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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard *Cliff*
Executive Director

DATE: 15 September 2021

SUBJECT: Commission and Staff Updates

Commission Update

We are honored to welcome Representative Joan Carter to join us for the presentation of a resolution memorializing the life and service of her husband, the late Chairman Mike Carter.

Assistant Commissioner Sammie Arnold rolled off TACIR at the end of August as he left his position with the Department of Economic and Community Development to begin a new position as chief of staff for Speaker of the House of Representatives Cameron Sexton. Please join me in thanking Sammie for his service and in congratulating him on his new position.

Staff Update

Three new research associates—Chris Belden, Presley Powers, and Michael Strickland—have joined our staff since our last meeting. Chris holds a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Alabama, Presley holds a Master of Sociology from Middle Tennessee State University, and Michael holds both a Master of Arts and a PhD in Anthropology from the University of California at Los Angeles. Please join me in welcoming Chris, Presley, and Michael.

Also, Research Manager Jennifer Barrie has completed a Graduate Certificate in Public Policy at Tennessee State University's College of Public Service. Please join me in congratulating Jennifer on her accomplishment.