



December 20, 2017

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
90 West Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mayor Ginther:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District to request the appointment of Ms. Heidi Yurkiw to the Conservatory's Board of Trustees. If appointed, Ms. Yurkiw will serve a three-year term effective February 1, 2018 and ending January 31, 2021.

The future of the Conservatory depends greatly upon the strength of its 21-member Board of Trustees. This very dedicated, active and diverse group of individuals represents the Conservatory's broad base of support. The board has grown over time as a result of the historically strong appointments made by all three appointing agencies. We work with each appointing agency to identify the Conservatory's needs and to seek appointments that strengthen the organization in strategic areas.

The Board of Trustees plays an important role in guiding the strategic direction of the Conservatory to develop a business model ensuring our sustainability. The Conservatory is currently in the process of planning Master Plan 2.0 which will transform the visitor experience while continuing to strengthen our business model.

Ms. Yurkiw serves as Deputy General Counsel at Honda North America. She has been a Honda associate since 2006, and at different times has managed labor, employment, litigation and immigration law groups. She was previously an associate with Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, and a judicial law clerk for the U.S. District Court under the Honorable Joseph P. Kinneary. Other past Board affiliations include BalletMet Columbus, YWCA of Columbus, and JLC of Columbus.

In closing, I hope you will seriously consider our recommendation to appoint Ms. Yurkiw to the Conservatory's Board of Trustees. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Wells".

William D. Wells  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

cc: Mr. Bruce A. Harkey, President & CEO, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

# Heidi Reddert Yurkiw

Deputy General Counsel at Honda North America, Inc.

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## Summary

Litigation, labor and employment, immigration law

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## Experience

Deputy General Counsel

June 2017 - Present

Litigation, Labor and Employment, Immigration

Senior Counsel

October 2006 - Present

Counsel company on matters of labor and employment law

Attorney at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

September 2001 - November 2005 (4 years 3 months)

Litigation associate

Judicial Law Clerk to Joseph P. Kinneary

August 2000 - August 2001 (1 year 1 month)

Judicial law clerk to the Honorable Joseph P. Kinneary

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## Education

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Juris Doctor, Law, 1996 - 1999

Activities and Societies: Ohio State Law Journal, Moot Court

Ohio University

BSJ, Journalism, 1992 - 1996

Activities and Societies: Pi Beta Phi sorority

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