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May 21, 2012

David Gantt, Chairman
Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
205 College Street Suite 200
Asheville, NC 28801

Re: Board Vacancy and possible appointment of successor

Dear ~~Chairman Gantt~~ ^{DAVID}:

As you already know the Woodfin Water District is governed by a three member board of trustees that are elected by those registered voters residing within the boundaries of the District. Board members are elected each two years in a non-partisan election held in odd numbered years for Municipal elections. Recently, one of our board members, Robin Cape, moved out of the District and pursuant to Section 2.01 of the District Bylaws is no longer eligible to serve as a trustee. Section 2.01 provides in pertinent part as follows: "Trustees must reside within the district boundaries as defined by statute (the Local Act creating the District) at the time of their election and *shall remain District residents during their term of office*" (Emphasis added).

Section 2.03 of the District Bylaws also provides that "Should a seat on the Board of Trustees become vacant due to death, resignation, disqualification of officeholder criteria, or any other permanent situation, that seat shall be filled by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners with a resident of the District for the balance of the term".

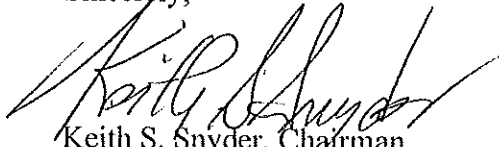
Two residents of the District have expressed an interest in the position. They are: Joseph J. Meliski of 76 Springbrook Road, and Joan Walker of 63 Washington Avenue. Both are long-time residents of the District.

✓ Mr. Meliski is a local business owner and longtime engineer formerly of McGill Associates and Civil Design Concepts, both of Asheville. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech University. He is a specialist in water engineering and has designed numerous public works and water line construction projects in the area, including projects for the District.

Ms. Walker is a community education specialist for the NC Sustainable Energy Association. She holds a BA in Environmental Management from UNCA and a MA in Urban Planning from Appalachian State. She has worked on a number of energy-related projects and has been a contributing author to a American Planning Association report on energy & climate future.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Keith S. Snyder, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Woodfin Water District

cc: Wanda Greene, County Manager