County of Milwaukee Interoffice Communication

DATE:

April 18, 2013

TO:

Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Don Tyler, Director, Department of Administrative Services

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Teig Whaley-Smith to the position of Economic Development Director

Subject to approval of the Economic and Community Development Committee and confirmation by the County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Teig Whaley-Smith to the position of Economic Development Director.

Mr. Whaley-Smith has over a decade of experience in economic development. After receiving his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, he began his career in economic development in 2002 as a Land and Resources attorney focusing on zoning and development matters. This included specializing in small business rehabilitation ranging from Milwaukee's inner-city neighborhoods to multi-million dollar commercial and residential developments across Wisconsin.

In 2004, Mr. Whaley-Smith founded and ran Community Development Advocates, LLC which provided legal and consulting services to Milwaukee Community Development Corporations. He functioned as the primary local partner representative for 86 units of Supportive Housing for individuals that are homeless or experiencing a mental illness.

Serving as the Executive Director and primary administrator of the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District from 2002-2004, he was involved with over \$100,000,000 in development growth, including 300 housing starts and 1,300 new jobs.

Mr. Whaley-Smith is a 2013 recipient of the prestigious 40 Under 40 award from the Milwaukee Business Journal and is dedicated to the community, serving as a volunteer and on the boards of numerous organizations such as Milwaukee Kickers, Urban Ecology Center and Washington Park Neighborhood Improvement District to list a few.

I have every confidence that Mr. Whaley-Smith will provide the leadership and vision needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

A copy of his resume is attached for your review.

Don Tyler,

Director, Department of Administrative Services

cc:

County Executive Chris Abele County Board of Supervisors Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff