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December 1, 2010

To: Urbana City Council

From: Laurel Prussing

Re: Appointment of Eric Jakobsson to Ward 2 Vacancy

Dear Charlie, Robert, Brandon, Dennis, Heather and Diane,

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Eric Jakobsson to the vacancy in Ward 2 created by the resignation of David Gehrig. The appointment covers the time period of December 6, 2010 until the May 2011 swearing-in of the candidate who will be elected in April 2011.

Eric Jakobsson has been a resident since 1971 and was one of the early participants in the revitalization of his neighborhood. He worked with his neighbors to persuade the Urbana City Council to revise its development plan to encourage the preservation of historic homes and owner-occupied homes between the Downtown and the campus.

He has long been involved in politics and public policy. I have known him since 1984 when I supported his run for Congress. I consider him to be an individual of the highest integrity who will bring a balanced, humane and fair-minded approach to moving Urbana forward.

He has earned many scientific honors but noted on his application that he was honored by Urbana Firefighters in 1987 for putting out a fire that he spotted on the way to work. It was a couch on a porch. Eric was able to extinguish it with a garden hose before the fire truck arrived, and was credited with preventing the fire from destroying the home.

If you approve his appointment I would like to swear him in right afterwards so Ward 2 will once again have representation.

Sincerely,



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December 2, 2010

To: Urbana City Council members Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Diane Marlin, Dennis Roberts, Charlie Smyth and Heather Stevenson

From: Laurel Lunt Prussing

Re: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

I am pleased to submit the following appointments for your approval:

**Appointment**

*Chair of UPTV Commission*

Peter Folk

Mr. Folk is a current member of the UPTV Commission and is being appointed as Chair at the recommendation of the current Chair.