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To the Members of the CCEC and Common Council,

I am writing in support of former alderperson Joe Clausius' application to be appointed the interim District 17 Alder at your October 20 CCEC meeting. Although I do not reside in District 17 I worked with Mr. Clausius in my capacity as the Common Council Administrative Assistant from the day he was seated in 2007 until the day he left the Common Council in 2015.

During his tenure former Ald. Clausius worked diligently to represent all residents in District 17. He was an alder that would ask the hard questions to better inform his position on various issues before the Common Council, that would respectfully listen to other Council members views and was willing to collaborate on issues that would move all of Madison forward.

Some of his work on the Common Council was reflected in his outgoing resolution:

> WHEREAS, Alderperson Clausius worked on District 17 issues related to economic development and job creation with the construction of 2 new hospitals; UW East Hospital and the Madison Rehabilitation Hospital, the opening of Wilde East Towne Honda, Madison's first minority owned new car dealership and bringing the Hy-Vee Grocery Store to the east side, turning a blighted area on East Washington Avenue into a neighborhood shopping and gathering place; and,

> WHEREAS, Alderperson Clausius supported several rebuilding and improvements on the east side for residents convenience and safety; resolving water quality issues at both Well 15 and Well 29, constructing the East Towne traffic roundabout and improving north Lien Road, installing permanent electronic speed boards at both Sandburg and Hawthorne School crossings and the creation of the Bartillon Drive extension to Madison College and the airport; and,

> WHEREAS, Alderperson Clausius fully supported the construction of the new splash pad at Reindahl Park for east side residents (and his 9 grandchildren) and working to establish the Madison Parks Foundation to preserve the City's outstanding parks system for future generations;

As a resident of the City of Madison I would ask that you appoint Joe Clausius as interim alder to District 17. He would start with an understanding of the city budget process just as the 2023 budget deliberations are underway - benefitting not just District 17 residents but all residents of the City of Madison with that knowledge and expertise.

Thank you for your consideration.

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