



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Title

Commending Natalie Erdman for her leadership to the City of Madison's Planning, Economic and Community Development Department on the occasion of her retirement from public service.

Body

WHEREAS, Natalie Erdman was hired by the City of Madison as the Community Development Authority Executive Director in September, 2010 and was then hired as the Director of the Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development in February, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Natalie brought to the City many years of experience in real estate finance and development, including affordable housing and historic preservation; and,

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the City, Natalie has served as a true civil servant, dedicating herself to improving the quality of life for Madison residents, supporting collaboration among staff, and excelling in the management of complex issues facing the City; and ,

WHEREAS, Natalie has demonstrated great leadership in all aspects of this most difficult position including advancing the City's efforts in affordable housing and economic development as well as leading the Department's management team; and,

WHEREAS, the breadth of Natalie's positive impact on the community can be seen through major corporate expansion projects and downtown redevelopment, as well as the provision of housing and services for those most in need; and,

WHEREAS, Natalie is recognized and respected for her skillful and accurate communication, diplomacy, and pragmatism by colleagues across the City, elected officials, those serving on boards, committees and commissions, and the public; and,

WHEREAS, Natalie served as an exceptional mentor to City staff, many of whom will likely draw on what they have learned from Natalie in the years ahead as they work to implement projects and programs throughout the City; and,

WHEREAS, Natalie never flinched when met with complex and time-consuming issues or bizarre stories from her staff; and,

WHEREAS, Natalie skillfully moved the Department forward in the midst of significant staff changes and the relocation of offices from and back to the Madison Municipal Building; and,

WHEREAS, in the course of maintaining two offices in two buildings on two sides of the Capitol Square, Natalie wore out more than two pairs of shoes; and,

WHEREAS, Natalie's leadership will be greatly missed, and so many she has worked with are thankful she accepted the challenge of serving as the Department's Director during the last four years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council and Mayor, on behalf of the people of Madison, express their sincere appreciation to Natalie Erdman for her memorable years of service and congratulate her on her retirement; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Common Council and Mayor hereby commemorate Natalie's retirement with a pair of memorial silver shoes that may never quite be filled.