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Because I value Equality, Happiness, and Truth
I will use my Passion, Pragmatism, and Communication Skills
To positively impact My Community and Those in Need

ABOUT

Dylan was born and raised in Madison, growing up on the East Side and attending LaFollette High School by way of Elvehjem and Sennett. After excelling both athletically and academically at LaFollette, he journeyed north to attend the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, where he graduated with honors from the regionally-acclaimed business school. While there, Dylan was involved with the Financial Literacy Improvement Program (FLIP) where he helped educate families on their finances and assisted them in building their own budgets.

Eventually, Dylan moved back to Madison. Unfortunately, graduating with a finance degree in the midst of the recession made finding meaningful employment in the finance field difficult, so he held various jobs over the years. Ultimately, the time spent in his service industry and project management roles turned out to be invaluable, as they allowed Dylan to discover what he truly wanted (and just as importantly didn't want) to do with his life. These insights led Dylan to go back to school full-time in pursuit of a graduate degree in the renewable energy and energy efficiency space. After spending some time at Madison College, as well as interning at the Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) in downtown Madison, Dylan was admitted to the Resource and Energy Demand Analysis (REDA) graduate program at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. While at UW-Madison, Dylan was also involved in the Engineers without Borders and Energy Hub student organizations.

While graduating from the REDA program, Dylan secured employment with CLEAResult, an energy efficiency consulting firm which implements a majority of the residential rebate programs offered by the state-run, utility-funded energy efficiency program, Focus on Energy. He is still currently employed with CLEAResult and acting as a Program Manager for the Focus on Energy portfolio.

Dylan has lived in numerous places after returning to Madison, with a short stint on the West Side before purchasing a home in the Town of Madison. While living in the town, Dylan became a commissioner on the Town of Madison Parks Commission, helping bring a community garden back to life near his home. Although he enjoyed his home on the South Side of town, Dylan and his girlfriend Alyson ended up purchasing their current home in the Elvehjem neighborhood just last month, which has been a much anticipated and joyous homecoming for Dylan. At present, Dylan serves on the Henry Vilas Zoo PACK board, the young professionals element involved with fundraising for the zoo, and is an active participant in the Madcity BECCsters, a local offshoot of the Behavior, Energy and Climate Change (BECC) international organization.

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WHY

I believe that having a strong, vibrant community allows an individual to reach their full potential. I also believe that it is one's duty to serve others, whether that be through the military, volunteering, or public service. Applying these principles to myself, it is my humble desire to serve my community, by providing advocacy for my constituents, and my city, through leadership in city planning. As an eternal optimist with an ardent pragmatic edge, I believe I have the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the District 16 Alder.

WHAT

I have a strong interest in the long-term planning of the City of Madison. To this end, I would like to ensure resources are being properly planned and invested in key areas and infrastructure to allow Madison to grow the right way. I would be interested in serving on the following boards/committees (not exhaustive):

- Community Development Authority
- Downtown Coordinating Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- Plan Commission
- Urban Design Commission

Education is another area I feel needs more attention and ample resources dedicated to, particularly pre-K and before and after school programs. Investing in our children is paramount and will pay enormous dividends for the City of Madison down the road. I would be interested in serving on the following boards/committees (not exhaustive):

- Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
- Education Committee

Public safety rates highly on my list of concerns as well. Of particular concern is the recent shooting death of a teenage girl less than 700 feet from my home. There is a solution to prevent this from happening in the future and we need to make sure we're doing everything we can to find and implement this solution. As Madison grows, we will need to ensure we provide enough funding to support this growth, but also support initiatives that allow our police to remain connected to their communities while policing more efficiently. I would be interested in serving on the following boards/committees (not exhaustive):

Police and Fire Commission

Finally, I have a passion for our environment – our green spaces, our water supply, our air – and would love to support the health and prosperity of our city through environmentally-friendly initiatives. I would be interested in serving on the following boards/committees (not exhaustive):

- Board of Public Works
- Committee on the Environment
- Lakes and Watershed Commission
- Water Utility Board

Spring 2019 Election

I plan to run for alderperson in the Spring 2019 election.