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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Subject: Re-Appointment
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I hereby re-appoint, subject to your confirmation, the following named individual as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. This term will expire on February 28, 2026.

Gregory L. Benik
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December 2, 2020

Hand Delivered

The Honorable Donna D. Holaday
Mayor of the City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01905

Re: Newburyport Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Mayor Holaday:

Please accept this request to be considered for the open position on the Newburyport Zoning Board of Appeals. I have included my CV with this letter.

Although a relatively new member of the City (my wife, Tina, and I moved here in the fall of 2018), I have been impressed by the community's energy and commitment to good government.

Given my background and experience, I believe I would be able to make a positive contribution to the Zoning Board's important work. Specifically, as a real estate and environmental lawyer with over 40 years' experience, I have represented numerous clients before local zoning, coastal zone, wetlands and planning boards and commissions, as well as federal and state environmental and land use authorities. Particularly relevant is my previous appointment to the Providence Capital Center Commission. The Commission is responsible for the development- in accordance with its Design and Development Standards- of a 79-acre redevelopment in the heart of downtown Providence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


Gregory L. Benik

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Gregory L. Benik is a nationally recognized land use, environmental and energy attorney with over 40 years' experience. Mr. Benik is currently Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Homeland Fuels Company, LLC where he is responsible for its legal and regulatory activities. Homeland Fuels is an innovative energy company that utilizes advanced conversion technologies to process renewable cellulosic biomass feed stock into synthetic, ultra- clean transportation fuels.

During his legal career in private practice, Mr. Benik represented major chemical, pharmaceutical, real estate, manufacturing, utility and energy companies and has obtained extensive experience and expertise in siting, developing and permitting complex energy and infrastructure projects. His experience includes extensive involvement in the siting, development and permitting of gas and coal-fired power plants, LNG facilities, hazardous and solid waste incinerators, and natural gas and water pipelines.

Prior to joining Homeland, Mr. Benik was a partner at Nixon Peabody LLP and formerly a partner and co-chair of the National Environmental Practice Group at Holland & Knight LLP. He also currently represents a limited number of long-term clients through his practice with Benik & Associates P.C.

Mr. Benik has been involved with not- for- profit organizations for over 30 years, most recently serving on the Board of Directors of Social Venture Partners (Boston, MA). His prior not for profit experience includes serving on the Boards of the Providence Capital Center Commission, The Providence Foundation, Goodwill Industries of RI and Festival Ballet of R.I.

During his career, Mr. Benik has been recognized by numerous professional peer review organizations, including The Best Lawyers in America, The International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers, and Who's Who Legal: USA. He also received the ACLU (RI Chapter) Civil Libertarian of the Year Award for his work on behalf of death row inmates.

Mr. Benik received his A.B. from Lafayette College and his J.D. from Case Western Reserve Law School.