



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. Toya Johnson to a new term on the Conservatory's Board of Trustees. If reappointed, Ms. Johnson 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 develop a business model ensuring our sustainability. The Conservatory will be in the process of planning Master Plan 3.0 in the coming years.

Ms. Johnson is chair of the Conservatory Community Outreach & Education Committee and serves on the Executive and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees. She holds the position of Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services and Community Engagement with the City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods, managing the Neighborhood Pride Centers, Neighborhood Liaisons, the Neighborhood Pride Program, and programming for the New Americans Initiative. Her professional career spans many years in government at local, county and state levels including service in the Mayor's Office, Columbus City Council, the Department of Public Utilities, the City Attorney's Office, and the Community Relations Commission.

In closing, I hope you will seriously consider our recommendation to reappoint Ms. Johnson to the Conservatory's Board of Trustees. Please feel free to 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