



MEMORANDUM

TO: Urbana City Council
FROM: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor
DATE: February 14, 2022
RE: Board and Commission Appointment

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

Housing Authority of Champaign County Board of Commissioners – term ending June 30, 2025

W. Todd Salen

Todd Salen is a 35 year resident of Champaign County and works as real estate managing broker for commercial and residential real estate. Additionally, he teaches both pre-license real estate at Parkland College and continuing education through Champaign County Association of Realtors and Illinois Realtors.

"I'm consistently mystified how a community as wonderful as CU can have such poverty and homelessness. In particular the struggles many families have in finding a permanent residence. As a realtor I take great pride in helping families find solutions for their obstacles, and then helping them find their first home. There is nothing more rewarding than helping others take their first step.

Champaign County is certainly not alone in needing to find solutions for homelessness, but certainly we have the will power, the funding and the where with all to find solutions to these challenges. I often mention the three hundred Unit 4 students, the five hundred UIUC students, and the five hundred plus local families without addresses. We must find better solutions. This board is a critical means to this end."

Current community board service includes a role as Executive Secretary of The Rotary Club of Champaign and as Trustee at Faith United Methodist Church. Prior service includes the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County, and volunteer work with Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, and Empty Tomb. Combined, these experiences have given Mr. Salen direct knowledge of the housing needs and opportunities in our community.