



December 9, 2020

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 reappointment of Ms. Sandy Nessing to a new term on the Conservatory's Board of Trustees. If reappointed, Ms. Nessing will serve a three-year term starting February 1, 2021 and ending January 31, 2024.

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 ensure the development of a business model that will ensure our sustainability. The Conservatory will be in the process of planning Master Plan 3.0 in the coming years.

Ms. Nessing is a member of the Conservatory's Community Outreach & Education Committee, the Executive Committee and the Compensation Committee. She is also the Committee Chair for the Conservatory's new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. She is a managing director with American Electric Power (AEP), manages sustainability strategy, corporate stakeholder engagement and annual performance. She holds a leadership role in the Electric Power Research Institute's Energy Sustainability Interest Group, serving as chair in 2013. Ms. Nessing also serves on the Grange Insurance Audubon Center Stewardship Board, the Board of Directors and the Board of Regents for NAEM, and SustainAbility's Engaging Stakeholders.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura".

Laura Troup
Chair, Nominating Committee
Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

cc: Mr. Bruce A. Harkey, President & CEO, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
Mr. Patrick Henthorne, President, Board of Trustees, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens