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Subject: Application to fill Vacancy in 3rd District (Rhonda Smillie)

I am seeking an appointment to the vacancy created by the resignation of Ald. Lindsay Lemmer, 3rd District.

The Basics:

NAME: Rhonda Smillie

ADDRESS: Madison, WI 53714

PHONE:

EMAIL:

RESUME: attached.

AN EXPLANATION OF WHY I WANT THIS APPOINTMENT: I have considered becoming more politically involved since retirement from the Army and I think it an opportune way for me to start. As a retired Army Colonel, I have the education, leadership skills, and temperament to act in partnership with other members of the council whilst still keeping the members of the district in mind. After retirement from the Army in 2015, I worked at a variety of part-time jobs (see my resume). This experience gave me a better understanding of the low-level part-time, "working several jobs" experience. It was enlightening and I will use it along with my Army experience and my districts' input to inform my decisions. Finally, I believe that democracies move forward through compromise and would be willing to listen to all sides of the issue.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH: 1. Represent my district with transparency and integrity. 2. Keep Madison the great place that it currently is.

WHETHER I PLAN TO RUN FOR THE SEAT IN SPRING 2023 ELECTION: I do not (and you may quote me on that). My appointment will give time to those interested in running to discern their issues and the best way forward on them.

When reviewing my resume, please note that my volunteer activities are all centered in the Onalaska, WI area. Having only moved here in June 2021 and with COVID restraints at that time, I have not yet found my volunteer activities here.

Thanks for the consideration and feel free to call or text -

Rhonda Smillie

**Rhonda D. Smillie
, Madison, WI 53714**

SUMMARY: I am a retired Army Officer with a broad set of skills. Seeking appointment to a vacancy on the Madison City Council.

2015-Present: United States Army (Retired), working in various positions in the Onalaska, WI area until our relocation to Madison WI in 2021. Positions include: Cook, Onalaska, Wisconsin School District; Substitute Paraprofessional, Onalaska, Wisconsin, School District; Retail Co-worker, Kwik Trip, Various Stores in La Crosse and Onalaska, Wisconsin areas; Bartender, Dewey's, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Admin Assistant, Wesley United Methodist Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Admin Assistant, Farmers Insurance Agency, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

2013-2015: Legislative Liaison, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, Washington DC with duty at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin: Facilitated participation of elected leadership (local, state, and federal level) in events at Army facilities in the Northwestern United States in order to increase understanding of capabilities in the officials' district. Responsibilities included content development, location selection, selection of presenters, and follow-up as needed.

2010-2013: Deputy Director, Military Personnel Management, United States Army, Pentagon, Washington, DC: Senior advisor to the Director of Military Personnel Management for the United States Army responsible to conceptualize the practical application of United States Law as applied to members of the military to produce policy/processes that complied with legal requirements yet allowed maximum flexibility for the Army and its reserve components.

2009-2010: Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA: Awarded Master of Science.

1983-2009: A variety of assignments while on Active Duty with the Army or as a member of the Army Reserve including Labor Relations Mediation; Recruiter Training, Project management, job classification, and incentive analysis.

Education:

- United States Army War College – Master of Science, Military and Strategic Leadership, 2010
- Lindenwood University - Master of Arts, Gerontology, 1998
- Excelsior University – Bachelor of Science 1994

Volunteer:

- Host, National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Visitor Center, Bryce Prairie, Wisconsin
- Driver, Disabled American Veterans (as directed by DAV Rep at King, VA, Tomah, WI)
- General Laborer, WAFER Food Pantry (Food Pick Up Point for Qualified Individuals)
- General Laborer, Hunger Task Force of La Crosse, WI (Donation Warehouse distributing food pantries)