

## **Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee**

Statement by

Mark T. Maruszewski

**Nomination to Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council**

February 14, 2011

Good afternoon to the distinguished members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Mark T. Maruszewski of Darien, CT. I am pleased to be before you today regarding my nomination by House Representative Cafero of Norwalk. I would like to summarize my professional and personal history to assist you in your review of my candidacy to the Rail Commuter Council.

Let me begin by saying that I have spent my entire adult life living in the most heavily populated corridor of the US and relying on public transportation systems. Over the past 21 years I have been a resident of Boston, New York City, Washington DC, and today, Darien, Connecticut. I have been a Metro North monthly pass holder since 2002, and I use the train daily to commute to my office in New York City.

By way of professional background, I am currently a Partner with StepStone Group, a global private equity investment management and advisory firm. I am a member of StepStone's global investment committee and a member of its Board of Directors. The firm is owned and managed by thirteen partners located across four global offices - New York, San Diego, London and Beijing. Together with my Partners, StepStone oversees approximately \$30 billion of investment capital on behalf various constituents including, endowments, foundations, corporate and public pension funds and sovereign wealth funds.

Prior to StepStone, I was a Partner at Pomona Capital for approximately ten years. Pomona Capital is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Dutch insurance conglomerate, ING Group. During my tenure at Pomona Capital I managed the investment team, oversaw secondary due diligence, underwriting systems and structures, and helped develop internal review and approval processes. As a member of the firm's various investment committees, I was active in helping deploy over \$3 billion in commitments. I was also a member of the firm's Management Committee and represented clients on the Advisory Boards of several funds in which we invested.

Prior to Pomona, I was a member of the direct investment team at Stratum Group, a mid-market energy focused private equity platform sponsored by the Beacon Group. At Stratum, I was actively involved in sourcing, analyzing and overseeing various energy investments in the US and Canada. Prior to Stratum Group, I spent eight years at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in the areas of global commercial banking, financial product management and business development.

I received an MBA with Honors from Georgetown University, a BS in Economics from Allegheny College, and I am also a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) charter

holder. I am an active member of the NY Society of Securities Analysts, the CFA Institute, and I am a former member of the Friends of Woodland Park, a non-profit organization committed to maintaining the Park as a nature preserve.

As a proud resident of Fairfield County, husband and father of four children, I am interested in supporting the systems and structures that make Connecticut a great place to live, work, commute from, and raise a family. I hope that this summary has been helpful in support of my candidacy, and I would be pleased to answer any questions from the Committee at this time.

#### Personal Summary

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**HS Education:** North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh, PA

**Undergraduate:** Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, BS Economics, English (minor)

**Graduate:** Georgetown University, MBA with Honors

**Other:** Chartered Financial Analyst designation, 1995

**Residency:** Darien, Connecticut (2004-2010), Greenwich, CT (2002-2003), New York, NY (1997-2001), Washington, DC (1996-1998), Boston, MA (1989-1996), Pittsburgh, PA (1966-1989)

#### Professional Summary

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2010 - StepStone Group, Partner, NY, NY

2000 - 2010 Pomona Capital, Partner, NY, NY

1997 - 1999 Stratum Group, LP, Senior Associate, NY, NY

1989 - 1996 Brown Brothers Harriman & Co, Officer, Boston, MA