

Former KC councilman joins Zimmer

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Zimmer Real Estate Services LC has hired former Kansas City Councilman Troy Nash.

Nash, who chaired the council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee for four years starting in 2003, will serve as vice president of Zimmer's development management division, focusing on public-private consulting, the company said Wednesday.

Nash's appointment was praised by those who worked with him in city government.

Former Mayor Kay Barnes, whose term also ended on Tuesday, said in a prepared statement that she relied on Nash's leadership, negotiation skills and understanding of development.

U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Kansas City, for whom Nash worked when Cleaver was Kansas City's mayor before Barnes took office in 1999, said Nash "has a real knack for interacting with people and finding ways to get the job done."