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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Kenneth R. Johnson

2232 Lamplight Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125
County of Washington
Congressional District 6

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:

Public Member

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

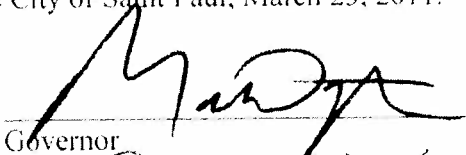

Effective: March 28, 2011

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it all rights, powers, duties and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, March 23, 2011.




Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: Marina Lyon

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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.

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

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

* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us

Agency Name: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors
(Please write the Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Sought: Member, Board of Directors
(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements are listed)

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Part II: Tell us about Yourself

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Applicant Name: Kenneth Johnson (First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Mailing Address: 2232 Lamplight Drive (Street) Woodbury (City) MN 55125 (State) (Zip)

E-MAIL: judvandken@usfamily.net Work Phone: (651) 731-2284 Home Phone: (651) 731-2284

County: Washington Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes No

MN House of Rep District: 56B U.S. House of Rep District: 6th Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes No

Please attach a current resume and a cover letter that would demonstrate your interest and qualifications to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary. Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §16.0597

Sex: Female Male Age: 65 Disability: Yes No

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

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No

Race: (As listed on United State Census 2010) (Pick as many as apply)
 White American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Indian Black, African Am., or Negro Chinese

Other Race: Samoan Vietnamese Other Asian Other Pacific Islander 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.
(Signature of Applicant) * If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination. (Date) 3/2/11

MAIL, FAX, OR SUBMIT APPLICATION IN PERSON, TO:
Office of the Secretary of State, Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1289

FAX: (651) 296-9073
Phone: (651) 556-0648
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

FOR OFFICE USE:
Sub by AA: _____
Trans Date: _____

Kenneth R. Johnson

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- December 2008 – Present Retired; part-time consultant. Clients include or have included: The Kansas City Port Authority; The Saint Paul Port Authority; East Bay Hospitality, Inc. Currently serves as a member of: the City of Woodbury, Minnesota Economic Development Commission; Livable Communities Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota; Community Housing Corporation, Inc.; Twin Cities Community Land Bank; Ramsey County Historical Society.
- August 1992 – December 2008 President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Paul Port Authority. The Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA) is the pre-eminent economic development organization serving Saint Paul, Minnesota, and the surrounding suburban communities. SPPA industrial areas and business parks constitute approximately thirty percent of all of the commercial/industrial property in the City of Saint Paul. The SPPA creates sites for new investment by remediating contaminated land and reselling the resulting development-ready sites; primary and secondary financing programs are available to those businesses investing in new plant and equipment which will create jobs. Since 2002, SPPA has facilitated the creation or retention of 12,000 jobs in Saint Paul.
- January 1990 - August 1992 Senior Vice President, Saint Paul Port Authority. Responsibilities included a complete reconstruction of the credit analysis and underwriting process used by SPPA; supervision of credit analysts and loan officers; supervision of loan workout process, including loan restructurings, management of repossessed assets and resale of repossessed assets; foundation of economic development policies; supervision of project manager staff.
- February 1987 – December 1989 Director of Planning and Economic Development, City of Saint Paul, Minnesota. As a department head and member of the Mayor's cabinet, responsibilities included supervision of all City planners and project management staff responsible for downtown development and neighborhood retail/commercial area revitalization. Urban renewal activities included acquisition and demolition of blighted properties; fostering re-investment in neighborhood retail/commercial areas; development of policy recommendations for Mayor and City Council; administration of planning and land use ordinance and comprehensive planning.
- August 1982 – February 1987 Director of Housing, City of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Responsible for formulation of City's housing policies; formulated and implemented housing finance programs, primarily the development of affordable housing projects. In partnership with the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, devised and administered a mortgage loan finance program for first-time home buyers; supervised all housing loan officers and project managers; acquired and resold vacant land suitable for new housing development by private developers.

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April 1975 -
March 1982

Senior Economic Developer, City of Duluth, Minnesota. Responsibilities included: negotiations with businesses contemplating major new commercial/industrial investment in Duluth; formulation and implementation of secondary finance business incentive programs; acquired and demolished blighted downtown properties and facilitated private commercial redevelopment; formulated economic development policy for Mayor and City Council.

January 1969 -
April 1975

Housing and economic development project manager, Model Cities Department, City of Duluth, Minnesota. Duties included business incentive loan underwriting; acquisition of lands for redevelopment; partnering with private developers of affordable multi-family housing; communications with local news media.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Past President, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA). NALHFA is the national organization representing the 200 largest local housing finance agencies in the U.S. The association is active in suggesting housing policy options to the United States Congress, and to the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Treasury.

Past Chairman, Twin Cities Economic Development Consortium (TCED). TCED represented the largest public and private economic development entities in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area.

Invited to testify before committees of the United States Senate regarding affordable housing policy.

Invited to testify before the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives regarding tax policies related to local economic development.

Invited to testify frequently before various committees of the Minnesota Legislature concerning state economic development incentive programs and tax policy.

Career Achievement Award, Minnesota Economic Development Association.

Recipient of resolutions of recognition and thanks adopted unanimously by: the City Council, Saint Paul, Minnesota; and by the Board of Commissioners, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Named "Minnesota Trendsetter" by "Minnesota Business" magazine.

EDUCATION:

Master of Arts, Business Administration. University of Minnesota 1975

Bachelor of Arts, Communications and Economics. University of Minnesota 1967

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CORE COMPETENCIES:

I. Economic Development

Extensive experience in commercial/industrial real estate development and redevelopment, including: property analysis, acquisition and development; market analysis; project pro forma creation; assembly of development teams; securing of financing commitments. Knowledgeable in the remediation process, application of financial tools, and ultimate re-use of environmentally-contaminated industrial lands.

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II. Public Finance

Direction and supervision of the issuance of over \$700 million of municipal bonds for economic development and housing development, both tax-exempt and taxable. Designed and implemented many financial stimulus incentive programs for commercial/industrial economic development.

III. Housing

Creation and management of local government programs for the development of multi-family and ownership affordable housing, including primary and secondary financing programs, development of partnership mechanisms for use by local government with private developers; development of sites suitable for housing development.

CAREER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

International Economic Development Council

Minnesota Economic Development Association

Twin Cities Economic Development Consortium

Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

Midway Chamber of Commerce

Saint Paul Chapter, Rotary International

Capitol City Partnership

National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies

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The Honorable Mark Dayton, Governor
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Dear Governor Dayton:

This letter will serve to express my interest in appointment to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, as Chair of the Board.

Although I am presently retired, I have thirty-nine years of experience in a variety of local government housing and community development positions in both Duluth and Saint Paul. During my career I have served as Director of Housing for the City of Saint Paul; Director of Planning and Development for the City of Saint Paul; President and CEO of the Saint Paul Port Authority, and Housing and Economic Development Manager of the City of Duluth. In addition, I served two terms as President of the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, and have been invited to testify before Congress on three occasions regarding national housing policy and programs.

I would be honored to contribute to the work of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency by serving on the Board of Directors as its Chair. In the course of my work with local government affordable housing efforts, I came to know MHFA quite well, and would look forward to advancing its mission of providing affordable housing opportunities to all Minnesotans.

Thank you for your consideration of my interest in MHFA.

Yours truly,



Kenneth R. Johnson

Attachments:

- Application: MHFA Board
- Application: Chair, MHFA Board
- Resume