

Veldran, Lisa

From: Michael Olneck [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 9:57 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Zach Madden

I am writing to enthusiastically encourage the appointment of Zach Madden to fill the vacant position on the Common Council.

Zach is a strongly committed and involved member of our community. He is highly informed about neighborhood and city issues. He is unusually thoughtful, intelligent and energetic. He has demonstrated leadership qualities. Moreover, he has superb "people skills," and would be a constructive presence on the Council.

Appointing Zach would ensure that residents of the district enjoy high quality representation, and that the Council would gain a productive contributor to its work.

Sincerely,

Michael Olneck
1932 West Lawn Avenue

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Maraniss [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 6:03 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: 13th district alder

Zach Madden would make a terrific alder. He has the energy, passion, concern, curiosity, and temperament to represent such a diverse district. His constituents would be lucky to have him as would his colleagues on the council.
David Maraniss

Veldran, Lisa

From: Maureen McDonnell, O.P. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 9:26 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: Zach Madden
Subject: support for Zack Madden

Greetings! I would like to enthusiastically support Zack Madden as the committee choice to fill the District 13 alder position. I've known Zack during his time as a student at Edgewood College and find him to be an intelligent, involved citizen ... so much needed by all of us as a representative of his coming generation of legislators. Please seriously consider him to fill this position and get his first real taste of representing his constituency on this level. I look for him to inspire other young persons to get involved in local politics and beyond.

Thank you ... Sr. Maureen McDonnell

Maureen McDonnell, O.P. ' |
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Barbara Weeks [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 10:49 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: zachmadden@gmail.com
Subject: support of Zach Madden

My husband and I supported Zach Madden in the last election for alderperson of District 14 in Madison. We were disappointed he did not win the election and now we hear he is hoping to get a second chance. We wholeheartedly support his plan and hope you will agree. We want to see him fill the vacancy in our district and believe he will work hard to represent us. Thank you.

Barbara Weeks and Brian Walter
1012 Emerald Street
Madison, WI 53715

Veldran, Lisa

From: Wren Kenney [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 12:59 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: zamadden@gmail.com
Subject: Zach Madden Alder Recommendation

Dear Members of the Common Council Organizational Committee,

I highly recommend Zach Madden as a candidate to fill the 13th District Alderman position.

My husband and I first met Zach over a year ago while he was running for the City Council. Zach has done an amazing job informing the neighborhood of various City issues as well as taking input from neighbors on our opinions. He is passionate about truly representing the community as a whole and advocating for the issues that matter to the entire district.

Zach would be a tremendous asset for the 13th District and has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Wren Kenney
862 Woodrow St.
Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Steve Hoffenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 9:17 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Madden recommendation

April 20, 2014

To Members of the Common Council Organizational Committee,

As a resident of district 13, I heartily suggest you appoint Zach Madden to fill out the remainder of the term vacated by Alder Ellingson.

Zach Madden has been active in advocating for the people in our district for years. He is bright, energetic, and very well informed. He also has shown a keen interest in helping those of us in our district whose voices have largely been ignored in the past. In my volunteer work in the Bayview neighborhood, I've heard many residents speak highly of Zach's interest in their neighborhood's concerns, including support for the community garden that benefits so many in the Triangle. I truly believe that Zach will strive to represent them on the Common Council, and not ignore the wishes of constituents who lack the money and influence that others in our district have.

I believe that our district needs to have a representative during this interim period who is well informed and is committed to the long term needs of our neighborhood. Appointing an alder who will serve for just a short time can truly end up short changing our constituents. We need to have an alder who is committed to our district for the long haul; one that has a vision for the future and will develop the relationships on the council necessary to be effective. An interim short term appointee will have no such investment in our future. There are so many important issues that require such an investment by our alder during the next year.

Please recommend to the Common Council that Zach Madden be appointed as our interim alder.

Thanks for your consideration.

Steve Hoffenberg

512 West Shore Drive

Madison, WI 53715

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sue Hoffenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 9:19 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Zach Madden Endorsement
Attachments: Madden Endorsement.pdf

Dear Ms. Veldran,

Please distribute copies of my attached endorsement to all of the members of the CCOC for Tuesday's meeting.
Thank you,

Sue Hoffenberg

April 20, 2014

Dear Member of the Common Council Organizational Committee,

I urge you to recommend that the Common Council appoint Zach Madden as the replacement alder for District 13.

Mr. Madden has the demonstrated commitment and knowledge to effectively advocate for the interests and priorities of the residents in our entire district. He is the only applicant who has recently devoted the time and effort to listen to people in all areas of this district, from Bay View to Vilas. His priorities in office would be in keeping with the information that he has accrued. To me that is the personification of being a representative.

People in District 13 have a right to an alder who has the level of commitment to provide representation here that is comparable to the representation in other districts. I do not believe a lame duck alder would be able to effectively deal with new or ongoing projects. My next alder should have the opportunity of following through on projects they begin and have at least the possibility to build relationships with the other alders, both during this term and in the next.

Please recommend to the Common Council that Zach Madden be appointed as our interim alder.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sue Hoffenberg
512 West Shore Drive
Madison, WI 53715

Veldran, Lisa

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 11:39 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Appointment of District 13 Alder

Dear Common Council Members:

We are writing regarding the upcoming appointment of the replacement for the District 13 alder seat. We live in the 13th District and believe that appointing a well-suited replacement that best represents this diverse district is of critical importance for both the short- and long-term well being of the district.

We believe that Zach Madden is clearly the top candidate for this position. Zach has significant knowledge of the district and has worked incredibly hard to understand the concerns and priorities of those who live in the 13th district. In addition to running a strong campaign for the seat during the last election, Zach has continued to actively engage with members of the district on important neighborhood issues since the election. His maintained commitment to the district demonstrates that he has the best interests of our neighborhoods at heart and is willing to work hard on our behalf.

Some council members have expressed legitimate reservations about appointing an alder who would then run as an incumbent in the next scheduled election. We certainly respect the desire of many of you to not provide what some might perceive as the unfair advantage of incumbency to someone who has not won an election. However, as residents of the district who will be directly affected by the council's choice of alder, we wish to express our strong preference that whoever is appointed by the council be someone who plans to run for reelection. We want our alder to be accountable to the district for his or her decisions and to have an incentive to solicit and be responsive to constituent feedback. An alder who only plans to fill the seat for a year has no such incentive and we believe that this outweighs any of the public policy concerns regarding an appointed incumbent running for reelection. In our view, Zach's clear articulation that he will run for reelection only further demonstrates his commitment to serving the best interests of our district.

If for some reason the council does not choose to appoint Zach, we strongly encourage you to appoint someone who has demonstrated that he or she will represent the interests of the district and build consensus among its residents. It is in this vein that we wish to express serious reservations regarding one of the applicants for the position: Ken Golden. While we have no personal relationship with Mr. Golden, we were very negatively impressed by his conduct in regard to the development on Knickerbocker St. and Monroe St. last year. During that process, Mr. Golden evinced an almost hostile attitude to the people who he now wishes to represent on the Common Council. His actions and opinions demonstrated that he is completely out of touch with the district. As a result, appointing Mr. Golden would likely lead to significant discord in the district and undermine any chance that our district's interests will be effectively represented on the council.

Thank you very much for your service to our city and for taking the time to consider our opinions regarding this matter.

Mike Murray and Katherine Sample
632 Knickerbocker St.
Madison 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amy Moran [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 5:56 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: Resnick, Scott; Phair, Matthew; Ahrens, David; Skidmore, Paul; Schmidt, Chris; Rummel, Marsha; Weier, Anita; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva
Subject: District 13 Alder Candidates

Dear Lisa and CCOC members,

Just a quick note in support of Zach Madden's candidacy for the vacant district 13 Alder position. Zach is an energetic young man who has demonstrated sustained interest in the district over the past couple of years. He has canvassed the neighborhood, listened to and been responsive to resident concerns. He has committed to carrying on the excellent constituent communication we became accustomed to with Sue Ellingson's work.

I think he will add a positive voice to the Council's deliberations and hope you will grant him the chance to be considered by the full council.

Thanks for your consideration of Zach at tomorrow's meeting.

Regards,

Amy Moran
Emerald Street resident.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joanne Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 8:32 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: District 13 Aldermanic Seat

I would like to provide comments to the Common Council Organizational Committee on the District 13 Aldermanic Seat. This is my district, so whoever replaces Sue Ellingson will be my alder.

First, I wish to **recommend** the appointment of **Zach Madden** to the seat for the duration of Sue Ellingson's term. Zach ran against Ms. Ellingson in the last election, and while he did not overcome her incumbency, he convinced many of us in the district that he was the superior candidate. He is knowledgeable about neighborhood and community issues and their intersection with state policy. He is thoughtful, assured, intelligent, and energetic, and interacts well with people. I am confident that he would listen to the residents of District 13 and represent their interests well.

In contrast, I wish to **discourage** the appointment of Ken Golden. Ken was my alder when he served on the Council. In my experience, he did not listen well to the concerns of the district. When I served on the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Council, Ken rarely, if ever, appeared at meetings even for an alder's report. Instead, Ken substituted his judgment for the considered judgment of thoughtful residents. This was seen most recently in his support of development on the corner of Knickerbocker and Monroe, which was opposed by most residents on Knickerbocker Ave.

Again, I believe that **Zach Madden** would be the best possible person to represent the residents of the 13th district. He will listen to us before coming to decisions, and that's what we need in an alder.

Thank you.

Joanne Brown
1932 West Lawn Ave.
Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate MacCrimmon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 9:40 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: All Alders; madden4madison@gmail.com
Subject: Alder Candidate

21 April 2014

Dear Ms. Veldran and CCOC Committee:

I am writing in recommendation and support of Zach Madden to be appointed as the replacement for Sue Ellingson in District 13. In his earlier campaign, he was diligent, patient, and caring about the issues neighbors expressed concern, and attended many meetings both public and private. His interest, willingness, energy, and very importantly, his familiarity with District 13, is significant as someone who has to step in and takeover at short notice.

I hope you will consider him as you move forward.

Best,
Kate MacCrimmon
Emerald Street resident

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jane Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: zamadden@gmail.com; Dew Berry
Subject: Zach Madden & Common Council Organizational Committee

Ms. Veldran, Please pass this message along to the CCOC. Thanks, Jane Anne Morris

Hello, Common Council Organizational Committee,

Since meeting Zach Madden two years ago, I have been impressed with his attention to detail, persistence, and willingness to work with people on a variety of issues, including the right to free and fair elections, the effects of environmental conditions on specific neighborhoods, homelessness, and community gardens.

As a twenty-year downtown resident, I think Zach Madden would be a find addition to our gang of downtown-area alders. I hope you will give him your closest attention.

Respectfully, Jane Anne Morris

Veldran, Lisa

From: Cathy Caro-Bruce [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 10:34 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Interim alder

I would like to express my support for Zach Madden for the alder seat in our district. Zach came to our door when he ran for the seat the last time and I was thoroughly impressed with his energy, experience, and commitment to our neighborhood. I was excited to see a young leader like him ready to represent the interests of those of us who live here.

I was especially disappointed by the position that Ken Golden took related to the development on Monroe Street. There were many voices of reason who spoke about the needs of the neighborhood, which seemed to be ignored by him. He did serve us well in the past, but I'm ready for new leadership.

Thank you.

Cathy Caro-Bruce (710 Baltzell Street)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Thomas J. Mertz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: All Alders
Subject: District 13 Selection

I am writing today as a 20 year District 13 resident former candidate for Alder to express my support for the appointment of Zach Madden to fill the unexpired term, and share other thoughts.

First, I believe that the expressed desire to seek (re)election in April 2015 should not be used to disqualify applicants. I understand that incumbency confers advantages, but believe that the most significant advantage comes from having campaigned. Campaigns – knocking on doors, meeting with neighborhood groups -- are how elected officials learn about their constituents, and constituents learn about those seeking office. Those applicants who have not sought election will not have this familiarity, and those who have will, regardless of who is appointed. I also believe that it would be a disservice to our district appoint a one-year Alder and deny us the option of continuity of representation.

In 2013 Zach Madden ran an impressive campaign, working hard to meet people from throughout our diverse district and learn about their concerns. Since that time Zach has remained active, within the district and on municipal matters. I know that no new elected official can fully “hit the ground running,” but believe that Zach is well prepared to take office and be an effective representative for the district. He is committed to serving and his values and priorities are well-suited to District 13.

If the Common Council decides to categorically exclude applicants who have expressed an interest in running in 2015, I would ask you to support John Perkins. He has done impressive work with the Greenbush Neighborhood Association, is familiar with municipal processes, and is also committed to making sure the voices of residents are heard.

I would be happy to be represented by Kyle Richmond, but believe that the district would be ill-served by having a special election in November for a six month term.

TJ Mertz
1210 Gilson St.
Madison, WI

Thomas J. Mertz
Department of History
Edgewood College
[REDACTED]

TJ Mertz for Madison School Board, Seat #5

Advocating on Madison Public Schools

Veldran, Lisa

From: Pat Forbes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 2:34 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: Zach Madden
Subject: pick for District 13

We would strongly recommend Zach Madden for the interim Alderperson to replace Sue Ellingson. He ran against Sue in the last election so he is very familiar with any on going issues in this district. We Patricia and Edward Forbes are long time residents of the Dudgeon neighborhood. Thank you for considering his appointment.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amanda Solberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Common Council Organizational Committee-District 13 Appointment

Dear Common Council Members,

I am contacting you regarding the appointment of an Interim Alder for my district, District 13. I realize there is a list of applicants to consider, but I wish to convey my support for Zach Madden. He is the sole applicant to have run in the most recent election against Sue Ellingson, earning 38.9% of the votes last April. I specifically voted for him at that time because he articulated his desire to thoroughly consider and fairly represent the views of our neighborhood. A clear example of how a lack of supportive representation can affect a neighborhood can be emphasized by last year's experience with the Monroe/Knickerbocker development.

I am concerned about the consideration of Ken Golden for this appointment. He directed derogatory statements toward the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association and self-serving testimony last summer that he could not possibly objectively represent the 13th District.

I appreciate your time and effort to review my concerns as you work toward helping our district.

Thank you,
Amanda Solberg

Veldran, Lisa

From: Marcia Diamond [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 12:21 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: interim alder for District 13

General Information

Name: Marcia Diamond
Address: 663 Crandall
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53711
Phone: [REDACTED]
Work Phone:
Email: [REDACTED]
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Greetings, Council members

I am writing today as a resident of District 13. It is my belief that, as noted in an online Capital Times editorial, it seems a bit odd/inappropriate that Council should appoint someone to take Alder Ellingson's place rather than holding an election so that the voices of those the alder represents could be heard.

If you do appoint someone rather than holding an election, I believe you should appoint Zach Madden as the 'runner up' who had a decent showing in the last election.

My greatest hope is that Council will resist taking the 'easy' approach of appointing former alder Ken Golden. There is a significant amount of antipathy for Mr Golden in the neighborhood, and many neighbors feel he would be a very poor choice in that he has in the past clearly not represented the consensus of neighborhood residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcia Diamond

663 Crandall St

Madison WI 53711

Recipient:
All Alders