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February 17, 2016

Ald. Denise DeMarb
Common Council President
Room 417, City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Madison WI 53703

Dear President DeMarb and Members of the Common Council Organizational Committee:


I am a resident of the 11th Aldermanic District and am interested in filling the position vacated by former Alderperson, Chris Schmidt. I have been a resident of Madison for nearly 40 years and have lived in the district for the last 13 years. I am excited about the possibility of being able to employ my skills and experience in service to the district and the city.

As the time remaining in the term is brief, and the residents of the 11th District will not have had the benefit of an election to clarify issues of importance to them, I believe it would be inappropriate to set an agenda for what I wish to accomplish on the Common Council. My primary objectives would be to listen carefully to the concerns of district residents, keep district residents fully informed of legislative proposals, and become an effective legislator on their behalf.

I do not intend to seek a seat on the Common Council during the 2017 election.

I look forward to speaking with you on February 22.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul A. Sherman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School

Juris Doctor, 2002

- ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law
- Award for Highest Achievement in Professional Responsibilities and Public Sector Labor Law
- Internships: Kelly & Petranech, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin State Public Defender, Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission

University of Wisconsin

Bachelor of Science-Secondary Education, 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Wisconsin, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

School Administration Consultant, 2007-present

- Provide technical assistance to school districts on compliance with state and federal special education law. Respond to parent requests for information regarding special education law. Investigate and resolve complaints received by the department under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Coordinate the department's pupil nondiscrimination program. Provide technical assistance to school districts on compliance with state and federal nondiscrimination law. Respond to parent requests for information regarding nondiscrimination law. Resolve appeals received by the department under Wisconsin's pupil nondiscrimination law.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Elder Law Center

Staff Attorney, 2002-2007

- Provided legal supervision, technical support, and on-going training for non-attorney advocates located throughout the state in assisting elderly individuals in accessing public benefits.
- Provided direct representation to clients in administrative hearings and circuit court.

Belleville School District

High School Social Studies Teacher, 1995-1999

North Crawford School District

Middle School/High School Social Studies Teacher, 1994-1995

COMMUNITY SERVICE

State Bar of Wisconsin, High School Mock Trial Program, 2000-present

- Attorney coach for James Madison Memorial High School.