



MEMORANDUM

TO: Urbana City Council
FROM: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor February
DATE: February 28, 2022
RE: Board and Commission Appointment

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

Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2025

Gregory Schroeder

Gregory Schroeder is an Urbana resident who works as an Employment First/LEAP (Leaders in Employing all People) Coordinator at Developmental Services Center (DSC) in Champaign. In his role at DSC he provides networking and training for local employers interested in learning the benefits of disability-inclusive employment in order to support jobseekers with disabilities and remove barriers to employment.

From 2014 to 2017 Greg served as a Volunteer Leader for Community Youth Development for the U.S. Peace Corps stationed in Mongolia. While there, he worked with the local health department to create an education center for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities who had not been permitted to attend school.

"I moved to Urbana after living overseas for six years and came with the intention of being an active member of the community. My involvement in volunteering opportunities has been a great start to this. However, as a member of multiple privileged demographic groups, I want to do more to actively battle systemic racism and discrimination. Employment and housing are two sectors that have a huge impact on generational health and well-being. I'm happy to know that the City of Urbana has an active commission to respond to complaints and a policy to use procurement as a means of leverage towards non-discrimination."

Current community board service includes membership on the Ten Thousand Villages Champaign Board, Assistant Treasurer of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Champaign, and Money Mentor at the University of Illinois Extension.