

**INTEREST IN SERVING THE DISTRICT 11 VACANCY
ON THE COMMON COUNCIL**

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Biographical resume including education, work, neighborhood, and civic experience:

- Bachelors of Arts, Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Majors: International Political Economics & Spanish
- Masters of Public Policy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Specialization in Community & Economic Development

Over ten years working for the federal government, including the Office of Management & Budget in Washington, D.C. and Social Security in various capacities in Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Currently, I serve as Project Manager.

Over the past year, I worked as the Chief Design Officer of the 1myVote smartphone app, a free, non-partisan voting app. Growing a start-up tech company, I have learned a lot about government resources for small businesses, especially start-ups, as well as the impact of angel investors in the metro area. I have also served for many years on the Board of Directors of Rajkowski Radiology.

I currently live in District 11 at Midvale and University in the Hilldale Condo Association.

Currently, I:

- Serve as an Affirmative Action Commissioner for the City of Madison.
- Serve as the Vice Chair of the Women's Caucus, DPW.
- Serve as a board member on the Hilldale Condo Association.
- Serve as a board member for Monroe Street Arts and the on the finance subcommittee.
- Serve as a member of the Wisconsin State Interagency Council on the Homeless.

Previously, I:

- Served as the Interim Chair of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) for Combined Federal Campaign in Madison, Wisconsin.
- Served as the Secretary of the Italian Village Board, Columbus, Ohio.
- Presented at the National Transportation Research Board on my graduate school research on private/public vs public/public partnerships and technology adoption rates, including e911 and gps tool utilization.

A statement on why the applicant wishes to serve:

I wish to serve the people of District 11 and their needs as our community undergoes numerous construction changes over the next year. We have had many economic development changes over the past few years I have lived in the District, including the Hilldale Mall renovation, the high rise buildings on Segoe, and the recent Hill Farms State DOT redevelopment. There is a lot of opportunity for positive growth. I would like to help foster a positive community development plan and ensure a great community spirit based economic development plan over the next five years.

A statement of what the applicant wants to accomplish:

In the short-term, I would like to focus on the current economic development plans to support positive development and community involvement in the District. I would also like to focus on the University transit corridor that includes a fast-paced intersection at University & Midvale. This intersection is difficult to cross with my 3 year old son because of the width and timing of the lights. I frequently wonder about the senior citizens living nearby trying to cross to Walgreens to obtain their medications. The increased traffic around the Hilldale mall brings welcomed shoppers into the District but could use some re-evaluation to ensure pedestrian and bike friendly traffic patterns. I am also concerned about accessibility and transportation routes throughout the District. For instance, it is difficult to go from Hilldale Mall at the north end of Midvale Boulevard to the Library on the south end of Midvale Boulevard and vice versa. The buses tend to run east – west. I feel that we may be disadvantaging the District in regards to transportation for job growth, mass transit, and educational accessibility as a school is on this route, as well.

At the City level, I bring my transportation research skills, budget skills, my collaborative spirit, and my leadership skills, as I have served as a District Manager for Social Security in both Defiance Ohio and here in Madison, Wisconsin.

If the applicant plans to run for office during the next special or regular election:

Yes, I plan to run for office in 2017.