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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard *Cliff*
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DATE: 23 May 2017

SUBJECT: Staff and Commission Updates

Commission Update

Governor Haslam signed Public Chapter 116, Acts of 2017, TACIR's sunset legislation, on April 12, 2017, extending the Commission until July 2021. The Act was amended to include an attendance requirement, similar to those found with other state commissions, whereby appointed members who miss more than half the meetings in a calendar year must be removed from the Commission. The executive director is to notify the appointing authority for any appointed member who does not satisfy the attendance requirement.

Please join me in welcoming Senator Thelma Harper. Senator Harper was appointed by Lt. Governor McNally to the Commission on January 30, 2017.

And please join me in congratulating Mayor Larry Waters on his reappointment to the Commission. Mayor Waters was reappointed by Speaker Harwell on March 7, 2017.

Staff Update

Senior research associates Dave Keiser and Michael Mount each attained 5 years of state service in March 2017. Please join me in congratulating them both on this accomplishment.

On March 1, 2017, we welcomed Nathan Shaver back to the Commission staff as a senior research associate. Nathan first served with us from March 2013 to May 2015,

before leaving to practice law first with the Bureau of TennCare and then in private practice. During his previous service with TACIR, Nathan contributed to several projects and was the lead researcher on our reports on the use of insurance as an alternative to surety bonds and on civil remedies for invasion of privacy. Nathan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in public administration from the University of Tennessee and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Memphis.

And on April 1, 2017, Rachel Jakubovitz, also joined the Commission staff. Rachel comes to us with a rich background and over 13 years of state service, having served as an assistant general counsel and as a grants analyst with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Before coming to work for the state, Rachel worked for several years as an attorney in the insurance industry. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science from Farleigh Dickinson University and a Juris Doctorate degree from the New York Law School. Rachel has been admitted to the bar in both Tennessee and New Jersey.

Please join me in welcoming Nathan and Rachel.