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**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Please appoint former Alder Joe Clausius for District 17  
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Dear Alders,

I'm writing as a resident of District 17 to support appointment of former alder Joe Clausius to fill the vacancy in our district. Former Alder Clausius will be able to apply his knowledge and experience with city operations and the budget process immediately, to the benefit of District 17 residents. The Council currently has a great example of a former alder stepping back up, with current and former Alder Phair filling the open seat created by resignation in District 20.

When Well 15 was first identified for a filter due to the need to mitigate volatile organic compounds (most of a decade ago), I served on the Well 15 Citizens Advisory Panel with Joe. While we did not agree on everything, I respect his knowledge. I especially appreciate the way he has remained engaged and concerned in the neighborhood, and his ongoing willingness to work with me, across our differences.

Also, with the exception of Joe, it appears that other applicants plan to, have thought of, or would not rule out running in the spring election.

In the years I've followed the work of the Common Council, there has generally been a preference for filling vacancies with applicants who indicate they do not intend to run.

This is a good preference, and in the spirit of fairness. An appointed alder running as an incumbent has an advantage over other candidates.

I've worked on Common Council campaigns and know the major commitment of time that requires. It is most fair to district residents and all potential spring candidates to fill the vacancy with an appointee who has no intention of running. I appreciate the inclination to service all the applicants express, and I hope we will have a vigorous campaign engaging residents in substantial dialogue in the spring.

Please allow us in District 17 to benefit from Joe's experience now and to elect our own representation in the spring, without Common Council involvement.

Sincerely,  
Sue Pastor

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