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FINAL CITY ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES SELECTED

ANN ARBOR, Mich. –July 8, 2011 – Today, the City Administrator Search Committee, announced that three candidates are being recommended to City Council, and will be interviewed July 12 and 13 for the city administrator position.

City Administrator Final Candidate Bios



Harry Black currently serves as Executive Vice President & COO of Global Commerce Solutions (GCS), Inc., a D.C.-based government services firm, providing program and project management support services to the public sector (2008 – Present). Prior to this position, he worked as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer for the City of Richmond, Virginia (2005 – 2008) and as the Vice President and Program Manager for McKissack & McKissack in Washington, D.C. (2000 – 2005). He has served in several roles with the District of Columbia Government, Washington, DC (1995 – 1999) to include the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer with the Office of Contracting and Procurement and the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration with the Child and Family Services Agency.

Previous employment also includes working with the New York State Insurance Fund, New York, New York as the Assistant Director of Fiscal Management and Investments; the City of New York, New York in the Mayor's Office of Contracts as the Assistant Director for Special Projects; the New York City Transit Authority in Brooklyn, NY as the Manager of Research and Legislation; the International City/County Management Association in Washington, D.C. as the Manager and Research Associate; and for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey as a Management Trainee.

Black has served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Long Island University (Brooklyn campus) Graduate School of Business/Public Administration. He is also the author of "Achieving Economic Development Success: Tools that work." In 2010, Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell appointed Black to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors, where he is also a member of the Board's Resources and Governance, and Finance, Audit and Facilities Committees.

Black holds his Master of Public Administration from the University of Virginia and his Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from Virginia State University.



Ellie Oppenheim held the position as President and CEO of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (2006 to 2011) where she was responsible for leading the regional destination marketing organization promoting tourism and convention business for Reno, Sparks and Incline Village/North Lake Tahoe. Prior to this role, Ellie worked for the City of San Diego, California (2002 to 2006) in various roles to include the Deputy City Chief Operating Officer/Deputy City Manager and as the Director, Department of Park and Recreation. She has served as the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks with the City of Los Angeles, California (1999 to 2002) and as the Vice President/General Manager for GES Exposition Services, South San Francisco, California (1996 to 1999). She has worked for the City of San Jose, California (1987 to 1996) as both the Director of Convention, Cultural and Visitor Services and as the Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Community Services.

Oppenheim has also worked for Stanford University, California (1977 to 1987) in various roles to include the Associate Dean of Students, the Director of Tresidder Memorial Union and the Assistant Director of Tresidder Memorial Union. She also worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1973 to 1977) as the Memorial Union Operations Manager and Mini Course Director.

She serves on the Nevada State Commission on Tourism and Destination Marketing Association International Board of Directors. She was a Jury Member for the National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal awards and she served on the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. She has also served as a Regent and Faculty Member for the National Recreation and Parks Association Revenue and Marketing School.

Oppenheim holds her Master of Business Administration in Management and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Steve Powers has served as the County Administrator with Marquette County, Michigan since 1996. Marquette County is a regional center that sits on the south shore of Lake Superior, the largest of the five Great Lakes and is home to Northern Michigan University. It has been named one of America's Most Livable Communities by the Partners for Livable Communities and All America City by the National Civic League. Prior to Marquette County, he served as the County Coordinator for Martin County, Minnesota (1994 –1996) and as the Assistant County Administrator and Assistant to County Administrator for Jackson County, Oregon (1987-1994) where he managed human resources, labor relations, risk management, and organizational

development and training and served as acting county administrator in county administrator's absence. He also served as the Management and Budget Analyst for Johnson County, Kansas (1986-1987).

Powers currently serves as a Corporate member with the International City/County Management Association; Marquette County Ambassador; and as an Executive board member for the Lake

Superior Community Partnership. In previous roles, he has served as a board member for the Michigan Local Government Management Association; President of the Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers; board member with the Oregon Local Government Managers Association; board member with the Kansas University City Management Training Program; and as a United Way Government Division Chair.

Powers holds his Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration and Political Science from Augustana College.

Candidate Interview Schedule

On Tuesday, July 12, City Council is hosting a public reception for final city administrator candidates in the Justice Center lobby from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public reception program will include light refreshments, candidate introductions by Mayor Hieftje and time for informal conversations. The Justice Center is the new building located at 301 E. Huron St. in front of Larcom City Hall. Candidate public interviews by City Council will be held the morning of July 12 in three different meeting spaces at Larcom City Hall.

On Wednesday, July 13, individual candidates will participate in public “presentations” to City Council in Larcom City Hall, Council Chambers, second floor, from 8 a.m. to noon. Each candidate will present for approximately 15 minutes followed by 40 minutes for interview team questions. These presentations will be televised on Community Television Network.

The City’s Chief Financial Officer Tom Crawford has been acting interim city administrator since April and will continue in this role until a permanent city administrator is appointed by City Council.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, go to school, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city’s mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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