

Dear Members, Volunteers, Donors, and Supporters,

Effective August 23rd, 2023 Kasey Maier has stepped down as President and Chief Strategy Officer of Waterfront Botanical Gardens. After a successful and historic ten-year career, she is pursuing new opportunities that capitalize on her exceptional philanthropic talents. Under Kasey's leadership, the Gardens have evolved from a dream to a reality. She was the Gardens' first staff member and enthusiastically led the acquisition, planning, and development of the Gardens' site along with the growth of the staff from zero to 22 team members.

Kasey's determination and passion for the vision and mission of the Waterfront Botanical Gardens ensured success for one of our region's most important community assets. The Waterfront Botanical Gardens board and staff celebrates Kasey and her accomplishments and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

> "I believe in this project and what it will be for our community and our region. Thanks to those that have supported me over the past 10 years. I believe we built something wonderful and I can't wait to see how it develops in the future." - Kasey Maier

The Waterfront Botanical Gardens exist to bring nature back to the city center, and to build an urban oasis through environmental reclamation of a former landfill. This differentiates us from all the other gardens and parks in the region. We are proud to be a part of the tourism corridor from River Road to NuLu and into downtown Louisville, as well as just across the Ohio river from our partners in southern Indiana.

As with all entrepreneurial, growing, non-profit organizations, the Gardens are continuing to develop and evolve. Progress often goes hand-in-hand with new challenges, and we expect and welcome change because without it, we do not grow.

The Gardens announced earlier this summer that we formed a search committee to identify and welcome a new CEO. We are excited about the possibilities for the future and this opportunity to identify leadership that will lead the organization into the next phase. In the interim, Margaret Bell, appointed last June as interim CEO, will continue in this role.

As the Gardens move into the next chapter, we will continue to raise funds to support our current operations and projects on the horizon.

We thank our donors, members, volunteers, and supporters and look forward to sharing updates with all on our search for the organization's new leadership.

Sincerely,

Chairperson of the Board

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Interim CEO