

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 4, 2017

TO: Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teig Whaley-Smith, Director of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Request for Confirmation of a new At-Large Board Member, Mr. Robert Dennik, to the Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center, Inc. ("MRIC")

REQUEST

Authorization to confirm Mr. Robert Dennik as an At-Large member to the Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center Board (MRIC) on behalf of Guy T. Mascari, Executive Director, MRIC.

BACKGROUND

Section 4.02 (iii) of the MRIC by-laws, which was adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2015 (File No. 15-782), requires that the six at-large members of the MRIC Board be confirmed by the County Board.

On November 14, 2017, the current MRIC Board elected Robert R. Dennik, Vice President, VJS Construction Services as a new at-large member of its Board.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board confirm this new member to the MRIC Board.



Teig Whaley-Smith
Director of Administrative Services

Attachments (2): Appointment Letter and Bio for Mr. Dennik

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive
Scott Manske, Comptroller
Teig Whaley-Smith, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Raisa Koltun, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Margaret Daun, Corporation Counsel
Steve Cady, Research & Policy Director
Shanin Brown, Committee Coordinator

Robert R. Dennik

Bob Dennik is currently a vice-president with VJS Construction Services in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. He has been with the firm for six years and has many multi-faceted duties. He is responsible for business development, government affairs and lobbying, creating financing packages and working with federal, state and local governments for incentives and assistance for VJS clients.

Prior to joining VJS, Bob worked seven years for Governor Scott Walker when he was Milwaukee County Executive. He managed Mr. Walker's the first campaign for County Executive in 2002. Afterwards, he served as Executive Assistant and Deputy Chief of Staff and, for four years, as Director of Economic Development for Milwaukee County. He was involved in some very high profile and highly complex projects including: the Wisconsin Lutheran College athletic complex, the GE Healthcare building at the Milwaukee County Research Park, the UWM Innovation Campus and MMSD retention basins on the County Grounds, and many others.

Currently, Bob serves on the board of directors of BizStarts, the board of the Milwaukee Aerotropolis, the government relations committee of the Milwaukee Commercial Association Realtors of Wisconsin (CARW), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) government affairs committee.

Bob is also a former alderman in the City of Wauwatosa, a former six year member of the Milwaukee County Research Park board, a former member of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center board and a former six year member of the 30th Street Industrial Corridor board. He is a graduate of University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.



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TO: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Guy T. Mascari, Executive Director, Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Confirmation of Mr. Robert Dennik as an At-Large Member to the Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center, Inc. Board of Directors**

Pursuant to the provisions of Adopted County Board Resolution File No. 15-782 and the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center, Inc. (the "MRIC By-Laws") and subject to confirmation by this honorable body, the Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center, Inc. ("MRIC") Board of Directors (the "MRIC Board") elected Mr. Robert Dennik as an At-Large member to the MRIC Board, on November 14, 2017 for a three year term. MRIC replaced the former Milwaukee County Research Park Corporation's (MCRPC) structure and composition on April 1, 2016. Section 4.02(iii) of the MRIC By-Laws requires that the six at-large members of the board be confirmed by the County Board.

Mr. Dennik is a Vice President with VJS Construction Services. He is responsible for business development, government affairs and lobbying, creating financing packages, and working with federal, state and local governments for incentives and assistance for VJS clients. He serves on the board of directors of BizStarts, the board of the Milwaukee Aerotropolis, the government relations committee of the Milwaukee Commercial Association Realtors of Wisconsin (CARW), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) government affairs committee. He previously served as an Alderman in the City of Wauwatosa, served as a six-year member of the Milwaukee County Research Park board, served on the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center board, and was a six-year member of the 30th Street Industrial Corridor board.

His lifelong dedication to the residents of Milwaukee County make him a great asset to the MRIC board. Mr. Dennik's resume is attached for your information. I urge your support of this appointment, and the work of the MRIC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Guy T. Mascari'.

Guy T. Mascari
Executive Director, Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center, Inc.