



**JACKSON COUNTY TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

February 22, 2018

Jackson County Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority, it is my pleasure to share a recommendation with you for a board seat.

JCTDA Board Member Mark Jones (representing High Hampton Resort) tendered his resignation effective March 5 so that High Hampton Resort's new General Manager Tom Garcia could take his seat and fill the unexpired term ending Dec. 2, 2018. Mr. Garcia brings a wealth of knowledge of the hospitality and tourism industry and will serve as a great resource as that resort goes through an extensive remodeling and expansion phase.

Mr. Garcia has significant industry insight and experience serving Benchmark Hospitality as general manager of Eaglewood Resort & Spa in Chicago, serving as vice president of operations for the Benchmark's Midwest properties, as vice president food & beverage, and taking on special task force assignments guiding new properties within Benchmark's brand portfolios.

Previous to joining Benchmark, Mr. Garcia was vice president and regional manager for Noble House Hotels & Resorts. He has held senior leadership positions at landmark hotels and resorts for leading hospitality brands within the United States and the Caribbean, including in Dallas, Houston, Lake Tahoe, Phoenix, Aruba and Grand Cayman.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of our board recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Breedlove".

Nick Breedlove, JCTDA Director

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TDA)			
<i>NAME</i>		<i>APPOINTED</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Mark Jones High Hampton Inn P.O. Box 2164 Cashiers, NC 28717 markjelect@yahoo.com 828-226-6132	South Jackson Hotel/Resort/Inn	04-20-2017 Fill unexpired term of Clifford Meads	12-02-2018
Kathy Korb – Vice Chair Laurelwood Inn P.O. Box 196 Cashiers, NC 28717 kathykorb@live.com 828-743-9939	South Jackson Hotel/Resort/Inn	03-06-2017	12-02-2019
	South Jackson 10+ Rooms	03-06-2017 Unexpired term of G. Daley	12-02-2020
Vick Patel Best Western Inn 65 Lenora Lane Sylva, NC 28779 vicksp8@gmail.com 828-586-6060	North Jackson Hotel/Resort/Inn	12-03-2012 12-17-2015	12-02-2018
Megan Orr Holiday Inn Express 61 Windsong Lane Whittier, NC 28789 megano@nighstarlodging.com 828-736-2894	North Jackson Hotel/Resort/Inn	03-06-2017 Fill unexpired term of Noah Bell	12-02-2019
Laura Bowers - Secretary Smoky Mountain Getaways 12 Younge Lane Sylva, NC 28779 Lbowers460@gmail.com 828-269-8912	North Jackson 10+ Rooms	03-06-2017	12-02-2020
Bob Williams Dillsboro Chocolate Factory 668 Tamarack Trail Cullowhee, NC 28723 bob@mountainbearcabins.com 828-293-7480	At Large Retail/Tourism Related	12-15-2016	12-02-2019

Ann Self Village Green P.O. Box 2201 Cashiers, NC 28717 info@villagegreencashiersnc.com 828-734-4487	Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce	12-17-2015	12-02-2018
Dale Collins Tuckaseegee Fly Shop 530 W. Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 tuckriverclub@gmail.com 828-488-3333	Jackson County Chamber of Commerce	12/4/2017	12/4/2020
Stephanie Edwards, Director Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 238 Cashiers, NC 28717 stephanie@cashiersareachamber.com 828-743-5191	Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce	12-03-2012	Ex-Officio
Julie Spiro, Director Jackson Chamber of Commerce 773 West Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 julie@nc-mountains.com 828-586-2155	Jackson County Chamber of Commerce	12-03-2012	Ex-Officio
Ron Mau Jackson County Commissioner 997 North Country Club Drive Cullowhee, NC 28723 ronmau@jacksonnc.org 828-293-3772	Commissioner	01-09-2017	Ex-Officio
Darlene Fox Finance Officer 401 Grindstaff Cove Road Sylva, NC 28779 darlenefox@jacksonnc.org 828-631-2249	Finance Officer for TDA	12-03-2012	Ex-Officio

3 Year Terms (initial terms staggered)
TDA formed 11/19/12 by Resolution R12-34
Chairman appointed each year by Commissioners
Session Law 2011-170, House Bill 96
15 Member Board BOC does not have to approve the Vice Chair