

Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

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Executive Director's Letter

Greetings,

On December 26, the Prosperity Indiana Board of Directors announced my departure as Executive Director. I announced my resignation to the Board of Directors on December 14, 2017 and depart March 2, 2018 to serve as Executive Director of the Community Foundation of South Jersey.



I am excited about this new opportunity but sad to leave a great team and wonderful members making an impact everyday in Hoosiers' lives and their local communities. I am grateful for my decade of service alongside the dedicated professionals on the staff, Board of Directors and at member organizations across the state.

We have accomplished a lot together... stopped predatory financial legislation, created new safeguards in the law for Hoosiers in foreclosure, ensured funding for affordable housing development, created access to fair credit products, funded sustainable energy and program innovation in financial access with members, delivered high quality consulting and training to empower neighbors and practitioners, and connected the diversity of local organizations and industries that encompass the state's community economic development field.

Prosperity Indiana has an annually updated succession plan for senior staff. The Board has put the plan into effect. Board Vice President Nate Lichti with member [IFF](#) leads the

Upcoming Events

[Jan. 23, 2018: Prosperity Indiana Statehouse Day](#)

[Jan. 23, 2018: Farewell Celebration & Fundraiser in Honor of Andy Fraizer](#)

[Jan 24, 2018: Prosperity Indiana Summit](#)

Partners' Events

[Jan. 26, 2018: HAND Trivia Night](#)

[Jan. 30-Feb. 1 2018: Indiana Park and Recreation Association Conference & Expo](#)

[Feb. 6, 2018: IPA Day at the Statehouse](#)

[Mar. 20-22, 2018: INARF 2018 Annual Conference](#)

New Podcast Episodes

[Member Highlight - Hearts & Hands of Indiana](#)

[Inclusive Growth: Addressing a Two-Sided](#)

Transition Committee. The Committee's first meeting was December 21, 2017 and work is underway to identify a successor.

Our Board President Steve Hoffman with member [Brightpoint](#), said in the press release: "Prosperity Indiana's work to empower strong member organizations, champion social justice and economic opportunity, and mobilize neighbors, coalitions, and policymakers for economic opportunity continues unabated. There is tremendous momentum with the organization following last year's successful rebranding. The Board of Directors will work closely with the staff to continue programs and strategy until a successor is announced."

I hope to see each of you at the upcoming [Prosperity Indiana Summit, January 23 and 24, 2018 in Indianapolis](#).

Regards,



[Andy Fraizer](#)
Executive Director

Farewell Celebration & Fundraiser

Prosperity Indiana's Board invites you to join us in honoring a decade of working together with Executive Director Andy Fraizer to support and advance Indiana's communities!

Following Statehouse Day on January 23rd, generous hosts Joe and Julie Whitsett will open their beautiful and one-of-a-kind home in Indianapolis' Old Northside for this celebration. This event will commemorate Andy's 10-year anniversary with Prosperity Indiana and his upcoming departure.

Limited tickets available! [Click here to register](#), or if you are unable to attend, please consider making [a gift](#) to Prosperity Indiana in honor of Andy to help further the work he started.

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Subscribe to Prosperity Indiana's *Ways and Means* podcast on the [iTunes store](#) and [Google Play Music](#).

Social Media Recap

[First day of the 2018 session of the General Assembly and Prosperity Indiana is in the halls advocating for consumer rights and affordable housing issues on behalf of our members!](#)

["Really, when you talk to consumers, they don't want the choice of this high an APR - they don't want this to be their option." - Kathleen Lara of @INCommDev #INLegis #INGov](#)



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Last Chance to Register for the Prosperity Indiana Summit!



With a focus on the intersection of community health and community development, the 2018 Summit will bring together community benefits professionals from Indiana hospitals, community development nonprofit practitioners, funders, and others who are committed to creating healthy, vibrant communities in our state. Join us to learn about these strategies:

- creating access to healthy food choices
- improving housing quality to address conditions that lead to poor health
- treating the opioid crisis at the neighborhood level
- developing partnerships between nonprofit hospitals and community organizations
- building transit options for access to housing and services
- and more!

[Click here to view the full agenda online.](#) Dr. Lisa Harris, CEO of Eskenazi Health, will present the opening plenary remarks in the morning. David Erickson, Director of the Center for Community Development Finance at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, will present the lunch keynote address. Lunch will also include the [annual awards ceremony](#). **Registration for the Prosperity Indiana 2018 Summit ends Friday, January 19, so [register today!](#)**

Thanks to our presenting sponsor of the Prosperity Indiana Summit, PNC Bank, along with our other sponsors: Merchants Bank, Brightpoint, Ice Miller, Federal Home Loan

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2018 Session of the General Assembly Convenes



On Wednesday, January 3, the General Assembly convened for the first day of the 2018 session. Prosperity Indiana's policy team continued working with legislators to introduce measures that support community development efforts in Indiana, as outlined in our [2018 State Policy Priorities](#). Additionally, we are tracking and analyzing bill filings to review measures we will advocate for or against on behalf of our members in this legislative session.

While it is a short session, our network is pushing for some ambitious priorities and we hope our members will join our advocacy efforts by attending our **Statehouse Day on Tuesday, January 23**. Whether you've never met with your legislator before or you're an advocacy pro, Statehouse Day is a great opportunity to network with your peers and amplify your voice. [Click here to register](#).

Stay posted to our blog as we will post our bill tracker lists and details next week.

City of Rushville Arts Master Plan and Capacity Building

Prosperity Indiana is pleased to announce that we have partnered with the National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) to provide technical assistance to the City of Rushville using a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rural Technical Assistance grant. Prosperity Indiana will work closely with Brian Sheehan, Director of Special Projects and Mayor Mike Pavey on the project to provide capacity building, leadership development, and facilitate development of an arts council & arts master plan.

[Read more about the project here.](#)

A Message from Prosperity Indiana's New AmeriCorps Program Manager:

"Hello, my name is Tierra Jones, and I am the AmeriCorps Program Manager with Prosperity Indiana. I recently graduated from IWU with a Masters in Organizational Leadership. I have experience in the social services field, training and leadership development, recruitment, skills development, and diversity and inclusion. I am an AmeriCorps Alum which truly excites me about the role I am in at Prosperity Indiana. As the AmeriCorps Program Manager, I will oversee AmeriCorps program activities, ensure compliance, manage AmeriCorps members and services, assist in supervision and performance evaluation and much more. I have a wonderful husband, (Jason) and two little girls, Xaniyah (7) Olivia (1)."



We are excited to welcome Tierra to the Prosperity Indiana team! You can contact her at tjones@prosperityindiana.org.

Membership Renewal

Member benefits for the current year expire on January 31, 2018. [Renew today](#) to ensure uninterrupted access to a host of member resources!

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