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### **MONROE COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN WILLIAM ELLIS APPOINTS ANDREW GUENTHER TO BLOOMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION**

BLOOMINGTON, IN --- Monroe County Republican Party Chairman William Ellis appointed Andrew J. Guenther Jr. to the Bloomington Plan Commission today, utilizing authority granted to him under Indiana Code 36-1-8-10. Under this section of Indiana Code, a board with minority political party appointments must fill vacancies in said appointed seats within 90-days, or else the minority political party appointing power will defer to the chairman of the minority political party.

Mr. Nicholas Kappas, the previous appointee to the seat in question, served on the Bloomington Plan Commission until January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, one week after his term officially expired on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. These dates were obtained by the Monroe County Republican Party in a phone call on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to the Bloomington City Clerk's Office. These dates mean that Mayor John Hamilton had until April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to make an appointment filling Mr. Kappas' vacated seat. Mayor Hamilton did not do so as of the date of this press release.

"We are very excited to have another committed Republican voice on the Bloomington Plan Commission," said Chairman Ellis. "Decisions before the Plan Commission affect so many of our citizens here in Bloomington and having an ideologically diverse body to make these decisions is important. I am positive that Andrew's experiences in local government and the private sector will enable him to serve with integrity and capability." The other minority political appointment to the Bloomington Plan Commission is former Republican City Councilman Brad Wisler.

Andrew Guenther is a former Republican candidate for Bloomington City Council, as well as the current Chair of the Bloomington Environmental Commission. Previously, Guenther served as Vice President of the Monroe County Environmental Commission, as well as Vice Chair of the Bloomington Board of Housing Quality Appeals. He has worked in local property management for several years, currently working as a Bookkeeper for Horn Properties, and is a graduate of the

former School of Public & Environmental Affairs at Indiana University - Bloomington.

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