



TO: Urbana City Council
FROM: Diane Wolfe Marlin
RE: Ward 2 City Council Appointment
DATE: August 3, 2020

I am pleased to appoint Dr. Julie R. Laut to the position of Ward 2 City Council member. Dr. Laut will complete the remainder of former Council Member Eric Jakobsson's term which ends May 3, 2021. Dr. Laut has been a resident of Ward 2 for the past eight years. She holds a PhD in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an MA in History from Miami University, and a BA in History/Secondary Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

In addition to her professional credentials and outreach and development expertise, Dr. Laut brings a wide variety of community-based volunteer experience to the position. She has demonstrated her ability to collaborate in an open and inclusive manner through her service on the Board of Trustees for the Unitarian Universalist Church. She hosts the Little Free Pantry at her home and has raised thousands of dollars for local social service organizations during the pandemic. She is committed to achieving access and equity for all Urbana residents in terms of housing, food, education, transportation, technology, health and safety.

I believe that Dr. Julie Laut will represent the interests of Ward 2 well and that she will make significant positive contributions to all aspects of life in our community.