

1153 Emerald St.
Madison, WI 53715
April 11, 2014

Alder Chris Schmidt
City of Madison Common Council President

Dear Alder Schmidt:

I am writing to request consideration for the vacant District 13 alder position. I have lived in the Greenbush neighborhood since 1990 while completing my undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I purchased the house where I now reside in 1998 (also in the Greenbush neighborhood). Since January 2010 I have held a seat on the Greenbush Neighborhood Council and am currently serving a second term as President of the Greenbush Neighborhood Association (GNA).

Over the last year we have seen increased development activity in our area and surrounding neighborhoods. As GNA President, I worked with neighbors and developers facilitating meetings leading up to the Longfellow and Vicinato apartment projects (both built on properties sold by Meriter Hospital). It was challenging at times to keep neighbors and developers talking about these projects as they evolved and city permits were being sought, but I think these two projects will be positive changes to our neighborhood.

From my vantage point, I found a lot of misinformation circulating when the Longfellow and Vicinato apartment projects were being discussed. Neighbors had questions about how the hearing and permitting processes worked and about what types of input can be provided when. I felt they often did not receive clear and concise answers when they tried to pose such questions. This is the main reason I am interested in applying for the position: I think it is important the residents of District 13 have their questions about city-related procedures and operations answered in a timely, clear and concise manner. In dealing with development projects such as those mentioned above, we can keep the City's approval process moving along while minimizing residents' emotional reactions exacerbated by misinformation or miscommunication.

Similarly I think it is also important when residents have concerns about City services, permitting processes for their own properties, etc. that they are guided to the correct contacts/agencies to ensure they can conduct their business with the City efficiently. The City of Madison has done an excellent job of making such resources available on their website; however, more complex issues may require someone such as their alder to get them started with the appropriate City staff. I think this is one of the most important duties an alderperson can provide to their constituents.

I feel I am qualified to provide such guidance to District 13 constituents for a number of reasons. Working with developers and neighbors to discuss three different Greenbush housing projects has given me valuable insight into the City planning process as well as perspectives on what works well (and not so

well) while engaging differing viewpoints. Also as a homeowner, who has taken on a number of improvement projects, I have become well acquainted with the building permit and inspection processes as well as other city services that directly affect residents (streets and sanitation, parking, police response, etc.).

My complete contact information, should you need it:

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At this time I do not intend to run for the District 13 alder position in the April 2015 election. However, I cannot commit to never running for a Common Council seat after that time, especially if I were selected for this position and received positive feedback from residents in the District. If selected for the current District 13 vacancy, I would step down from the Greenbush Neighborhood Council but likely return to GNA service after the alder term ends.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to speaking with you about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Perkins".

John Perkins

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
COMPUTER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT-COMPUTER SYSTEMS LAB
RESEARCHER

Madison, WI
May 1994 - present

- Design and implement Windows 7 and Windows 2008R2 infrastructure to replace aging Windows XP systems.
- Maintained Windows XP installed base until it was phased out.
- Provide support to department Windows computer users.
- Move department to using state copier/printer purchase agreements to cut printing costs. Make changes to department printer spooling system to add printing capabilities to users.
- Implement department LDAP and Active Directory for centralized user account management.
- Transition infrastructure services to virtual-computer installations.
- Installed and maintain department mailman mailing list server, including spam checking integration.
- Update department perl installation with new perl code and module updates as needed.
- Maintain key-switch phone system used by the Computer Systems Lab.
- Maintain document processing software (LaTeX, groff, PDF and PostScript generation and viewing programs).
- Manage FLEXIm software licenses for commercial software used in the department.
- Install new X-window based software including department-wide rollout of gnome desktop and applications.

ZMD AMERICA
IT CONSULTANT

Madison, WI
July 2000 - present

- Maintain current Windows domain controllers, email server, fileserver and firewall in a Madison colocation facility for ZMD America employees after Madison office closure.
- Provide phone support and laptop software installation services to employees in current ZMD America offices.
- Installed Sun Solaris and Linux engineering workstation system for use with Cadence electronic design software until Madison office closed in January 2010.
- Maintained office firewall, webserver and mail server for ZMD America U.S.-based employees until Madison office closed in January 2010.

DANE COUNTY HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
ICE HOCKEY OFFICIAL

Fall 2000 - present

- Hockey official for youth, high school and adult recreational league ice hockey games.

HEURIKON CORPORATION
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Madison, WI
May 1994 - December 1997

- Manage installation of premises wiring distribution system.
- Transition company from UUCP-based email to live internet connection.
- Coordinate and present company-wide internet resource training for Heurikon employees.
- Migrate software functions from older in-house systems to Sun SPARC Servers, SGI workstations and HP systems.
- Maintain and enhance automated backup system for some systems, design a new backup system for other platforms.
- Administer and maintain System V.3, Solaris 2.X, Solaris 1.1.1, IRIX, HP-UX and Novell 4.X systems.
- Maintain company PBX and voice mail systems.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR (STUDENT STAFF)

Madison, WI
January 1990 - May 1994

- Set up and install new operating systems, instructional software and computer equipment.
- Maintain department-wide automated backup system.
- Establish and maintain Novell 3.11-based PC lab.
- Administer and maintain AIX, BSD, DYNIX, HP-UX, Solaris 1.1, Ultrix and Novell systems.
- Present UNIX tutorials for new computer science students.

JOHN C. PERKINS

MERCK & CO.

MERCK MANUFACTURING DIVISION-TECHNICAL OPERATIONS
Coop Chemical Engineer

Rahway, NJ
January - July 1993

- Analyze samples using instruments such as particle size and particle surface area analyzers.
- Develop process for stage one and two syntheses for a new product on production scale.

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, 1993

Honors/Awards: Dean's Honor List (fall 1989 - spring 1992), Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society member

CIVIC EXPERIENCE:

GREENBUSH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: March 2013 – present

SECRETARY: February 2011 – March 2013

COUNCIL MEMBER: January 2010 – present

UW JOINT SOUTHEAST COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE: August 2013 – present

GREENBUSH-VILAS REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE: June 2013 - present

- Coordinate meetings with neighbors and developers including: Alexander Company/Iconica (Longfellow School renovation project), Gallina Companies (Vicinato Apartments) and Mike Fisher (St. James Cottage Homes).
- Appointed neighborhood liaisons for the Longfellow and Vicinato developments.
- Schedule and facilitate monthly neighborhood council and quarterly full-neighborhood meetings.

CITY OF MADISON MUNICIPAL CLERK

CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR: Spring 2009 – present

- Eagle Heights polling site 2009-2013

- Greenbush polling site 2014 - present

ELECTION OFFICIAL: November 2008 (Greenbush polling site)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

DANENET INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY VOLUNTEER

- Network wiring project at Centro Hispano
- Network wiring project at new Urban League office (during construction)
- Network wiring project at Advanced Employment

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS:

- Licensed ham radio operator
- Proficient in computer languages/products: C, Perl, PowerShell, Microsoft Office
- Foreign language: German

References are available upon request.