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November 20, 2023

Vincent L. Keeran, Clerk  
Ohio Senate  
Ohio Statehouse  
1 Capitol Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Vincent Keeran:

Enclosed, please find the appointment papers for the following officers who require the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate:

**Joel Alicea – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

**Nicole Garnett – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

**Dr. Paul Milazzo – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

**Darrell Miller – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

**Bradley Smith – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

**Lee Strang – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

**Richard Walinski – Councilmember, The University of Toledo College of Law Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership**

Please feel free to contact me at 419-530-5660 or [katie.debenedictis@utoledo.edu](mailto:katie.debenedictis@utoledo.edu) should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie DeBenedictis

Secretary to the Board of Trustees, The University of Toledo

CC: Stephen P. Ciucci, Chair – Trusteeship & Governance Committee

*Approved by the Trusteeship and Governance Committee on November 14, 2023*

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TRUSTEESHIP AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-39**

**THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL THOUGHT  
AND LEADERSHIP INAUGURAL ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**MEMBERS**

- WHEREAS, Ohio Law Am. Sub. H.B. No.33 Sec. 3364.07 of the 135th G.A. codified the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership at UToledo Law into state law and provided funding for the next two fiscal years, at \$1,000,000 per year; and
- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3364.07 provides that the UToledo Board of Trustees Trusteeship and Governance Committee appoint a seven-member institute academic council; and
- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3364.07 states that the academic council shall be comprised of scholars with relevant expertise and experience; and
- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3364.07 states that no more than one member of the council may be an employee of the university and that best efforts shall be made to have no fewer than three members of the council be from Ohio; and
- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3364.07 tasks this council with instructions for filling a vacancy for the institute director after the initial director, following a national search, to assist the president by providing a list of finalists from which the president shall select a director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Board of Trustees of The University of Toledo Trusteeship and Governance Committee hereby makes the following appointments to the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership as Inaugural Academic Council Members:

- I. **Joel Alicea**, an associate professor of law and co-director of the Project on Constitutional Originalism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition at the Catholic University of America in Washington;
- II. **Nicole Garnett**, an education and property law scholar who is associate dean for external engagement and the John O. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame;
- III. **Dr. Paul Milazzo**, an associate professor of history specializing in 20<sup>th</sup> century U.S. history at Ohio University;
- IV. **Darrell Miller**, a constitutional law scholar and the Melvin G. Shimm Professor of Law at Duke University;
- V. **Bradley Smith**, an election and campaign finance law scholar and the Josiah H. Blackmore II/Shirley M. Nault Professor at Capital University;
- VI. **Lee Strang**, a nationally recognized constitutional law expert, the John W. Stoepler Professor of Law and Values at UToledo; and director of the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership; and
- VII. **Richard Walinski**, a graduate of the UToledo College of Law who is a leading scholar of the Ohio constitution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

that the Board of Trustees Trusteeship and Governance Committee hereby submits this list of Inaugural Academic Council Members to the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership for the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate as prescribed by Ohio Law Am. Sub. H.B. No.33 Sec. 3364.07 of the 135th G.A.