

## **Truth in Sale of Housing Board – Recommended for Appointment January 2017**

### **John Kennedy**

**Employer:** Old Republic National Title Insurance Company

**Job Title:** Assistant Vice President, In House Counsel

#### **Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

As a lifelong resident of St. Paul I am interested in giving back to my community through my experience and knowledge of the law, business, and the people of St. Paul. My wife and I recently purchased our first home in Highland and welcomed our first child. I would like to be a part of the process that contributes to making St. Paul a safe and thriving community for our children and our neighbors across the city.

#### **What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

I am a licensed attorney and in-house counsel at Old Republic National Title Insurance Company in Minneapolis. I primarily work to address legal issues involving real estate, which requires knowledge and understanding of zoning, land use, title, taxation, bankruptcy, as well as state and local codes and regulations. In addition, I have a unique background as I come from a large immediate family and have worked for a number of different companies around St. Paul over the past 16 years. Both of these attributes has provided me with an understanding and empathy of others in the community that would allow me to serve St. Paul well.

### **Tom McCarthy**

**Employer:** Plumbers Local 34

**Job Title:** Business Manager

#### **Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

I represent a membership of 850 plumbers in Saint Paul and surrounding areas and a contractor base of 125 employers. I hope to offer a perspective from both the employer and employee. Thank you for your consideration.

#### **What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

Attended and graduated from St. Paul College as a Journeyman Plumber holding a St. Paul Competency Card. Training Committee for St. Paul Plumbers. JATC Instructor at St. Paul College for 10 years. St. Paul College Foundation. Chaired the Health and Welfare Fund and the Pension Fund for Pipe Trades Services of MN. Chaired the Labor Management Committee at the St. Paul School District. Financial Secretary for Plumbers Local 34. Business Manager Plumbers Local 34. Business Agent for the St. Paul Building Trades.

## **Justin Reuter**

**Employer:** University of St. Thomas

**Job Title:** Area Director

### **Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

With my interests in policy, particularly around the environment, education and housing, I wish to share my knowledge, skills and abilities with my fellow community members as we work together to address concerns in our neighborhoods. I have the time, energy and commitment to see through projects and timelines. I am administratively strong and I hope to use my strengths, passion and compassion to solve and resolve the issues and conflicts that face the community at large.

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I studied Elementary Education and Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh where I was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence for my exceptional academic achievement and commitment to community service and development. I then studied Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah where I became involved in campus policies and procedures connected to student success and environmental sustainability. I am most recently from Olympia, WA where I worked at The Evergreen State College. I helped organize the first labor union for at-will exempt student services support staff employees in the entire state. I now work at the University of St. Thomas where I hope to invest my time and energy into supporting the mutual interests of the university and community. I have worked in a variety of settings within higher education but also in the private sector. I've worked retail, in coffee shops and even a small pool cleaning business. In all places of employment, I have found that my gregarious nature and appeal for others makes me a great team member. Without a doubt, I have a strength in problem-solving through collaboration.

## **Frank Richie**

**Employer:** City of Minneapolis

**Job Title:** Mechanical Inspector/Sheet Metal Worker

### **Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

I was hoping to get more involved in my community. I have lived in this area for nearly four decades and have seen first-hand the many transitions my neighborhood has experienced. I am interested in this committee because the biggest issues concerning me have to do with the housing stock in our neighborhood.

### **What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

Somewhat familiar with TISH procedures in the City of Minneapolis. As an inspector for the City of Minneapolis I have to follow up on permitted repairs listed on TISH reports. This experience has given me an opportunity to notice some of the program's short-comings as well as the program's strengths.

## **Rebecah Spinler**

**Employer:** Automotive Concept

**Job Title:** Finance Director

### **Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

I take an interest in business, finance and human rights, particularly human trafficking. In June 2014, I received an MBA from the College of St. Scholastica, St. Paul campus. I am interested in creating a better community and sharing ideas to make the community thrive. I thrive on being connected to my community and people in it.

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I have been in the auto industry for 15 years as a finance/sales manager. On a daily basis, I obtain auto loans for the general public, with an emphasis on subprime credit. I am a problem solver and am excellent at interacting with the public. My personality profile is ENTJ—the executive. I am a very strategic thinker and constantly seeking improvement in my career and personal life.