

Date: September 9, 2026

Dear City Council,

Please accept this letter as my application to serve on the City of Kotzebue Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

Kotzebue is a wonderful community, and I would be honored to contribute to its continued growth. I am interested in serving on the committee because I believe that safe parks, recreational opportunities, and community activities are essential to the health and well-being of our children, families, and residents.

I worked at Kotzebue Middle/High School for approximately one and a half years. I am currently employed as a paraprofessional with the Special Education Department at June Nelson Elementary School.

I am also currently a member of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Steering Committee, which has provided me with an additional opportunity to participate in community discussions, collaborate with others, and contribute to initiatives that support the needs and well-being of our community. Through these professional and community roles, I have had the opportunity to work closely with students, families, and community members and support their academic, social, and personal development. These experiences have strengthened my understanding of the importance of inclusive, safe, and engaging activities for children and young people of all abilities.

If selected, I would bring a cooperative attitude, a willingness to listen, and a strong commitment to serving the community. I would support programs and projects that promote physical activity, encourage youth participation, strengthen relationships among residents, and make recreational opportunities accessible and welcoming to everyone, including individuals with disabilities.

Serving on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee would allow me to contribute my time, ideas, and experience toward making Kotzebue a healthier, happier, and more connected community. I am prepared to attend meetings regularly, participate actively in discussions, and work respectfully with committee members, city staff, local organizations, and community residents.

Thank you for considering my application. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the City of Kotzebue and its residents as a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

Respectfully,

Joseph Catalan