

Member MISKIEWICZ introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution and Member SALERNO seconded the motion:

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE NOTICE OF RETIREMENT
OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHARLOTTE DEFILIPPO**

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has previously appointed Charlotte DeFilippo as the Executive Director of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeFilippo has tendered to the Board notice of her intention to retire from the Authority as of August 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeFilippo has served the Authority with distinction as the Executive Director for the past 13 years, during which time she has supervised and directed numerous building and construction projects for the County of Union and many Union County municipalities, such as the new Linden Library, the Union County College Campus in Elizabeth, four new state-of-the-art Fire Stations in Linden, a Union County Juvenile Detention Center, a State of New Jersey/Union County office building in Plainfield, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeFilippo brought to her position as Executive Director many years of experience serving the public sector, and transformed the Authority into an agency of progress and professionalism which has completed \$330 million in projects that benefitted the public and kept the County's economy vibrant; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the Commissioners of the Board wish to thank Ms. DeFilippo for her services and extend their best wishes to her on her retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Union County Improvement Authority that the retirement of Executive Director Charlotte DeFilippo from the Authority is accepted with regret; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority wishes to appoint Mark W. Brink, Project/Financial Specialist, as Interim Director effective August, 2013 to ensure a smooth transition of the Authority's functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Recorded Vote				
NAMES	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Anthony R. Scutari, Chairperson	✓			
Carolyn Vollero, V. Chairperson	✓			
John Salerno, Secretary	✓			
Joseph W. Miskiewicz, Treasurer	✓			
Sebastian D'Elia, Member	✓			
Linda Hines, Member				✓
Samuel T. McGhee, Member			✓	
Cherron Rountree, Member				✓

CERTIFICATION

I, JOHN SALERNO, Secretary of the Union County Improvement Authority, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing RESOLUTION OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE NOTICE OF RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHARLOTTE DEFILIPPO is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body of the Improvement Authority on May 3, 2013.

UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

By: 
 John Salerno, Secretary

Dated: May 3, 2013

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DEFILIPPO STATEMENT

My job as Executive Director of the Union County Improvement Authority is one I value greatly. I have taken great pride in transforming an agency that was long dormant, jumpstarting it and completing \$330 million in projects that benefited the public and kept our economy vibrant.

In recent weeks, the Authority and I have come under an unwarranted series of criticisms that have threatened this progress and the agency's integrity. I am grateful that I was well paid by the agency I serve, as it takes into consideration my work product and my 34 years of government experience. I value my reputation, that of the Improvement Authority and all the projects we have completed through the years for various communities.

Candidly, for some time, I have been considering retirement, and after many years of public service, I believe the time is now appropriate for me to retire effective August 1st.

The work of the Improvement Authority is urgently needed—our children need schools and libraries, we need public safety buildings, and the unemployed and less unfortunate among us need institutions that provide a safety net, protect children from abuse, create employment opportunities and improve our quality of life. These projects have benefited tens of thousands and have been dear to my heart.

It is therefore equally important that the Improvement Authority no longer be subject to mistaken criticisms that can derail this progress for Union County.

As I look ahead, I believe there are other horizons, and challenges awaiting me.

Eighteen years ago I was elected as Union County Democratic Chairman. While Chairmen are never compensated financially, I have enjoyed my involvement in both my vocation, government and my avocation—politics. I have the greatest respect for the Democratic County Administration, which has accomplished so many great things for our residents.

With all this in mind, I have also made the decision to withdraw my name from re-nomination as the Union County Democratic Party Chairman in June. I do intend to remain politically active in my hometown of Hillside, where I have lived all my life.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the public for the opportunity to serve, as well as the many partners and people who have supported me in all endeavors of my career.