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Lucchino Distinguished Service Award Presented to Jim Reardon

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and County Manager William D. McKain CPA announced today that the county has presented the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award to Mr. James P. Reardon, Director of the Department of Facilities Management. This is the sixth Distinguished Service Award presented by the county since the program was re-instituted in 2013.

“As county officials, we are stewards of county taxpayers’ money and their assets. Maintaining and keeping our facilities in good shape is an important piece of that stewardship,” said Fitzgerald. “Jim Reardon takes great care of our buildings and assets, as if they were his own, and always goes above and beyond. I’m proud to have him representing the county and delighted to recognize him today with the 2018 Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award.”

Director Reardon was nominated by Nancy DiNardo, Manager of Administration for Facilities Management, referencing his work at the county for the past 38 years. Citing Jim’s tireless work ethic and his desire to always serve, Ms. DiNardo wrote the following in the nomination: “His ability and willingness to communicate and collaborate with individuals at every level has assisted him in his success at the county. He has built relationships on trust, honesty, and integrity.”

Director Reardon began his career with Allegheny County in 1980. Starting as an electrician, he was quickly promoted to foreman and subsequently an electrical supervisor. In July 2015, he was promoted to Assistant Deputy Director, then to Deputy Director and, ultimately in February 2017, he was named Director of the Department of Facilities Management. As director, he is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the county’s building infrastructure of more than 3.5 million square feet of building space, including 45 major buildings, and other numerous structures. Jim has also overseen most of the sustainability and energy efficiency projects in the county undertaken by the department.

“Jim is a great example of a public servant who has built his career around serving the residents of Allegheny County,” said Council Vice President Nick Futules, who represents District 7 where Director Reardon and his family live. “Jim has worked his way up through the ranks at the county and continues to pitch in and work along with the department’s employees. He is well-respected and knowledgeable about all of the county’s buildings. That experience and knowledge are a great asset to this county. We are lucky to have him working for the county and its residents, and I congratulate him on this honor.”

As Director, Jim’s message to the employees of Facilities Management is succinct: “We are a service-oriented department. We provide services to everyone that comes in contact with the county whether it be an employee, a resident, or a visitor. We have an impact.” Director Reardon has certainly had an impact on the department, as well as the county, as evidenced by his nomination for this award.

“I consider Judge Lucchino a mentor and have been honored to present this award in his name each year. Just like Judge Lucchino, Jim has given selflessly of his time and talents to this county. No matter the issue, we can rely on Jim to be on top of it,” said McKain. “Weekends, nights, and holidays, it doesn’t matter. If something needs done, Jim is there to ensure it’s done and done right. We are grateful for his leadership and for the example he sets for all employees in the county.”

Director Reardon was surprised this afternoon in the County Executive's Conference Room, where he thought he was responding to an issue with the room, but he opened the door to find County Executive Fitzgerald, County Manager McKain, and other members of the administration, Facilities Management employees, and his wife and son. Following remarks, Director Reardon was presented with a county proclamation from the County Executive, Council Vice President Futules, and County Council. He also received a glass paperweight depicting the Allegheny County Courthouse, tickets to an upcoming show of the Pittsburgh Musical Theater and will be presented with a formal plaque with a photograph from the presentation.

Previous winners have included:

2013	Dr. Robert Levine Medical Examiner's Office
2014	Peter D. Schepis Budget & Finance Department
2015	Robert J. Lentz Controller's Office
2016	Clarence Hopson Park's Department
2017	Randolph (Randy) W. Brockington Human Services Department

The Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to an employee or employee group who has exceeded all expectations, made a significant impact upon the county, and has represented the county admirably in his or her actions. The award is intended to recognize and reward exemplary performance by county employees as demonstrated through exceptional efficiency and productivity, customer service, or innovation and creativity. The award was named in honor of The Honorable Frank J. Lucchino, who had a long and distinguished career serving the citizens of Allegheny County. For 20 years, he was the county's elected Controller (1980-2000) before being elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 2000. He retired in 2016 as a Senior Judge on the Court.

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