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James Ream is a product of the Madison Public School System, attending Franklin/Randall then West Highschool. At West he excelled academically and athletically, earning MVP awards for two varsity sports his senior year (Tennis and Volleyball), then attended UW-Whitewater where he played varsity tennis while earning a B.A. In Business Management and a minor in Economics.

After Graduating from UW-Whitewater, James moved west to Phoenix where he worked in the online media industry, and then on to the San Francisco bay area where he worked with tech startups. During this time rediscovered his love for gardening. Since moving back to madison, James has worked as a concierge and host to thousands of travelers who have visited madison using the website Airbnb.com. James prides himself on many great experiences his guests have had, as reflected by the hundreds of positive review's he's received. <https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/63873>

James's *civic experience* includes: Teaching Capoeira (a Brazilian dance martial art) to kids and adults, Teaching disc golf to kids at Elver Park for the Wisconsin Youth Company, leading 30+ volunteers at the Elver Park disc golf course (invasive species removal / trash cleanup), Volunteering at the Point Reyes National Seashore, Volunteering at the Salvation Army. James also gardens at his family farm in Middleton where they donate part of the harvest to the Dane County food pantry.

Why I want to serve as Alderman: my livelihood depends on making my guests and neighbors happy. I want to see our district thrive. I believe my work as a self employed airbnb host will allow me the time and attention necessary to connect to the community, listen to their concerns, and make our district better.

As Alderman, I will to take over where Chris Schmidt left off and lead efforts to work with neighbors to re-locate the Hill Farms community garden. I have experience building gardens, and I will work with the community to build a garden that will not only help support the food needs of the community, but will also look beautiful.

I am not interested in running a campaign for the 2017 Alder election, nor do I have interest in serving as Alderman for more than 1 year.