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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Matt Tuerk
Mayor

DATE: August 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
John F. Gross	ACIDA	1/1/2027
Santo Napoli	Blighted Prop Review Committee	1/1/2026

Jack Gross currently serves as the Chair of ACIDA and has requested to be reappointed for another term. Santo Napoli is interested in serving on the board so that he can use his experience as a commercial and residential property owner to benefit the residents and the City of Allentown as the city works to address blighted and vacant properties.

Authorities, Boards, and Commissions
Request for Appointment

Applicant Name: John F. Gross

Email: jgross@grossmcginley.com

Phone: 610-820-5450

Address: 2812 W. Allen St., Allentown, PA 18104

Authority, Board, Commission: ACIDA

Reason For Application: I enjoy providing volunteer service helping with the commercial and industrial development of the City. Every day in my legal practice, I deal with similar issues and it is nice to be able to use those skills to help the City.

Agreement to Verify Tax Payments: Agree

Submitted Date: 8/17/2022, 4:30:00 PM

John F. “Jack” Gross
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Experience:

Gross McGinley, LLP – Allentown, Pa. (1999 - present)

- **Managing Partner (2018 - present)**
- Concentrations in Business and Transactional Law, Zoning and Planning, Commercial and Residential Real Estate and Media and Internet Law
- Regularly appear before zoning hearing boards, planning commissions and municipal governing bodies in Lehigh and Northampton Counties
- Solicitor – Whitehall Township, Lehigh County (2020 – present)

Northampton County Court of Common Pleas – Easton, Pa.

- **Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Jack A. Panella (1998 - 1999)**

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pa. – Allentown, Pa.

- **Summer Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Edward Cahn (1997)**

Grandview Cemetery Association – Allentown, Pa.

- **Vice President and Manager (1994 - 1995)**

Heidleberger Zement, Adiment Division – Leimen, Germany

- **Intern (1993)**

Community Leadership Positions & Awards:

- **Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Health Care**
Board Member and Secretary (2000 – present)
- **Allentown Commercial and Industrial Development Authority**
Board Member (2002 – present); Vice Chair (2003 – present); Chair (2018 - present)
- **Downtown Allentown Community Development Initiative**
Board Member (2015 – present)
- **Community Action Lehigh Valley**
Board Member (2019 - present)
- **Great Allentown Fair Foundation**
Board Member (2019 - present)

- **Lehigh Country Club**
Board of Governors – (2020 – present); Secretary (2022 – present)
- **Lehigh Valley Business**
Power 100 List, 2021 and 2022
- **Allentown Zoning Hearing Board – Alternate Member**
Alternate Member (2007 – 2009)
- **Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley**
Board Member (2017-2019)
- **Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley**
Board Member and Member Executive Committee (2005 – 2014)
- **Lehigh Valley Housing Development Corporation**
Board Member and Chair (2003 – 2006)
- **Alliance for Building Communities**
Board Member (2000 – 2006); Vice Chair (2004 – 2006)
- **Allentown Human Relations Commission**
Recipient of a 2005 Human Relations Award as part of the Allentown Human Relations Ordinance Legal Defense Team

Faculty Positions:

Muhlenberg College – Allentown, Pa. (2007 to present)

- Part-Time Lecturer in the Media and Communication Department
- Course Title - Media: Legal and Constitutional Issues

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

- Internet Law Updates (2005 to 2007) – Presentations regarding internet advertising law.
- Technology Law Forum (2006 and 2007) – Presentations regarding advertising and internet law and a case law update.
- Advertising Law (2008) – Course planner and presenter

Council for Advancement and Support of Education (2005)

- “E-Law 101” – Presentation regarding Web and e-mail advertising laws, geared toward college administrators in the eastern U.S. and Canada
- Awarded Faculty Star status for scoring within the top 10 percent of CASE faculty, as rated by attendees.

Education:

Juris Doctor, cum laude – Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pa.

- Law Review: Associate Editor (1998); Staff writer (1997)

- Member of The Order of Coif
- Wyn Llewellyn Award Recipient (1997) for client counseling

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude – Muhlenberg College

- Double Major in history (with honors) and philosophy

Memberships, Admissions, and Licenses:

- Admitted to practice law in all state courts in Pennsylvania, The United States District Court and The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Member of Lehigh County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.
- Licensed Pennsylvania Title Insurance Agent.