

April 6, 2026

Subject: Letter of Interest – Planning Commission Seat

Dear Mayor Saima Chase and Council,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Kotzebue Planning Commission.

With my prior experience serving on the City Council, along with my current role as Public Works Director, I believe I bring a well-rounded understanding of municipal operations, infrastructure planning, and community development. These roles have provided me with firsthand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing our community, as well as the importance of thoughtful, long-term planning.

In my position as Public Works Director, I work closely with multiple departments and regularly engage in projects that directly impact land use, utilities, transportation, and overall community growth. This experience has strengthened my ability to evaluate projects from both an operational and strategic perspective, ensuring decisions are practical, sustainable, and in the best interest of the city.

Having previously served on the City Council, I understand the importance of governance, public input, and making decisions that reflect the needs and values of our residents. I am committed to contributing constructively, maintaining professionalism, and supporting the Commission's role in guiding responsible development within Kotzebue.

I would be honored to serve on the Planning Commission and contribute to the continued growth and success of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
Jason Avery
Public Works Director
City of Kotzebue