

Madison Common Council  
Attn: Tim Brewer  
210 MLK Jr. Blvd  
Room 417  
Madison, WI 53703

8/23/08

Dear Alderman Tim Brewer,

I am interested in the interim position of common council member from District 7. My work background shows that I have a dedication to public service. As a Social Security Disability Claims Examiner, I have worked to assist some of our most vulnerable citizens; many of whom with significant medical or psychological impairments. I have always been interested in government and the process in which government entities function. I studied public administration and political science in college.

I have lived in the Madison area for seven years now. As a fairly new resident to Madison, I feel that I would bring a new energy and perspective to the common council. That said, I have resided here for seven years, so I am also fairly familiar with the area.

At this time, I would not rule out a possible run at winning the seat in the general election next April. However, I would like the chance to see how I like the office though first, and this is a unique opportunity to do just that- (filling the vacancy on an interim basis).

There are four core issues that I am most passionate about, and feel that are critical areas of attention here in the growing Madison area; Roads, Taxes, Crime, and Attracting Businesses to the area.

As a Council Member, these would be my most passionate areas of concern.

I hope to speak with you further to discuss the opportunity to serve on the Madison Common Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## **Richard O'Neill**

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### **EXPERIENCE**

WISCONSIN DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING  
DISABILITY DETERMINATION BUREAU  
Madison, WI June 2002-Present

#### **MEDICAL DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR**

Responsible for examining, analyzing and adjudicating a wide variety of Social Security disability claims involving complex medical and psychological impairments.

Request and review medical documentation submitted by the claimant's health care providers.

Conduct comprehensive telephone interviews with claimants, health care Professionals, attorneys, and other lay persons.

Authorize purchase of specialized medical or psychological diagnostic services to assist in determining impairment severity.

In accordance with Social Security law, render formal decisions of disability based upon the medical, vocational, and lay evidence received.

\* I am one of the leaders in the office in terms of my production and quality statistics.

- 1 I interact with medical doctors and psychiatrists in my office on a daily basis.
- 2 Consult with doctors often to discuss difficult cases.
- 3 Very well organized and detail oriented.

The Rock Modeling Agency  
Madison, WI November 2003-present

#### **PART TIME MODEL**

I perform modeling work and appear in print and television advertisements.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-  
OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS  
Orlando, FL March 1997-June 2002

#### **MEDICAL DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR**

Duties were the same as described in present medical adjudicator position.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
Casselberry, FL October 1994-March 1997

#### **CASE MANAGER**

Responsible for conducting confidential, comprehensive interviews.

Analyze clients' financial assets, technical factors, and income levels.

Determine public assistance eligibility and applicant benefit level.

Responsible for managing large caseloads and processing changes.

Responsible for supervisory duties of unit when supervisor absent.  
Assist clients by providing agency information and referring them to various social service organizations when warranted.

\*In 1996, I was one of the winners of the prestigious Davis Productivity Award. It is a statewide award recognizing employee excellence. I was involved in a special casework program that investigated possible fraud and claimant error in income reporting. My efforts resulted in several thousands of dollars in government savings.

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Orlando, FL

Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration and Political Science, May 1993