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Mayor James announces his appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners

Mayor thanks previous board members for their service; nominates Ajamu Webster to EDC Board

(Kansas City, Missouri) — Today, Mayor Sly James announced his appointments to Kansas City's Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners. "I am excited to appoint these fine Kansas Citians to serve on one of our City's most important boards. These are volunteer positions and I appreciate each of them for making time to give back to the City they love. This is a diverse group, each one representing different parts and characteristics of Kansas City. I am confident each of them will make me proud and serve our City with distinction. My sincere thanks to each of the outgoing board members for their tireless efforts. I am excited to see the ideas, initiatives and energy these new appointees will bring to their positions," said Mayor James.

The Mayor has appointed the following residents of Kansas City, Missouri to the Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners:

President, Jean Paul Chaurand is the Senior Vice President for the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation where he leads its grant making and nonprofit outreach teams and directs development efforts for both contract and contribution revenue. Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Chaurand served as Executive Director of the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Chaurand received a bachelor's degree in urban affairs from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an MBA from UMKC's Bloch School Executive MBA Program.

McClain Bryant is an attorney with Husch Blackwell, LLP in the areas of government compliance, investigation, litigation, governmental ethics and election law, and business litigation. Ms. Bryant

received her law degree from The George Washington University Law School and her bachelor's degree and MBA from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She is a Board Member of Freedom, Inc.

Alan Dillingham is the Director of Government Affairs for the Builders' Association and is the former District Director for Senator Kit Bond. Mr. Dillingham currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Greater Kansas City United Way and the Board of Advocates for Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. He received a bachelor's degree in World Political Economy from The Colorado College and an MBA from UMKC's Bloch School Executive MBA Program.

Aimee Gromowsky is a practicing attorney in municipal court law. Mrs. Gromowsky is a former Assistant Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney and is active in the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus. Mrs. Gromowsky received a bachelor's degree in behavior modification from the University of North Texas and a law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. She and her husband reside in South Kansas City with their three children.

David Mecklenburg is an insurance agent with Calvin Eddy and Kappelman, Inc. Mr. Mecklenburg has served the Clay County Parks Board, the Northland Neighborhoods Board and Kansas City's Wet Weather Community Panel. He earned his bachelor's degree from Central Methodist College and is a veteran of the United States Army.

The Mayor has also nominated **Ajamu Webster** to serve on the Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors. Mr. Webster formerly Co-Chaired the New Tools Task Force and served on the Parks and Recreation Board. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and President and CEO of Dubosi Consultants Civil and Structural Engineering.

The Mayor invites all residents to continue to apply to serve the City we call home. As part of his initiative to increase the number of Kansas Citians who participate in their government, the Mayor will host an informational meeting to answer questions about the City's boards and commissions, Wednesday, June 29, 2011 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Husch Blackwell, 4801 Main Street, Suite 1000.

Anyone with questions about the application or appointment process can also email appointments@kcmo.org or call the Mayor's Office at 816-513-3500. Nearly 300 applications have been received thus far to serve Kansas City. Residents continue to be encouraged to apply to serve.

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