

Application to Fill Third Aldermanic District Vacancy

Andrew Kraiss

Biographical

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Doctor of Philosophy, 2011

Historical Germanic Linguistics (Major Concentration)

Scandinavian Studies (Minor Concentration)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Master of Arts, 1996

Foreign Language and Literature

Bachelor of Arts, 1992

History and German

Robert M. LaFollette High School

High School Diploma, 1986

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland Global Campus

Dates Employed: 3/2016-8/2020

Instructor for First through Fourth Semester German and German Cultural History at Army and Air bases in Germany.

Madison Police Department

Dates Employed: 11/2015-2/2016

Enforced alternate-side snow removal parking ordinance.

11/2013-1/2014

11/2012-4/2013

11/2011-12/2011

Elkhorn Area School District

Dates Employed: 8/2015-11/2015

Instructor for Level 2 and AP German

School District of Janesville

Dates Employed: 8/2014-6/2015

Instructor for German.4 and 5

NEIGHBORHOOD, CIVIC and POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Chair, Political Education Committee. Teaching Assistants Association. 2007-2008

Graduate Student Liaison to Policy Advisory Committee on Background Check Implementation.

Spring 2007

German Department Steward. Teaching Assistants Association.

2006-2008

Candidate for Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 16

Spring 2002 and 2004 Election

Committee Member, Stoughton Road Policy Advisory Committee

2001-2003

Board Member, Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

2000-2003

Why I wish to serve

I grew up in Rolling Meadows in the 3rd district and am now a home-owner here myself so I have a long, vested interest in the neighborhood and in my hometown. I served on the board of the neighborhood association in the adjacent neighborhood of Elvehjem for three years and ran for county board at that time. I was primarily interested in working on transportation and land use issues.

What I wish to accomplish

I am still interested in transportation and land use but am now also interested in focusing on issues of mental health, substance abuse and homelessness in the city and on the Far East side in particular. I am especially interested in constituent service and serving as a liaison between neighborhood associations, constituents and city staff. I am currently available at all times of the day and evening and will focus on being available to constituents and city officials.

Statement on whether I plan to run for alderperson in the Spring 2023 election

I do not plan to run in the Spring 2023 election. I may run at a later time but I do not believe it is appropriate for appointed alders to run with unearned incumbency immediately following an appointment.