Manitowoc City Council,

I am seeking a reappointment to the City Council following my recent resignation due to an unintentional error in filing regarding my residency. I chose to resign to maintain the integrity of the Council and to act in the best interest of the City.

Having been elected by the citizens of District 1 to serve this term, I believe I am the most qualified candidate to complete it. With four years of experience on the Council, I have a deep understanding of the ongoing projects and the critical issues facing our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Experience:

2021- Present: Barista - Starbucks
- Provide exceptional customer service, while crafting beverages and ensuring quality and a welcoming atmosphere for customers.
- Fostered meaningful customer relationships by engaging in conversations, remembering preferences, and ensuring each visit was a personalized and enjoyable experience.
- Maintained impeccable store cleanliness standards by diligently adhering to cleaning and hygiene protocols, ensuring an inviting and safe environment for customers and partners.

2020 -2024: Alderman for District 1 - City of Manitowoc
- Serve as a dedicated advocate for the community, representing constituents' interests, addressing neighborhood concerns, and implementing policies that improve residents quality of life.
- Oversaw municipal budget, optimizing resource allocation to support key community initiatives and ensuring fiscal responsibility with residents needs.
- Work with all department heads within the city to accomplish legislative goals and vision.

2017-2021: Public Safety Officer – Aurora Health Care Sheboygan, Wisconsin
- Ensured the safety and security of patients, visitors, and hospital staff, by conducting regular patrols, responding to emergencies, and effectively managing incidents.
- Demonstrated exceptional conflict resolution skills by deescalating tense situations and providing calm and empathetic communication.
- Maintained records and consistently generated comprehensive incident reports, detailing events, actions taken, and outcomes, ensuring accurate documentation and communication with hospital departments and law enforcement.

2010-2014: All Source Intelligence Analyst - U.S. Army Wiesbaden, Germany
- Led a high-performing team in the successful operation and maintenance of a complex joint mobile intelligence communication system, ensuring uninterrupted information flow and critical support to mission operations.
- Utilized advanced data analysis techniques and intelligence tools to assess and interpret complex information, resulting in actionable intelligence reports that informed critical decision-making at both the tactical and strategic levels of military operations.
- Collaborated seamlessly within multi-disciplinary intelligence teams, contributing expertise, sharing critical insights, and fostering a culture of open communication, which led to enhanced collective intelligence capabilities and mission success.

Skills:
- Applied economics background to grasp labor relations intricacies, enhancing decision-making in workforce management and negotiations.

- Tech-savvy, adept at harnessing a wide range of digital tools and software applications to streamline processes and enhance efficiency in the workplace.

Education:
- Lakeshore Technical College, Associates Degree, Information Technology - Network Specialist. August 2014 – May 2017.
- The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bachelor's Degree, Major Economics/Minor Political Science. August 2017- May 2020.
- Lakeshore Technical College, Technical Diploma, Nursing Assistant. January 2021- March 2021.