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EXECUTIVE ORDER #23-12

TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
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FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: MAY 19, 2023

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

I hereby make the following appointment to the Plan Commission:

Ralph A. Monaco, II is appointed to fill an unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Ronald Hilliard for a term to expire December 31, 2023. A copy of Mr. Monaco's resume is attached.



Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Dated: 5/19/2023



Ralph A. Monaco, II

Ralph A. Monaco, II is a long-time resident of Raytown, Missouri graduating from Raytown High School in 1974, where he had served as Student Body President. He graduated from Rockhurst College in 1978, *summa cum laude*, with degrees in history and political science. He earned his juris doctorate degree from UMKC Law School in 1981. He has been a practicing attorney for nearly forty-two years and is a Charter Member of the law firm of Monaco, Sanders, Racine, Powell & Reidy, L.C. As an attorney, Mr. Monaco has served as an adjunct professor at UMKC Law School, received the 2022 Preeminent AV Peer Review Award—the pinnacle of professional excellence from Martindale Hubbell, named Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) law fraternity's Alumni Member of the Year, where an annual award was established known as the “the Ralph A. Monaco Outstanding 3L Student Award” and produced numerous historic retrials in collaboration with UMKC Law School and the Jackson County Historical Society (“JCHS”),

Mr. Monaco has a long-standing record of public and community service. He taught at the Parish School of Religion at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church for nearly a decade. He served six years on the Raytown School Board, which included service as President of the School Board. He then went onto serve four (4) terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, which included, serving as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and where he received multiple outstanding legislative awards. He currently serves on the Elected Officials Compensation Committee for the City of Raytown and on the Board of Directors of JCHS, where he is Past President. He formerly served on the Jackson County Jail Task Force, the Storm Water/Park Board Tax Committee for the City of Raytown, the Board of Directors of Elmwood Cemetery in Kansas City, the Board of Directors of the Rice-Tremonti House in Raytown, and as a Board Member of the Three Trials Museum in Independence.

Mr. Monaco has received numerous public service awards and recognitions. These include the Acorn Life Membership in PTA; Missouri Judiciary Legislator of the Year; Missouri Bar Legislator of the Year; the Association of Retarded Citizens of Missouri Legislator of the Year; Champion of Justice from the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys; Western Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Legislator of the Year; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Legislator of the Year; MNEA Legislator of the Year; Missouri Legislator of the Year from the Associate and Probate Judges; Missouri Supreme Court's recognition for the Advancement of the Administration of Justice; recipient of the Pioneer of Harrodsburg and Kentucky Colonel Awards; the Outstanding Service Award from Jackson County Heritage Programs & Museums; Making History Come Alive Award from JCHS; Lifetime Membership Award in Raytown Historical Society; Volunteer of the Year from Jackson County Parks & Recreation; and induction into the Raytown Alumni Hall of Fame in November, 2022.

Mr. Monaco is also the author of six non-fiction books relating to various topics in Jackson County, Missouri history: The Strange Story of Col. Swope & Dr. Hyde (2010); Son of a Bandit, Jesse James & The Leeds Gang (2012); Blood on the Street, The Civil War Comes to Jackson County, Missouri, August 1862 (2012); Scattered to the Four Winds, General Order No. 11, (2013); Last Hand at Park Manor, (2015); and The Bandit Rides Again, Jesse James, Whiskeyhead Ryan & the Glendale Train Robbery (2017). His most recent article, James A. Reed, Politician and Stateman, was published in the May 13, 2022 edition of the JCHS E-journal. From these works, he has received the 2012 John Edward Newman's Literary Award from the Friends of the James Farm and the 2013 JCHS Book of the Year.

He and his wife Karen live in Raytown, and they have two married daughters, Lindsay and husband, Keith Fangman, and granddaughters Quinn Noel and Ivy Rose, and Lisa and husband, Paul Anderson, and grandsons Noah Douglas and Alexander Anthony.