

September 9, 2008

Common Council Organizational Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a character reference for Mr. Aric Vander Werff whom I have known as a roommate, and friend for the last seven years.

I first met Aric while he was attending the University of Wisconsin and became roommates due to the close proximity of my apartment to the university. We soon became friends and shared the apartment until Aric got married. Having gotten to know him well over the past few years, I believe, puts me in a position to provide you with a pretty accurate assessment of his character.

As a student, Aric was a highly committed to his education. While living together I learned he is a hard-working self-starter who can be a resourceful, creative, and solution-oriented person. I cannot remember an instance in which he missed a major deadline or was not able to find a way to achieve what he had set his mind to.

As a roommate, Aric was a great choice. He was very neat and tidy at all times and he liked things in the apartment to be kept orderly. He made a point of cleaning his own room and the common living areas on a regular basis. During our time living together we became close fiends and maintained an ongoing friendly rivalry on the chessboard that I still miss.

As a friend, Aric is a standout. He is a loyal, honest, considerate, and supportive individual who has the ability to see and understand things from another person's perspective. He gets along extremely well with others. He is a great direct communicator and knows how to raise and discuss common living issues and problems in a non-threatening manner. He is always willing to work with people to find common ground.

He has always been an advocate for personal responsibility in life and in government. As a property owner he has worked hard as an owner of student rentals downtown to make them nice places to live. I have observed him work together with his tenants to make sure all their needs are accounted for.

To tell the truth, I really can't think of anything of consequence on the negative side of the personality ledger when it comes to Aric. All in all, I would have to say that Aric is a fine, well-balanced person who would be a great asset with an abundance of positive qualities. I highly recommend Aric; he is a team player and would make a great asset to any organization.

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Ms. Veldran —

I am writing to you in support of Aric Vander Werff's application for the 7th aldermanic vacancy. Aric is my brother-in-law and I've known him for approximately 5 years.

I am in full support of Aric's interest in applying for this position for the following reasons:

- 1) His judicious nature — Aric has always shown a tremendous amount of common-sense and good judgment. He's always looking for the best way to approach a challenge.
- 2) He's a team player — While that may sound cliché, Aric is not afraid to stand up for what he believes in, but he's interested in making sure everyone is satisfied with the final outcome.
- 3) Aric is service-oriented — Aric's service to our country, here and abroad cannot be overlooked.

If you need to speak with me regarding Aric's application, don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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Principal/Creative Director

Vanderwerff Aric S SSgt 115FW/LGGS

From: Diedrich Michael A MSgt 115FW/MXAAV
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 7:19 AM
Cc: Vanderwerff Aric S SSgt 115FW/LGGS
Subject: Support letter for Aric Vanderwerff

Hello--

I am writing this letter in support for Aric Vanderwerff's desire to fill the 7th District Alderman vacancy in the city of Madison. I have known Aric for 6 years, and worked with him in the Wisconsin Air National Guard during that time. Aric's integrity, work ethic, and drive would make him a perfect candidate for Alderman in the city of Madison. Aric has been a landlord for several years and he has a unique perspective on issues pertaining to downtown Madison. If I lived in the 7th district, I would certainly vote for him. Thank you.....

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