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Experience:

Graduated from UW-Madison in 2015 with a B.A in Political Science. After graduation, I Served as district 8 Alder from April of 2015 until April of 2019. During this time, I served on numerous committees including the Finance Committee, Landlord and Tenant Issues Committee, Committee on the Environment, Vending Oversight Committee, as well as several others over two terms. This experience gave me the knowledge of and comfort with the roles and responsibilities of an Alder, as well as a strong understanding of the issues facing the 8th District. Currently I work at the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance doing outreach work.

Why I am applying:

I am applying to fill this vacancy because I maintain the same strong commitment to service that drove me to run for the office itself four and two years ago, respectively. I care deeply about the 8th District, its citizens and this great city. As we head into what will be the first budget of a new administration, as well as the first of a new decade, I believe experience and comfort with the municipal budgeting process is essential. Furthermore, the appointee will not be afforded a true "orientation", and therefore, prior experience with the City, it's many processes, staff, and internal institutions will be of great importance.

What I hope to accomplish:

I don't believe these short-term appointments are as much about new initiatives as they are about proper representation and responsiveness to constituents. My goals for this position are to provide the people of the 8th district with an Alder that can promptly and capably address neighborhood concerns and convey important information while simultaneously making informed decisions at committees and on the Council floor. Additionally, I would hope to increase the number of 8th District residents and young people in general serving on City Committees, which is something I believe all 8th District Alders should prioritize.

On running for election in April:

I will absolutely, positively, and unequivocally not appear on the next ballot for this seat.