

December 22, 2014

Manitowoc City Hall
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Dear Common Council,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to inform you of my interest to serve on the Manitowoc Common Council as the Alderman for District 5. Local government has always interested me, and I believe that with my qualifications, past experience, and established relationships with the residents of District 5 that I would be an excellent choice to fill the remainder of the term.

While I have always maintained residency on South 25th street, I am pursuing higher education at Marquette University. I will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. The study of government, along with my lifelong residency, has given me a working understanding of the complex issues that Manitowoc faces. It is my hope to use this to make Manitowoc a great place to live and raise a family.

Having served on the Common Council just a few months ago puts me in unique position that should set me apart from other candidates. In my past experience on the Public Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation, Finance, and Public Safety Committees, I had the opportunity to develop relationships with department heads, as well as a chance to familiarize myself with the issues pertaining to each committee. Having a little over a year left remaining in the term, appointing an alderman with institutional knowledge will not only guarantee a smooth transition for the Council, but it would be an advantage for the residents of District 5. Undoubtedly, there is a learning curve that one undergoes before becoming comfortable in City Hall; I have the ability to hit the ground running.

Aside from my background and recent experience on the Common Council, there is something that should stand above all of that—the principle of representative government. We had an election in District 5 a few months ago, and though I was unsuccessful in my effort to serve another term, I will be the only candidate seeking appointment that received a vote in that election. In fact, nearly 43% of those who voted in April's election cast their ballot for me. Anyone who has ever sought public office knows that it is not easy to *earn* a vote. I have collected nomination signatures, knocked on doors, and participated in public forums. Campaigning in two subsequent elections and serving as alderman has allowed me to have face to face conversations with residents of District 5 about issues that matter to them. Representative, elected government is the bedrock of our Republic, and I believe it would demonstrate great reverence to those principles if the Council were to appoint an alderman who has been duly elected by the people.

As the former alderman for this district, I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve out the remainder of Alderman Shaw's term. I look forward to speaking with you at a future meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Tyler Martell

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: Marquette University

May 2015

- Ignatius Scholarship

WORK EXPERIENCE

Resident Assistant

August 2012-Present

Marquette University

- Plan programs to engage freshman residents to build an inclusive community
- Resolve conflicts among residents and serve as a mentor to develop action plans
- Submit conversation tracking data into an online database
- Confront policy violations

Paralegal Assistant

June 2013-Present

Law Office of Mary Radzimowski

- Organize evidence and prepare immigration documents for submission
- Write cover letters and affidavits
- Complete research to support clients

Driver/Wait Staff

July 2010-Present

Riverwalk Pub

- Provide friendly customer service
- Communicate with co-workers to effectively deliver orders
- Prepare food

Alderman

April 2012-April 2014

City of Manitowoc

- Represent citizens on the Manitowoc City Council
- Respond to and address constituent concerns
- Serve on various committees including Public Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation, and Finance
- Vice-Chair of Public Safety committee which oversees the Police and Fire Department
- Collaborate with other elected officials and city managers

LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY, AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer on Various Political Campaigns

- Worked closely with a wide array of people while making phone calls, utilizing social media, door knocking, inputting data, assisting during events, and conversing with voters

Sigma Chi Fraternity

- Served as Chairman of Recruitment to organize numerous events, coordinate volunteers, and be responsible for a \$5,000 budget
- Organize and assist with various charity events for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and Children's Miracle Network

Destination Imagination

- Competed, and continue to volunteer as an appraiser for the Manitowoc Public School District at regional and state competitions

Class President

- Elected by peers to plan blood drives, coordinate school events, execute senior class meetings, and plan future class reunions

ADDITIONAL HONORS AND SKILLS

- People to People Student Ambassador to Australia
- State Senate Scholar
- Proficient in reading, writing, and conversing in Spanish