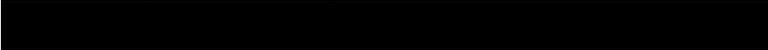


A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):
Christopher C. Koos
Chris Koos
2. Position to which nominated:
Amtrak Board of Directors
3. Date of Nomination:
5/21/2020
4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

206 South Linden Street, Normal, IL 61761 – work
11 Uptown Circle, Normal, IL 61761 – Mayor, City Hall address
5. Date and Place of Birth:
07/06/1948, Bloomington, IL
6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married)
N/A
Names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).
Josh Favus – Age 50
7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.
No degree, Illinois State University, 1966-68, 1971-72
8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.
Owner – Draisine Limited, December 1978-Present
Mayor – Town of Normal, February 2003-Present
9. Attach a copy of your resume.
Attached

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last ten years.

None

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last ten years.

N/A

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization. (For this question, you do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution.). Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

Illinois Municipal League – Board Member (2016 – present)

US Conference of Mayors – Vice Chair of Membership (2014 – present)

US Conference of Mayors – Vice Chair of Transportation/Communications
2020-Present

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

Mayor – Town of Normal, elected, no outstanding campaign debt

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

N/A

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

None

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

N/A

17. Please list each book, article, column, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Commendation Medal, various uniy citations

18. List digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the name of an “alias” or “handle” you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

<https://www.normal.org/89/Mayor-Chris-Koos>

<https://www.facebook.com/votemayorkoos/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/chris-koos-45463a50>

19. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform - 07/14/2016.

My testimony was a view of passenger rail infrastructure as an economic development tool.

20. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your

background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I assisted with the construction of a multimodal transportation center as Mayor, which took a lot of organization on the local, state, and federal level. This was a keystone public project that was leveraged for considerable private investment in the surrounding area. I firmly believe that transportation infrastructure is as much about economic development as it is about transportation. I wish to serve in this position to work towards funding stabilization. A more stable funding stream would allow enable Amtrak to do better long-term planning and equipment and infrastructure upgrades.

As a small business owner for 42 years, I understand the need for well planned financial decision making and realistic goals.

21. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

I want to make sure my vision for the rail service aligns with those of fellow board members. I will bring to the table 42 years of retail experience as a business owner and 17 years of leadership experience as Mayor of a town with a population of over 50,000 residents.

22. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

Funding – I don't envision Amtrak becoming fully self-supporting, but I do want to see its funding stabilize. There is no National passenger rail system in the world that does not have significant sovereign investment. To facilitate budgeting and long term planning, Amtrak needs a five year funding scenario.

Budgeting - depending on the administration that's in power, Amtrak is put on a see-saw of budgeting. One year its well funded, the next year it's being threatened with closure. This poses many challenges. To be effective, it needs a five year budgeting process.

Ridership - If you have a system that has (1) on-time reliability, and (2) has a certain level of amenity with it, be it WiFi on every train, clean, modern seating, accessibility, you will see ridership go up.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

Northwestern Mutual Simple IRA
Owner Draisine Ltd Normal, IL
Salary Draisine Ltd Normal, IL
Salary Town of Normal, IL

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

Mayor – term ending May April 30, 2021

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

N/A

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

N/A

5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest, and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

N/A

6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

N/A

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group?

No

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.
Yes, investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for security clearance

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

Personal Lawsuit filed against me regarding a real estate transaction – dismissed.

Two lawsuits against the Sub S Corporation, which I own and operate, for bike race liability – both dismissed.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense?

No

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis?

No

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

N/A

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees, and that your department/agency endeavors to timely comply with requests for information from individual Members of Congress, including requests from members in the minority?

Yes

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes

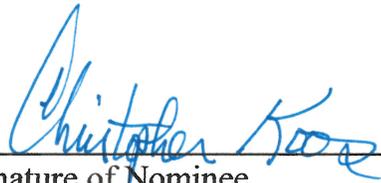
4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes

(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

F. AFFIDAVIT

Christopher Koos being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

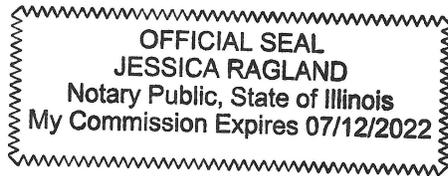


Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10 day of July, 2020.



Notary Public



Christopher C. Koos

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND GOVERNANCE:

Town of Normal, Normal, IL

Council Member

April 2001 – February 2003

Mayor

February 2003 – Present

- Drive economic and quality of life development, including construction of the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, the Hyatt Place Hotel, the Children’s Discovery Museum, and major multi-use construction
- Create and enact policies with a meaningful emphasis on innovation, energy efficiency, and environmental sensitivity
- Pursue partnerships with community stakeholders, including private businesses and governmental partners at the state, local, and federal level to enhance the quality of life for all residents of the community
- Promote recreational opportunities in the community through the construction of new recreation facilities, the preservation of open space, and the expansion of the existing walking/biking trail system.

Selected Projects and Leadership:

- Development and construction of multi-modal Uptown Station (dedicated July 2012), servicing the highest Amtrak ridership in Downstate Illinois on *Lincoln Service/Texas Eagle* trains
 - \$45.9 million total project cost; recipient of \$22 million TIGER program funds, \$10.6 million additional federal funding, over \$13 million state and local contributions
- Redevelopment of the Uptown Normal business district, focusing on transportation-oriented design to highlight Normal’s position on the Chicago/St. Louis high-speed rail corridor
 - \$90 million of public investment generated \$172 million in private investment and economic development
- Expert testimony regarding urban development and transportation:
 - House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Transportation & Public Assets, 2016
- Town of Normal Representative: Transportation for America Advisory Board; Economic Development Council; Illinois Municipal League

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

Vitesse Cycle Shop, Normal, IL

1978 – Present

Often Running, Normal, IL

1995 – Present

Owner & Operator

- Lead the management of specialty retail stores serving cycling and running enthusiasts through sustainable sales and service practices
- Drive ongoing needs analyses, workforce design, marketing development, and evaluation of local sales environment to ensure alignment with business strategies
- Coach and enable management staff to effectively deliver sales and customer service solutions to the organization
- Design programs and processes to elevate the customer experience, focusing on health, wellness, and sustainability
- Model corporate philanthropy values by establishing partnerships and providing services to nonprofit and public organizations, including the Illinois Heart and Lung Association, the Illinois Farm Bureau, and Illinois State University

Selected Highlights:

- Recipient of 2013 “America’s Best Bike Shops” recognition from the National Bicycle Dealers Association
- Recipient of 2013 Green Business Certification from the Illinois Green Business Association

PUBLIC SERVICE:

- Infantry Platoon Leader with the Army 101st Airborne/Airmobile Division, Vietnam: United States Army, 1968 - 1971
- Selective Service Board of Appeals Vice Chair from 1983 to 2003
- Urban Revitalization/Historic Preservation Subcommittee Chair of the McLean Co. Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Town of Normal Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, spearheading \$1 million restoration of the Normal Theater, which was named the 1996 “Preservation Project of the Year” by Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois

EDUCATION:

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Area of Study: Political Science

1966 - 1968; 1971 - 1972