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Hudson Economic Development Corporation Names New President

At their annual meeting on May 15th, the trustees of Hudson Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) announced that Jill Madden has been elected president of the organization. She succeeds Ed Devlin who has served as president since 2003.

'Jill Madden will be an excellent successor to Ed Devlin as our new president of HEDC,' said Raymond K. Lee, president and CEO of Country Pure Foods, Inc. and longtime HEDC trustee. 'Her background in public relations and her passion and concern about Hudson's future as a community will serve us well. I fully expect her to take HEDC to the next level as a proactive organization supporting economic development. It appears that the City of Hudson, with its newly elected council, is now poised to take economic development seriously and has welcomed HEDC's involvement.'

For nearly two decades, Ms. Madden has been involved in revitalization efforts in downtown Akron where she owns and is renovating several commercial properties. She is also an independent communications professional whose work focuses on regional, non-profit, economic-development organizations and activities. Her current, primary clients include Summit Workforce Solutions (formerly the Summit County Workforce Policy Board) and University Park Development Corporation. Ms. Madden also serves on the boards of directors of Stewart's Caring Place and the Akron Area Arts Alliance, is a member of the WAPS 91.3FM Advisory Council, the Hudson City Schools Communications Impact Committee and Key Communicators network, and is a founding member and the treasurer of advanceHudson, a political action committee formed to promote economically responsible progress in Hudson, Ohio. She has served on HEDC's board of trustees as vice president of marketing and communications since 2005.

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Ms. Madden, her husband Bob, their daughter, and her three stepchildren are 2nd and 3rd generation Hudson residents. The Madden family has called Hudson, 'home' since 1955.

'I'm looking forward to working with the other trustees to increase HEDC's visibility, strengthen its mission-oriented programming, and support the City of Hudson's renewed commitment to economic development,' said Ms. Madden. 'We all bring a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experiences to the table and I am confident that HEDC will have a positive impact on the community by continuing to advocate for smart, sustainable, and responsible growth in Hudson.'

The Hudson Economic Development Corporation was formed in 1994 exclusively for the promotion of economic development in the City of Hudson and related educational and charitable purposes, including:

- . To aid in the retention and expansion of existing industrial, commercial and retail businesses, and the attraction of such new businesses to Hudson, focusing especially upon the development of those vacant sites designated for industrial and commercial businesses and the maintenance of a viable downtown, including the historic district;
- . To promote a positive relationship between the business community and the City of Hudson in order to create a safe, predictable and economically viable environment within which businesses may operate;
- . To educate the Hudson populace about the benefits of economic development for the community and to build a broad base of support therefore;
- . To educate the general public and interested parties with respect to the benefits of locating businesses in Hudson.

In addition to Madden, who is HEDC's first woman president, the 2008-2009 Board of Trustees of Hudson Economic Development Corporation are: Edward Devlin (immediate past president), Michael K. Dostal, Joseph McMullin (treasurer), Jill Burke, Andrew R. Duff, Marty Erbaugh, Robert Kallstrom, Jim Kurtz, Jr., Raymond K. Lee, Leonard Masiowski, George W. Roth, Greg Wilson, Bill Wooldredge, Louis G. Young, Elaine Kuebler, Bernardine Matava, Wink Dougherty, John Montgomery, and Ted Olson.

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