

Veldran, Lisa

From: scott hirschler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 6:46 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: sue ellingson

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I want to submit John Perkin's name for consideration for the empty alder spot. I've known John for some time and frequently meet at Quann Dog Park where we often discuss neighborhood issues. I've encouraged him to run for alder and hope he will some day. He's informed and could be a unifying member to bring everyone together,

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: John Perkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 8:42 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: reference request

Reference/endorsement for District 13 Aldermanic vacancy.

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From: **Craig Enzenroth** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2014 at 9:38 AM
Subject: RE: reference request
To: John Perkins [REDACTED]

John

Wasn't aware of Sue's having to leave the council and hope her and her family the best.

I would support you in this effort as I enjoyed how you stayed neutral throughout the process while also bringing the concerns of the neighbors forward. I thought that organizing the pre-construction meeting with the neighbors was a great idea and thank you for doing so.

Good luck as I'm sure you would serve District 13 well.

Craig Enzenroth

President, The Gallina Companies

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From: John Perkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2014 12:08 PM
To: Craig Enzenroth
Subject: reference request

I'm not sure if you are aware, but Alder Sue Ellingson has stepped down from the Common Council in our district due to family health issues. The Common Council is going to appoint someone to fill the vacant position through either the remainder of the current term or until the November election (at which point a special election for the position would be held for the remainder of the term).

I considering to apply for the position, and I was hoping you would be willing to serve as a reference as a developer who dealt with me as a leader with the neighborhood association as the Vicinato apartment project was going through its design and approval phase. Although neighbors and developers did not necessarily agree on all aspects of project, I felt my position was to make sure both sides had an opportunity to present their concerns in an effort to make sure everyone involved was informed about what the project would entail.

If you do not feel comfortable with being a reference for me as someone who has worked with me on a neighborhood development projects, please do not hesitate to say so.

John Perkins

Greenbush Neighborhood Association president
[REDACTED]

Veldran, Lisa

From: John Perkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 8:44 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: reference request

Another reference/endorsement.

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From: Robbie Webber [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2014 at 7:50 AM
Subject: Re: reference request
To: John Perkins [REDACTED]

John -

Of course I remember you. And I did not work the polls this spring - I just couldn't bear sitting at Eagle Ht, or anywhere else, with no one coming by.

As to the reference, you are welcome to put me down. I know that the committee filling to position prefers a former elected official, so the person will be more or less up to speed, but I'm not sure who in that category is willing to do it. Also, they have stated that they want someone that won't run in 2015, although that has always been controversial (and, of course, it is completely non-binding.) It seems they are having trouble finding a person willing to serve, so I think you would be a good candidate.

Either way, good luck. That district can be a handful, with several active neighborhoods and development proposals.

And on a general level, thanks for your continuing commitment to public service.

Robbie Webber
Transportation Policy Analyst
[REDACTED]

All opinions expressed are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of my employer or any other group with which I am affiliated.

Veldran, Lisa

From: zaccai lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 9:15 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: A recommendation for John Perkins

For the committee empowered to make decisions about the replacement for the Dist 13 Alder

I would like to heartily recommend John Perkins, a neighbor of mine, for the job of interim alder. John has been a tireless worker as a member of the Greenbush Neighborhood Council for as many years as it has existed, and, this past year, as president of the Greenbush Neighborhood Assn. He is organized, efficient and dedicated to keeping the neighborhood informed about relevant matters. I believe he would do a great job as our representative on the assembly.

Honestly, I am quite impressed by the depth of knowledge and experience that some of the candidates for this post have. There are people on the list who would find themselves in familiar surroundings, on a first name basis with many of their colleagues and city staff, even able to bring some clout that a newcomer could never deliver on the first day. However, there is something to be said for developing new, interested talent in the work of city governance. To be a great city, we have to involve as many dedicated members as possible; we can't just go to the tried and true in a pinch.

John has worked on neighborhood matters for long enough and gone to enough meetings that he has a realistic sense of the workload involved in this job. John and I have sat through years of neighborhood meetings together, and this year I am neighborhood vice-president to his president. I believe he would be an excellent choice for this post; he has the temperament and dedication.

Thanks for your consideration, Zaccai Lewis

Barry and Natalie Blonien

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Natalie's email: [REDACTED]

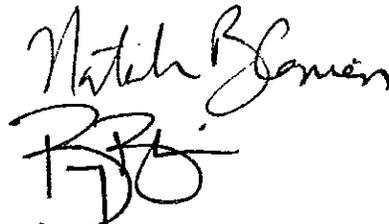
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Alder Schmidt and Council:

We write to voice our support for John Perkins to fill the vacant District 13 Alder position. We have come to know John over the past few years and believe he would be a stellar Alder. Anyone who has met John surely observed his commitment to the community and his gregarious nature--two characters that would serve him well in the position. We notice there are many other applicants, including at least one with past Council experience. While there are undoubtedly others who could adequately carry out the responsibilities of this post, we think none would do it as well as John Perkins--at least from our perspective.

Thank you for the courtesy of considering our views.

Sincerely,



Natalie and Barry Blonien

City Council Organizational Committee
RE: Appointment of Interim Alder – District 13
April 21, 2014

Dear Committee Members,

We are writing in support of John Perkins as an alder candidate to fill the vacant alder position in District 13.

We have lived in the Greenbush Neighborhood for the past 35 years and have known John for the last 16 of those years as our neighbor. We truly appreciate that we have a neighbor who is willing to give his time to serve on the city council.

We have been involved in the Greenbush Neighborhood Association (GNA) since its early beginnings. Cindy has served on the council as treasurer with John, initially as secretary and since he has assumed the duties of president. We are a small neighborhood association and we credit John with keeping our association viable, running smoothly and efficiently. Our neighborhood has seen a lot of changes in the last couple of years especially in terms of development. His communication and facilitator skills were instrumental in keeping neighbors involved and informed.

We feel confident that John Perkins will be a new and responsible addition to the city council.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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