizations, governmental bodies, economic development agencies, and community-based organizations in the region in order to build support for the activities of the Mon Valley Initiative by reaching consensus on issues of importance to MVI
- Managing the resources of the corporation, including staff, finances, and capital in order to meet organizational goals
- Preparing budgets, identify funding sources, devise and implement fundraising strategies.
- Managing the day-to-day operations of the corporation
- Providing staff support to the Board of Delegates, Executive Committee, and other standing and ad hoc committees of the Mon Valley Initiative
- Providing staff support to the Community Investment Fund and Business Loan Fund
- Communicating the mission, goals and objectives of the Mon Valley Initiative

Project Manager

Jan. 2001 - June 2001

The Mosites Company

Pittsburgh, PA

- Assisted with a variety of real estate development projects utilizing both public and private funds
 - Coordination of site acquisition and due diligence obligations
 - Budget preparation and feasibility analysis for potential projects
- Developed work plans and proposals to assist community development corporations and private businesses needing real estate development expertise

Manager, Housing & Human Services Division

Aug. 1998 - Nov. 2000

Allegheny County Department of Economic Development

Pittsburgh, PA

- Managed and implemented federally and locally funded housing programs for Allegheny County utilizing approximately \$9 million annually in Community Development Block Grant funds, Home Investment Partnership Program funds, Emergency Shelter Grant funds, and Affordable Housing Trust Funds
 - Revised and updated a comprehensive proposal process for developers seeking assistance for affordable housing developments, both rental and home ownership
 - Reviewed projects/proposals and made recommendations to the Director regarding selection and funding awards
 - Developed annual and multi-year budgets for effective use of funds
 - Consolidated and streamlined a home improvement loan program for low-income home owners

- Oversaw and assisted in the creation of policy and procedures manuals for each Division program
- Managed the development of the Division's contributions to the Five and One Year Consolidated Plans for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
 - Managed the housing functions of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County
 - Supervised a staff of fourteen diverse project managers
 - Increased formal collaboration between ACDOED and other key county agencies to improve the coordination of housing provision in the county
 - Secured additional funding for housing programs in the Division from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA/DCED)

Development Specialist

May 1994-Aug. 1998

Mon Valley Initiative (MVI)

Homestead, PA

- Managed and operated the "Rehab for Resale" Housing Program
- Expanded the program from Allegheny County to include Washington and Westmoreland Counties
- Managed new construction housing projects as assigned
- Obtained grants and loan funds for MVI and MVI member community development corporations (CDCs)
- Assisted with hiring and supervision of housing interns
- Developed budgets and feasibility information on projects to be renovated / built
- Facilitated meetings between MVI CDCs, lenders, contractors, and other project stakeholders
- Developed marketing materials for "Rehab for Resale" and new construction projects
- Guided potential buyers through the qualification process to purchase a home through MVI CDCs
- Organized training workshops for MVI CDCs' housing committees

AFFILIATIONS

- Braddock Planning Commissioner
- Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh Board Member
- YW Homes, Inc. board member (a housing development arm of the YWCA)
- Recipient of Braddock Rotary Community Volunteer of the Year Award for 1999
- Member of Braddock Rotary
- "40 Under 40" designee for November 2002 issue of Pittsburgh Magazine

COMPUTER SKILLS

Hardware: DOS, Windows, Macintosh; **Software:** WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Quattro Pro, Lotus 1-2-3, Lotus Works, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access



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November 16, 2005

CHARLES MARTONI
DISTRICT 8
VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN DEFazio
AT-LARGE

Laura R. Zinski
448 Second Street
Braddock, PA 15104

DAVE FAWCETT
AT-LARGE

Dear Ms. Zinski:

RON FRANCIS, JR.
DISTRICT 1

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 PM, Wednesday, November 23, 2005 in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

JAN REA
DISTRICT 2

EDWARD J. KRESS
DISTRICT 3

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Community Services Advisory Council.

DOUG PRICE
DISTRICT 4

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

VINCE GASTGEB
DISTRICT 5

JOAN CLEARY
DISTRICT 6

Sincerely,

EILEEN WATT
DISTRICT 7

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C.L. JABBOUR
DISTRICT 9

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

**WILLIAM RUSSELL
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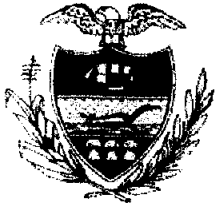
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December 14, 2005

Laura R. Zinski
448 Second Street
Braddock, PA 15104

Dear Ms. Zinski:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on December 6, 2005, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 1, 2007.

Congratulations on your appointment 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John DeFazio".

John DeFazio
At-Large Representative

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