



February 9, 2017

Mr. James G. Crawford, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 1809
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Dear Commissioner Crawford:

The Chatham Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, on January 31, 2017, voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the EDC nomination committee, comprised of Dr. T.E. Marchant, Mr. Dan Sundberg and Mr. Drew Weniger, and forward to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for approval. The EDC nomination committee was tasked with interviewing and recommending applicants for the EDC Board of Directors to fill two vacancies due to term expiration and one vacancy due to resignation. The EDC nomination committee interviewed nine applicants and ranked their recommendations in order from 1 through 5. While the EDC nomination committee preferred the top 3 for these three vacancies, the committee believed options were needed for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners final approval, and thus provided five candidates from which to choose.

The EDC nomination committee also recommended the reappointment of five existing members of the EDC Board of Directors at the conclusion of their first term. These reappointments include the chair, vice-chair and treasurer of the EDC Board of Directors.

According to Article III, Section 3 of the Chatham County EDC's current bylaws, "Each voting director of the corporation shall be appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, as follows: Each County Commissioner may nominate a candidate for a director position to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Each of those directors shall be appointed to serve a four year term to run concurrent with the current term of the County Commissioner who nominated that director. Up to ten at-large director positions shall be selected by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Each of these at-large directors shall serve four year terms, with one-half of those directors appointed by the board every two years following the swearing in of new or returning commissioners that resulted from the bi-annual election of County Commissioners. The Chatham County Commissioners shall make their appointments from a roster of candidates who have completed the formal application and review process conducted by the Board of Directors of this corporation based on a process and qualifications agreed to by the Board of Directors of the corporation and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners."

Enclosed are the two letters provided by the EDC nomination committee, applications of all current applicants, the 2013 applications of the members recommended for reappointment and the roster of

EDC Board of Directors who unanimously voted in support of the recommendations. In closing, to meet the requirements of the Chatham EDC bylaws, the EDC Board of Directors requests the following of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners:

1. Approve the reappointment of the five existing board members to a second term.
2. Commissioners Howard and Dasher each nominate one of the recommended applicants.
3. The remaining vacancy be selected by the Board of Commissioners as an at-large director.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kyle E. Touchstone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kyle E. Touchstone
President