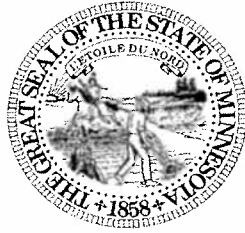


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Jonathan Commers

2294 Commonwealth Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108
County of Ramsey
Congressional District 4

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

DISTRICT 14 REPRESENTATIVE
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Effective: July 17, 2013
Term Expires: January 5, 2015

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, July 12, 2013.



Reappointment

Governor

Secretary of State

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President of the Senate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES

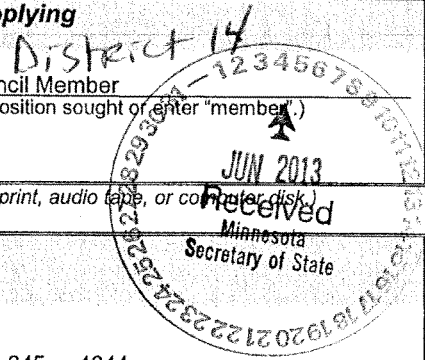
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Metropolitan Council
 (Name of board, council, commission or task force.)

Position Sought: Council Member
 (Membership position sought or enter "member.")



By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: Jonathan Commers
 (First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Phone: (651) 645 - 4644

Preferred Mailing Address: 2294 Commonwealth Avenue
 (Preferred Mailing Address)

E-MAIL: commers@donjek.com

St. Paul MN 55108
 (City) (State) (Zip)

County: Ramsey

MN House of Rep Dist: 66A **US House of Rep Dist:** 4
 Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:
 Yes _____ No X

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes X No _____

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

*The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 5.)
 Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 7.*

Sex:
 Female _____
 Male X

Age: 40
Disability:
 Yes _____
 No X

Political Party:
 Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 _____ Independence
 _____ Republican
 _____ No Party Preference
 _____ Other _____

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
 Yes _____
 No _____

Race: _____ African American or Black
 (Pick as many as apply) _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
 _____ Asian or Pacific Islander

White or Caucasian
 _____ Other Race _____

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

Jonathan Commers
 (Signature of Applicant)

June 4, 2013
 (Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:
 Office of Secretary of State
 Open Appointments
 180 State Office Building
 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther
 King Jr Blvd
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

FOR OFFICE USE:
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St. Paul, MN 55108
June 4, 2013

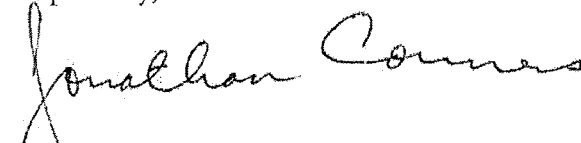
Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State
State of Minnesota
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Secretary Ritchie:

Please accept my application for reappointment to the Metropolitan Council. Since 2011, I have served as a member of the Council, representing District 14 spanning across St. Paul. During the last two years, I have become involved in the community development and transportation functions of the Council, and serve in leadership roles in order to advance this regional work.

I offer expertise in metropolitan economics, finance, and public-private partnerships that I believe is complementary to the skill base among Council members. I submit the attached application and resume with an interest in continuing my service on the Metropolitan Council.

Respectfully,



Jonathan Commers

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Core

- Urban redevelopment implementation
- Macro- and micro-scale economic development
- City, State and Federal policy formation
- Public finance and public investment expertise
- Small business and entrepreneurship development
- Land use, urban planning, urban economics

Experience

Donjek, Incorporated, St. Paul, MN

Principal, 2007-present

Commers founded and operates an urban redevelopment consulting business, providing service to private, public and nonprofit clients. As principal, Commers handles every aspect of the business, from managing a large network of contacts to marketing, communication, accounting and finance. A sample of recent projects:

- Donjek has assisted numerous private clients at multiple stages of the redevelopment process, including soil investigation, site control and entitlement, and lending.
- The Brookings Institution and local partners retained Donjek to manage the Minneapolis St. Paul pilot project of the Brookings metropolitan business plan initiative. The Minneapolis St. Paul region was one of three initially selected by the Brookings Institution to explore use of business planning as an innovative metro-wide economic development approach.
- Donjek formed and led a project team for the Trust for Public Land, to conduct an economic and tax base impact study for the Gateway project in downtown Minneapolis. Using GIS analysis, land investor and developer interviews, and national studies, the project team analyzed hundreds of properties, deriving estimates of impact created by conversion of land to open space in the Gateway. Commers has also served the City of Minneapolis working in the West Bank and on Lowry Avenue, examining market opportunities associated with transportation and land use changes in each area.

Experience,
continued

Metropolitan Council, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metro Region

Council Member, 2011-present

In 2011 Commers was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to join the Metropolitan Council, the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. Council activities have included:

- Vice Chair, Community Development Committee
- Member, Thrive MSP 2040 Work Group
- Chair, Land Use Advisory Committee
- Co-Chair, SAC Task Force

Commers has focused on development of the Metropolitan Council's long-term planning in the context of an evolving region, on the integration of economic competitiveness into the Council's work, on the completion of the Green Line in a way that benefits all residents and businesses, and on a region-wide transit investment strategy.

Saint Paul Planning Commission, St. Paul, MN

Chair, 2011-2012

Member, 2006-2012

In February, 2006 Commers was appointed by Mayor Chris Coleman to the planning commission, and was reappointed in 2009. He has presided over the largest rezoning in City history (over 800 properties), co-chairs the West Midway Industrial Area task force, and is past chair of the comprehensive planning committee. He is a member of the commission's executive and zoning committees.

Springsted Public Finance Advisors, St. Paul, MN

Project Manager, 2000-6

Commers structured over \$1.5 billion in bond issues for local governments, institutions of higher education, and other clients including the State of Minnesota. Managing projects lasting from two weeks to fifteen months, Commers created analytical tools to model public capital planning and tax impact scenarios.

Hubert H. Humphrey Institute, Minneapolis, MN

Policy Fellow, 2005-6

Commers was selected to be one of thirty members of the 2005-6 class of Humphrey policy fellows.

Experience,
continued

College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul, MN

Adjunct Professor of Economics, 2003-4

Commers was appointed as an adjunct professor of economics in 2003, and taught an upper-level course on the theory and practice of investment for two years, until the position was filled with a tenure-track faculty member.

Education

University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN

Master of Business Administration, 2000

As an MBA student, Commers concentrated in finance, and was a founding portfolio manager of the Aristotle Fund, a student-managed portfolio within the University endowment.

Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Bachelor of Arts, 1995

Majored in history and political economy.

Networks

- LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/joncommers>
- Twitter: Donjek content at @commers

Recent
Speaking

Association of American Geographers, Annual Conference, 2012
Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, Annual Conference, 2012
West Broadway Coalition Annual Meeting, 2012
Living Cities, Integration Initiative Conference, 2011
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2011
Minnesota Conference on Policy Analysis, 2011
Minnesota Brownfields Annual Conference, 2010
Urban Land Institute Annual Program, moderator, 2010, panelist, 2009
Minnesota Recreation and Park Association annual conference, September, 2009

Awards

Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition, 2011
American Institute of Architects, Honor Award/Regional and Urban Design, 2010