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Board Application

Board Applying For: Economic Development Advisory Board

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Date 8/19/2019

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Educational Background:

High School Name and Location Independence High School

Graduated/Degree Graduated

College Name and Location Kansas University

Graduated/Degree BS

Major Communications/Human Resources

Other Education Name and Location *Field not completed.*

Graduated/Degree *Field not completed.*

Emphasis *Field not completed.*

Do you reside inside the corporate limits of the City of Independence? Yes

If no, do you reside within 3 miles of the corporate limits of the City of Independence? *Field not completed.*

What experiences have you had that you feel would assist you as a board member?

I have attended multiple Economic Development educational classes and conferences through my college education and job experience. I have worked with various area Economic Development Directors and organizations throughout the State of Kansas concerning Retail/Business/Industrial/Housing recruitment and retention. Locally I have serve(d) on the Chamber of Commerce Board and the Independence Main Street Board. I am a member of Montgomery County Action Council and have an interest in the overall economic health of the Independence community. Housing is a huge part of Economic Development and I, through my employment, have a good knowledge of our housing stock and market.

Why do you want to become a member of the board?

I believe I have a good knowledge and understanding of economic development as a whole. I understand the importance of confidentiality. Most importantly I have a passion for assisting Independence in growth and sustainability. I spend many volunteer hours working for the betterment of our community and I see this as one more that I believe I could make a positive contribution to.

Do you feel that there are any issues needing immediate attention by the board? If so, please explain.

Establishing policies and procedures for the development of a sound economic incentive program is vital to the Independence community. When courting businesses/industries, so much of the negotiations must be done behind closed doors, that it is important to have policies and procedures in place that will allow the community representatives the ability to negotiate in good faith. Every community is competing to put their best foot forward and Independence needs to be the one to provide the best.

I also believe Independence needs to be proactive in recruitment and retention. We need to focus on what Retail/Business/Industry we currently have and assist with any potential expansion opportunities, as well as look at what complimentary businesses may be a good fit for our community.

Other comments:

Independence is a community that has so much to offer. All communities, especially rural, have their challenges; but Independence has a good foundation. We just need to build on it. I appreciate the opportunity for consideration to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

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