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**AGENDA ITEM  
REQUEST/JUSTIFICATION FORM**  
*(To be completed by requesting Department)*  
*Forward all requests to Sharon Bourke, LC2 Civic Center*  
**DEADLINE SUBMITTAL IS 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY  
BEFORE THE TUESDAY MEETING**

Agenda item: Consent Agenda  
(i.e. Consent/Recognition-Proclamation/Presentation/Public Hearing/Committee, etc.)  
Date to be on agenda: 6/17/14

Exact wording to be used for the agenda: Resolution reappointing Dick Davis,  
Scott Makinster, Michael Leahy, and Christopher Johnson to the Visitors  
Promotion Council.

Action requested: Approval

Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Object Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Is item in current year's budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does this item commit funds in future years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If an agreement or contract, has the County Attorney reviewed and approved? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Previous action taken on this item, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations and rationale or action: \_\_\_\_\_

Will anyone speak on behalf of this item, if so who? \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a rush agenda item, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by (Name & Dept.): Administration Ext. 7025

Date submitted: 6/11/14

List Attachments: Resolution and appointment applications  
(Attach resolution and all pertinent documentation; i.e. contract, agreement, memorandums, etc.)

Certified resolutions can be obtained at the County Clerk's website:  
<http://www.douglascountyclerk.org/county-board-records/search-for-resolutions>

<i>Completed by receiving office</i>
Received in Administrative Office: _____ Date <u>6/11/14</u> Time _____

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLVED**

**WHEREAS**, there is established in Douglas County, Nebraska, a County Visitors Promotion Council, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-3701 through §81-3724, known as the 'Nebraska Visitors Development Act'; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is provided within these statutory sections that seven members shall be appointed by the governing body of the county to serve as an advisory committee to this Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the terms of four members expire on June 30, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THAT** Dick Davis, Scott Makinster, Michael Leahy, and Christopher Johnson are hereby reappointed to serve as committee members of the Visitors Promotion Council for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2018.

DATED this 17th day of June 2014

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

In consideration for appointment to the VPC

I submit the following information:

Dick C.E. Davis  
Name

3425 N 267th Plz Waterloo NE 68046 402-359-2710  
Home Address Telephone Number

Davis Companies CEO  
Business Name Job Title

1313 Cuming St Ste 200 Omaha, NE 402-399-9090  
Business Address Telephone Number

dick.davis@daviscompanies.com Home or Business  
Email Address Correspondence Direction (circle)

Do you currently conduct business with taxpayers who may be appearing before the advisory board or commission to which you are applying? Yes  No  Previously? Yes  No

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Sex: Male  Female  Race: Black

**EDUCATION**

High School	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
North High School	4410 N 36th Omaha 68111		
College	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
UNL	Lincoln, NE 68588	1969	Bachelors Fine Arts in Education
Other	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
Doctorate	UNL	1976	Ed D in Education

**EMPLOYMENT**

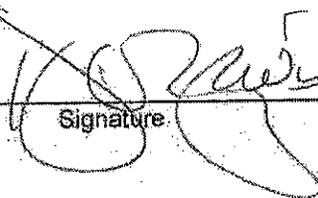
Past Employer	Location	Dates	Job Title
Past Employer	Location	Dates	Job Title
Past Employer	Location	Dates	Job Title

**PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER/PROFESSIONAL BOARD POSITIONS AND/OR ACTIVITIES**

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I am qualified to serve on the above named advisory board or commission and my appointment to said board or commission will not conflict with my professional or personal interests.

DICK C. E. DAVIS  
Name (Print or Type)

  
Signature

5/16/2014  
Date



**Dick C.E. Davis**

### **Business**

Dr. Dick C.E. Davis is CEO of the Davis Companies, which is comprised of Davis Insurance Agency with expertise in public entity business, and Contractor Development Services (CDS) which enables small businesses to be technically prepared, credit worthy and bond ready to increase their capability and capacity. The Davis Companies has produced sales and service that has increased tenfold under Davis and his wife's, Sharon, leadership, starting in 1991.

In 2006 Davis began to craft a "20/20" vision for economic engagement to be achieved by 2020. Five years in the making, three economic strategies have emerged. The first and foremost was to diversify and increase revenues of existing and newly formed companies on a national and global platform. The second strategy is to increase the networks and numbers of affiliated firms to aggregately generate increased revenue and profitability among these strategic partners. The third is performance based on economic benefit for these business owners, entrepreneurs and professionals. Two outcomes have been realized under the 20/20 vision. SBA has awarded Dick and Sharon as their 2012 Small Business Minority Champions. A US patent was approved in 2013 under CDS for System for Facilitating a Project between Contractors and Owners.

For over a decade, Davis has been recognized by the business community as an innovative business leader. He was the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year in 2000 and the Davis Companies was recognized as the tenth fastest growing company in Omaha for 2002. Davis was the first African American to be recognized for the two awards. The Omaha Independent Insurance Agents Association elected Davis as its first African American President in 2001. Davis integrates his community philosophy into his business strategy, which in large part contributed to Davis being the first recipient of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Advisor of the year in 2005. In 2010 was recognized as a NEBRASKALAND Foundation Trailblazer Award and the Inclusive Community Humanitarian award, in part, for economic empowerment initiatives.

### **Education and Athletics**

Davis graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) in 1969. Davis earned his Masters in 1972 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and his Doctorate in Education from UNL in 1976. After graduating, Davis was a professional football fullback for two years before entering into an education career. Davis worked for Omaha Public Schools from 1970-1980. At the age of 24, he became Assistant Principal for Omaha North High School and was appointed Principal of McMillan Junior High at the age of 30. At the culmination of his educational career, he received a national Human and Civil Rights Award from the National Education Association in 1980 for his outstanding leadership as a secondary principal and was also published nationally in the Phi Delta Kappa article "One Solution to the Attendance Problem" when Assistant Principal of North High.

Davis graduated from Omaha North High School as Coach & Athlete Magazine's All-American football player. His college accomplishments include being named All-Big-Eight Fullback and twice named Academic All-Big-Eight Fullback. Davis was inducted into the Nebraska University Football Hall of Fame in 1995. Davis was inducted into Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2006 inaugural class. Davis was also named to the Big Red Report Magazine's Greatest Huskers of All Time, the Top Ten Players by position as a Fullback in 2008. Davis was drafted into the NFL in 1969 by Cleveland Browns and also played for Denver Broncos and New Orleans Saints.

### **Community**

Highly-respected and a successful member of the Omaha's business community, Davis has long supported projects and causes that help improve the lives of both youth and adults, particularly those from underserved populations.

In 1989 Davis began to establish the multi-million dollar endowment Davis-Chambers Scholarship program, which has grown to over \$3 million. Over the twenty year history of the program, the scholarship fund has provided opportunities to more than 300 minority "Best and Brightest" students in Nebraska, whose graduation rate more than doubles, their University of Nebraska minority counterparts. During the same period Davis held many leadership positions within the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education for 20 years ending 2012 and served for one term as a member of the U.S. and Canada Liaison Committee of Medical Education.

Based on the 20/20 vision of self help principles, Davis' and others are enlisting minorities' businesspersons who have direct authority to invest, contribute and purchase or local and state public officials who govern or coordinate public funds or grants. The core values are best stated "Ask the most of ourselves before we ask of others." About around a dozen African Americans have joined the economic strategy efforts and collectively will far exceed their five year goal of \$5 million of private investment or public funds to benefit minorities and their communities.

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Visitors Promotion Council

I submit the following information:

Scott Makinster

Name

1036 S 216th Street Elkhorn, NE 68022

402 250-6900

Home Address

Telephone Number

US Assets, LLC and Comfort Inn and Suites

Owner/Managing

Business Name

Job Title

405 N 115th Street Omaha, NE 68154

402 399-9049 ext. 107

Business Address

Telephone Number

Scott@Makinster.com

Email Address

Home or Business

Correspondence Direction (circle)

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

*RE-APPOINTMENT*

In consideration for appointment to the

VISITOR PROMOTION COUNCIL

I submit the following information:

MICHAEL J. LEAHY

Name

4702 SKINNER ST OMAHA, NE

Home Address

402-679-9177

Telephone Number

SKCO

Business Name

ATTORNEY

Job Title

AS ABOVE

Business Address

AS ABOVE

Telephone Number

michaeljleahy@skco.com

Email Address

Home or Business

Correspondence Direction (circle)

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**EDUCATION**

<i>CALIFORNIA PEEP BOARD</i>	<i>AMSTER</i>	<i>8/1977-5/1982</i>	
High School	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
<i>CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY</i>		<i>8/1982-5/1982</i>	<i>B.A.</i>
College	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
<i>SCHOOL OF LAW</i>		<i>8/1982-5/1985</i>	<i>J.D.</i>
Other	Location	Dates	Major/Degree

**EMPLOYMENT**

*ON FILE*

Past Employer	Location	Dates	Job Title
Past Employer	Location	Dates	Job Title
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**PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER/PROFESSIONAL BOARD POSITIONS AND/OR ACTIVITIES**

*ON FILE*


I am qualified to serve on the above named advisory board or commission and my appointment to said board or commission will not conflict with my professional or personal interests.

*MICHAEL J. LEAHY*      *Michael J. Leahy*      *5/28/2014*  
Name (Print or Type)      Signature      Date

MICHAEL J. LEAHY  
4702 Shirley Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68106  
402-679-9977  
michaeljleahyesq@gmail.com  
A/V Martindale-Hubbell Rating

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**MEDICO INSURANCE COMPANY**  
Vice President and General Counsel

2006 - 2012

Managed and oversaw all legal aspects of Medico's insurance business in 47 states. Duties included: Maintaining state and federal regulatory compliance; ensuring that insurance policy language complied with the requirements of individual state law; assisting in the development and implementation of business and marketing plans/strategies; managing litigation; drafting and reviewing contracts of all kinds, including reinsurance treaties; providing legal counsel to the Human Resources department, including large-scale reduction in force and early retirement program maintaining relationships with national ratings agencies, brokers, vendors and transactional partners.

Worked with management team in negotiating the successful sale of a block of long term care insurance business, which involved the transfer of over \$600,000,000 in reserves, placing Medico on an outstanding financial footing. Assisted in negotiating the merger of Medico's ultimate parent, Medico Mutual Insurance Holding Company, including MMIHC's subsidiaries, with American Enterprise.

Served as Corporate Secretary of MMIHC and all subsidiaries.

**STINSON MORRISON HECKER LLP**  
Partner

1998 - 2006

Joined the firm's Litigation Division in 1998. Practice concentrated in commercial litigation, products liability, and medical and hospital defense work. Conducted jury trials throughout the state of Nebraska and in Iowa. Provided in-house litigation counseling and training programs for hospital clients. Managed all aspects of civil cases from inception through trial. Extensive discovery experience including written discovery and depositions. Appeared before the Nebraska and Iowa Supreme Courts and the

Nebraska Court of Appeals. Mentored and trained associates in several of the firm's offices around the country.

Provided advocacy in the Eighth Circuit resulting in reversal by the Court of Appeals of a \$6.3 million judgement against a client's gaming operation.

FITZGERALD, SCHORR, BARMETTLER  
& BRENNAN  
Associate Attorney

1994-1998

Practice focused on litigation and trial work.

## **EDUCATION**

Creighton University School of Law  
J.D., Cum Laude

1992 - 1995

Creighton Law Review  
Lead Articles Editor  
Author, Note, Unreasonable Expectations? The Construction of Group Insurance Policy Provisions: Howard v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, 27 Creighton Law Rev 287 (1993).

1993 - 1995

Creighton University  
B.A., 1987

1982 - 1987

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY**

DOUGLAS COUNTY VISITOR PROMOTION  
COUNCIL  
Chairman

2009 - PRESENT

TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OMAHA  
Board of Directors, Chairman 2009 - 2011

OMAHA HEARING SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN  
Board of Directors, Chairman 2008 - 2010

2004 - 2010

CITY OF OMAHA HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
RELATIONS BOARD

2004 - 2010

AKSARBEN CORONATION BALL 1999 - 2007  
Mens Floor Committee

ROBERT M. SPIRE AMERICAN INN OF COURT 1995 - 2007  
Treasurer, 1997 - 1999

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW 1996 - 1999  
Adjunct Faculty, Legal Writing Instructor

MORTON MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD ASS'N 1999 - 2002  
President

**ADMISSIONS**  
Nebraska; Iowa

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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Visitor Promotion Council

I submit the following information:

Christopher Johnson

Name

5318 N. 126th St

402-493-6130

Home Address

Telephone Number

Fairfield Inn and Suites

General Manager

Business Name

Job Title

1501 Nicholas St Omaha NE

402-280-1516

Business Address

Telephone Number

cjohnson@fhginc.com

Email Address

Home or Business

Correspondence Direction (circle)

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**EDUCATION**

Omaha Central High School	Omaha, NE	1979	Diploma
UNL College	Lincoln, NE	79-83	BS Eduaction
Other	Location	Dates	Major/Degree

**EMPLOYMENT**

Fairfield Inn	Omaha, NE	2007- present	General Manager
Hampton Inn	Omaha, NE	1986 -2007	General Manager
Past Employer	Location	Dates	Job Title
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**PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER/PROFESSIONAL BOARD POSITIONS AND/OR ACTIVITIES**

VPC 2010 - present

St Timothy's Church Council member 2003-2006

Past president of Metropolitan Hospitality Association 1993-1995

I am qualified to serve on the above named advisory board or commission and my appointment to said board or commission will not conflict with my professional or personal interests.

**Christopher Johnson**

6/4/14

Name (Print or Type)

Signature

Date