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Education

Madison West High School graduate

Attended both the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) and Madison College, studying primarily history. No diploma. I joke that my focus was networking and community involvement. My mother does not find this joke amusing.

Work

For over a decade, I have worked in reception/administration at veterinary clinics. I have worked at a small, single-doctor practice, at a large, urban emergency clinic, and since last fall at the veterinary teaching hospital at UW Madison. I love being a University of Wisconsin employee, my co-workers are some of the best in the field, and the work is varied, challenging, and rewarding.

Civic and volunteer experience

I have been serving on volunteer boards and committees since I was in elementary school. I joined my neighborhood association when I was a college student in Minneapolis. I have been a volunteer marketing chair for a 1000-member club. I have run membership recruitment for a women's group with about 800 local applicants annually.

Most recently, I was an elected congressional district delegate to a party's 2016 National Convention. I also served on a neighborhood steering committee for a proposed State Street redevelopment project.

I actually enjoy committee meetings. I appreciate a well-laid out agenda. I have a deep respect for Robert's Rules of Order.

I have volunteered in tutoring, sports, politics, and animal welfare causes.

Interest in service

I want to serve because Madison is my hometown. I consider myself lucky to have the upbringing and opportunities I had here. I have lived in a couple other cities, and have now been back for several years. I appreciate what Madison has, but understand its drawbacks and significant challenges as well. I want to help Madison be more responsive to all its people, not just the ones with time (or interest) to be extra involved in local governance. I have been living and working in the downtown/campus/isthmus area for about a decade now, so I feel I have a good basis for understanding my district. I want to help folks feel connected to their community and have effective input in their local government.

Goals for the Alder position

My short-term goals for the alder position would be to get to know fellow Alders and City staff so I could be an effective advocate and resource for the thirteenth district. I feel like, in general, my goals would be to be a helpful, fair, understanding representative for the area. My work and goals in the position should reflect the area and peoples I represent- whether it's development input, budgeting allotment, or street and sidewalk improvement. I guess I would ask my neighbors what their goals for city government are, and try to advocate on their behalf. My personal hopes are that I grow in the position, while being cordial, helpful, and effective.

Interest in future elections

I have been considering running for alder for a few years now. I cannot say that I would not run for alder in the spring 2019 election. In fact, if I were chosen for the interim position, I would be *more* likely to run for election in the spring, hoping that I had learned a bit, showed promise, and kept my constituents fairly content. If I am not selected for the interim position, I may still run this spring for the position. I would certainly look to be involved (likely on a city committee) this fall/winter, and see who expressed interest in running for alder in the spring election. If I could not see myself enthusiastically supporting any of the candidates, I would seriously consider running myself.

I hope this resume/letter has helped you understand my background and interests. I appreciate the opportunity to apply for the position, and wish the committee the best in their selection process.