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Mayor William A. Baird

Date: December 13, 2023

To: City Council

From: Mayor Bill Baird

Re: Mayor's Appointment

I am submitting the following appointments for simple majority City Council approval:

Board of Aeronautic Commissioners: Appoint Adam Shimmens, term to expire 9-14-26.

Board of Appeals: Reappoint Sarah Knights as an alternate, term to expire 12-01-26.

TIF Commission: Reappoint Joe Willerth, term to expire 12-15-27.

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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:15 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Adam Shimmens

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The Boards and Commissions Application from cityofls.net was submitted.

**I wish to apply for:** Board of Aeronautical Commissioners

**Name:** Adam Shimmens

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:** District 3

**Years as a resident:** 3

**High School Attended:** Helias High School

**College Attended:** University of Central Missouri

**Current Employment:** Nuvien Consulting

**Position Held:** Principal Consultant

**Interest Response:** I'm excited about this opportunity because I've been looking for a way to get more involved with the Lees Summit airport. Airports play such an important role in the overall growth of a community, yet the well majority of people in the community don't understand the economic significance of the operation. Most people see it as a nuisance and care more about noise abatement. We're seeing airports shut down all over the country, with GA being hit the hardest. Now I don't fear this for LXT, but it takes creativity and consistent messaging to get ahead of this problem to ensure citizens are well-informed and educated on the positive impacts the airport provides. It's for these reasons that I'm very interested in joining this board.

I completed my Private Pilots license in 2007, and earned my Bachelors in Flight Operations Management from UCM. I currently run my own consulting and software companies with a focus on aviation software. Aviation is my passion, and I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to this board for how we can use new and emerging technologies to help aid in the future expansion of LXT. Some skills I can bring to this board would be; business development, sales consulting, revenue generation, project management, strategic planning, software development, social networking, and community education.

**Other Activities:** EAA chapter 91, Citizens Leadership Academy 2022

**Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Do you have experience as a/an:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Current LS Boards:** NA

**Term(s) Expires:**

**Past LS Boards or other community:** NA

**Other Interests:**

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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023 3:28 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Sarah Knights

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**I wish to apply for:** Board of Appeals

**Name:** Sarah Knights

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:**

**Years as a resident:** 11 years

**High School Attended:** Truman High

**College Attended:** University of Missouri

**Current Employment:** QTS

**Position Held:** VP HR Operations

**Interest Response:** I am interested in serving the local community to ensure Lees Summit continues to lead as a safe, fair, family/small business friendly city that attracts and retains civic-minded residents and business owners. I have lived in Lees Summit for 11 years with my two children and feel compelled to ensure the direction of our community improves over the next 20-30 years as they become active residents. My educational and working background is in Economics and Finance. I spent 10+ years in the Financial Services/Banking industry as a Project and Operational Manager working on large scale Business Transformation initiatives and Software Development process enhancements. I am currently a small-business employer (1 employee) and have a passion for volunteering to progress women and children issues. I work full-time out of my home in Lees Summit in Raintree.

**Other Activities:** Junior League of KC, Womens Business Association

**Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources:**

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**Do you have experience as a/an:**

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**Current LS Boards:** Business Council, CAC

**Term(s) Expires:**

**Past LS Boards or other community:** Appeals

**Other Interests:**

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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 12:25 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Joe Willerth

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**I wish to apply for:** Tax Increment Financing

**Name:** Joe Willerth

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:** District 1

**Years as a resident:** 32 years

**High School Attended:** McCluer High School

**College Attended:** Purdue University

**Current Employment:** Retired Attorney

**Position Held:** Partner Kapke & Willerth

**Interest Response:** I served a term on the TIF Commission the last 4 years and have extensive experience in Real Estate, Development Construction and Municipal Law

**Other Activities:** Member of Lee's Summit Sunrise Rotary Club, Lee's Summit Christian Church and University of Missouri Law School Foundation

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**Please elaborate on above:**

**Current LS Boards:** Current member TIFf Commission

**Term(s) Expires:** December 2023

**Past LS Boards or other community:** Former city attorney for Raymore, Raytown, Holden and Lakewood

**Other Interests:** Homes Associations, Raintree HOA Architectural Reiew Board

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