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September 11, 2018

The Committee of 100 Leadership Transition

The Board of Directors of The Committee of 100 is pleased to announce that Jennifer Kmiec will become the Executive Director of the organization effective December 1st. Jennifer replaces Paul Morrill, who is retiring.

The transition to new leadership began two and a half years ago when Jennifer was recruited to serve as Associate Director and assumed responsibility for the organization's event planning, communications, and administration. "We are pleased to have had such a seamless succession," said The Committee of 100 President Ted Williams. "We're fortunate to have an Executive Director with Jennifer's abilities and extensive contacts in government, business and education. Her broad experience in technology-based economic development puts us in a strong position as we work to build Delaware's 21st Century economy."



Jennifer has worked in business development and marketing for biotech companies. She was a founding director and is immediate past chair of the Delaware BioScience Association. She is a former board member of the Technology Forum of Delaware and served as the first executive director of the Delaware Sustainable Chemistry Alliance (DESCA). Jennifer is the founder and president of Inspiring Women in STEM, LLC, which organizes conferences that provide programming in leadership, professional, and personal development for women in STEM careers. The events also provide support for organizations that encourage more girls to pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and math.

Outgoing Executive Director Paul Morrill recalled that he first encountered Jennifer when she was just getting DESCA off the ground. "I was impressed by her professionalism and presence of mind dealing with all the start-up issues. She'll be a strong leader and that's good for both The Committee of 100 and for the State of Delaware," he said.

Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Southern Illinois University, and a Master of Administration from the University of California at Davis.

Paul Morrill, who has served as Executive Director since 2010, will continue to advise the organization on legislative and regulatory issues through June of 2019.

Concerns Regarding Wilmington Ordinance 18-041

The Committee of 100 recently sent letters to members of the Wilmington City Council expressing concerns about proposed [Ordinance 18-041](#) (An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 of the City Code to Require that Developers Who Receive Financial Assistance From the City of Wilmington on Residential Construction Projects Require Their Construction Contractors to Hire Workers From Class A Apprentice Programs). The stated intent of Ordinance 18-041 is to assist residents in Wilmington's lower income neighborhoods by creating additional good-paying jobs for them in construction and increasing access to skills training on the part of members of underrepresented communities.

We support those goals fully, but believe that the proposed Ordinance will not deliver what it promises. If enacted, it would instead result in fewer affordable houses being built in Wilmington, would hobble the Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank, would disproportionately impact small developer/contractors, and would make it less likely that subcontractors will want to work in the City.

The business community, organized labor, non-profits, and government should all be working together to tackle the problem of job skills disparities, which is very real. Unfortunately, by mandating a fixed percentage of apprentices on every jobsite, the proposed Ordinance doesn't address the most serious problem while at the same time driving a wedge between union and non-union employers, large and small contractors, and seriously impacting the work of non-profit organizations that provide much of the affordable owner-occupied housing in the City.

You can read the full text of The Committee of 100 letter [here](#).

Level of Service (LOS) Forum on October 1, 2018

The New Castle County Department of Land Use is holding the third public meeting regarding transportation regulations at 6:00 pm on October 1, 2018 at the NCC Gilliam Building - Multi Purpose Conference Room, 67 Reads Way in New Castle. The Department, with input from transportation experts, the community and DelDOT, has been examining how travel capacity is reviewed and how its guidelines and regulations are applied. Reviewing these regulations to ensure community character and direct economic growth have been central themes of this discussion. The dialog will continue with a focus on transportation improvement districts, their value as an economic tool, and the community safeguards that would accompany a defined geographical area. All are welcome, but are asked to [register via Eventbrite](#) by 4:00 pm on September 28th.

Only One Week Until Our September Dinner Meeting

We are almost sold out for next week's Dinner Meeting. Don't delay - register today!

The Committee of 100 Dinner Meeting September 18, 2018

The University & Whist Club
805 N. Broom Street, Wilmington

**Cocktails & Networking
5:30 pm**

**Dinner & Program
6:30 pm**



Governor John C. Carney, Jr.



Prepaid Dinner Confirmations and Reception-Only Registrations can also be made at the link above.

***In case you missed it, registration is also open for our 2018-19 Prepayment Plan.
Click [here](#) for more details.***

Questions? Please contact Lanor Ryder at 302.654.6115 or lyder@committeeof100.com

RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018



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