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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Ray O'Connell *ROC*
Mayor

DATE: September 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor O'Connell has approved the following appointment for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Lewis Edwards	Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA)	01/01/2023

Mr. Edwards will be fulfilling the unexpired term of John I. Williams (Muhlenberg College-President) who resigned for this authority. I have attached his resume for your review.

ROC/kal

Attachments

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

DATE 9-8-20

AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION YOU ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT TO: _____

NAME: Lewis Edwards

HOME ADDRESS: 142 Jeffrey Lane, Northampton, PA 18062

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 122 N. 5th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

TELEPHONE NO. (RESIDENCE) 610-262-7443 **BUSINESS** 610-821-6870 ext 8

EMAIL: lewis@lehighfinancialgroup.com

PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY: Lehigh Financial Group LLC

JOB TITLE: Vice President

EMPLOYMENT (Prior): Allentown Economic Development Corp

EDUCATION:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: YES NO
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GRADUATE YES NO
DEGREE/FIELD OF STUDY _____

B.S. Business Administration
Major - Accounting

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES:

Allentown YMCA - Board Member

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

PAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES

HELD: Community Action Committee of
Allentown - Past Chairman

DO YOU LIVE IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN: _____ **YES** **NO**

DO YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT "BUSINESS" OR "PROPERTY" INTEREST IN ALLENTOWN? PLEASE EXPLAIN:

NO

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER: **YES** _____ **NO**

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT? BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHAT VALUE YOU WILL BRING TO THE BOARD.

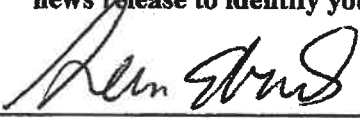
I have an extensive background in
Economic and Community Development through my
10 years of employment with AFDC and prior
commercial lending experience with several large
commercial financial organizations and banks

DO YOU ANTICIPATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF AN AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION: _____ **YES** **NO**

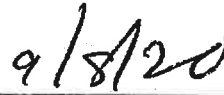
IF YES,
EXPLAIN: _____

IF YOU ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY TERMS YOU HAVE SERVED _____ AND THE YEAR YOU WERE FIRST APPOINTED N/A.

NOTE: This information will be used for making appointments to authorities, boards and commission and in the event you are appointed/reappointed, it may be used as a news release to identify you to the community.

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Signature

A handwritten date "9/8/20" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date

Please forward this request for appointment, along with a resume to:

**Mayor's Office
City Hall
435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101**

For over thirty years, Lewis Edwards has been a noteworthy leader and professional in the Greater Lehigh Valley. His background and experience in accounting, finance, financial services and small business facilitation has brought large scale innovation, development, and expertise to businesses and corporations both regionally and nationally.

Lewis's early career began in Corporate banking, as he rose to the position of Vice President at then Nations Credit Corporation. He then spent years working in community lending, business and economic development and audit management at various corporations. Lewis has lead large and small teams at each stage of his career, proving to be a natural leader and innovator.

In his current role as Vice President for Small Business and Commercial Lending for Lehigh Financial Group LLC, he provides a knowledge-based approach to providing clients innovative real estate capital solutions. There have been dozens of small and large business in the Lehigh Valley that have benefited from his professional understanding of commercial financing.

Lewis's commitment to leadership, diversity and inspiring others has been demonstrated as a board member, mentor and facilitator to countless organizations including: The Office of Minority and Women Business Owners, Lehigh Valley Economic Development Lenders Peer Review Committee, Community Action Development Corporation Allentown, and his longtime membership and board position at the YMCA Allentown.

He was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University in Accounting. Upon completion of his degree, he began his career in his Philadelphia at Fidelity Bank.

Lewis has been married to Joan Edwards for over forty years. He is the proud father to two adult daughters and grandfather to two grandchildren. In his spare time, Lewis is an avid runner and swimmer and enjoys spending time with his family.