



# COUNTY OF ERIE

## ERIE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

**Brenton Davis,**  
County Executive

**Joseph E. Sinnott**  
Director of Administration

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of County Council

From: Brenton Davis, County Executive

Date: October 8, 2024

Re: Erie County Land Bank

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Council,

I hereby convey my support for the appointment of Susannah Faulkner to the Erie County Land Bank. Ms. Faulkner will be replacing Michael J. Fuhrman who resigned. This will be her first partial term and will expire on December 31, 2024.

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Davis".

Brenton Davis

cc: Christie Mahany, Director  
Karen Chillcott, Clerk  
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Approved by Erie County Council, October 15, 2024, 7 – 0.



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## ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL

Rock Copeland  
District 3

Erie County Courthouse  
140 West Sixth Street, Room 114  
Erie, PA 16501 - 1081

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Brenton Davis, County Executive

**From:** Rock Copeland – District 3 *BD*

**DATE:** October 7, 2024

**RE:** Erie County Land Bank

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I ask for your support for the appointment of Susannah Faulkner to the Erie County Land Bank. Ms. Faulkner will be replacing Michael J. Fuhrman who resigned. This will be her first partial term and will expire on December 31, 2024. Ms. Faulkner's resume is attached for your review.

Thank you.

**Cc:** Christie Mahany, Director  
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# SUSANNAH FAULKNER

## PROFILE

Experienced policy and politics professional driven by the values of service, courage, justice, strength, and humanity.

Fast learner. Advanced skills in communication, policymaking, and development. Committed to community progress in Erie.

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- Community Cornerstone Project Board Member
- Erie Spiritual Coalition Co-Founder
- Erie Food Policy Council Policy Chair
- Erie County Board of Elections Judge of Elections & Poll Worker
- Jefferson Educational Society Raimy Fellow & Civic Leadership Academy Graduate
- Erie Dance Theater & MLK Center Youth Ballet Instructor
- Seiche Dance Collective Board of Directors
- Countless campaigns from 16 years of experience in Pennsylvania, Colorado, New York, California, England, and Ireland

## CONTACT

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susannah.faulkner@gmail.com  
LinkedIn: @susannahfaulkner  
Erie, PA

## WORK HISTORY

### SSJ Neighborhood Network (Erie, PA)

Director of Development, 2021 to Present

- Lead all grantmaking, fundraising, event planning, and strategic growth responsibilities
- Secure over \$250K in new funding in first year on the job (exceeding goal by 80%)
- Sustain and develop programming and projects on affordable housing, revitalization, and economic & community development

### City of Erie, Pennsylvania

City Councilor, 2023

- Appointed for one year to serve as Public Safety Chair
- Prioritized and championed legislation on human rights, urban planning, and housing security

### Lincoln Families (Oakland, CA)

Policy and Advocacy Manager, 2018 to 2021

- Research, design, lobby, and implement youth mental health and anti-poverty policies at the city, county, and state level
- Pass a state bill to reform inequities in the child welfare system
- Build and maintain effective relationships with partner direct service organizations, policymakers, elected officials, public agencies, foundations, and grassroots organizers in California

### Self-Employed (San Francisco, CA)

Public Affairs Consultant, 2015 to 2018

- Delivered projects in research, public speaking, civic engagement, grant writing, policy analysis, and event planning
- Clients included the Universal Income Project, San Francisco Government's Community Challenge Grant Program, eMotion Arts Dance Company, Foodstems, Fairbanc, and Mission Community Market

### Public Service Experience

Various, 2008-2015

- Capstone Consultant, G4S and the United Kingdom's Department for Communities and Local Government
- Research Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science Institute of Public Affairs Constitution UK Project
- Vice President, Ithaca College Student Government Association
- Intern, Irish Labour Party
- Intern, Erie Water Works

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

### London School of Economics and Political Science

MPA in Public and Social Policy, 2015

### Ithaca College

BA in Politics and International Communication, 2011

### Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy

HS Diploma, 2007