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### **MAYOR NUTTER APPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

*Philadelphia, January 29* - Today, Mayor Nutter announced his eight appointees to the Historical Commission: David Amburn, Leslie Benoliel, Della Clark, Richardson Dilworth III, John Mattioni, Sam Sherman, Denise Smyler and Bob Thomas. Mayor Nutter recommends Sam Sherman to serve as Chair of the Commission.

“Philadelphia is the historical capital of the United States,” said Mayor Nutter. “Our unique historic character is central to our identity, our quality of life and neighborhood experience, and ultimately to the city’s economic development. Preservation will be an integrated component of planning and development.”

The Historical Commission is composed of fourteen members: eight mayoral appointees and six Ex-officio members. The eight appointees must include: one architect with experience in the field of historical preservation, one historian, one architectural historical, one real estate developer, one representative of a community development corporation and one representative of a community organization. These members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

The Commission reviews building and demolition permit applications and determines whether a given building, structure, site or district is historic. “As Philadelphia grows and changes, we must take the necessary steps to ensure that we bring our past into the future with us, wherever possible and appropriate,” said Nutter.

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**David Amburn** is a Partner at Amburn-Jarosinski, a Philadelphia-based architecture and design firm.

**Leslie Benoiel** is the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Development Partnership.

**Della Clark** is the President of The Enterprise Center, an organization that provides minority entrepreneurs with professional skills, resources and opportunities to generate and sustain business in the Greater Philadelphia region.

**Richardson Dilworth, III** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Politics at Drexel University. His research interests include American political development, urban politics, water politics and policy, and urban infrastructure.

**John Mattioni** is an Attorney at Mattioni, Ltd. where his practice includes environmental, commercial and municipal law. He has served as County Solicitor to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and has been a past assistant and Deputy City Solicitor to the City of Philadelphia.

**Sam Sherman** leads Philadelphia-based Sam Sherman Associates LLC. He is also a partner in the firm New Urban Ventures and President of the Building Industry Association of Philadelphia.

**Denise Smyler** is an Attorney in private practice. Ms. Smyler is a current member of the Historical Commission.

**Bob Thomas, AIA**, is Founding Partner of Campbell Thomas & Co. Architects. He is an expert in historic preservation and sustainable design.

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