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I've written many documents in my life, everything from a simple note to complex reports and briefs to be decided by the Courts of Florida. This letter for an application to be considered by this Council for review has proven to be the most difficult. I considered many many things before making a commitment to communicate what I can bring to this board.

First let's talk about why I decided to come to this council. I really had no desire to be up here in front of this council or get involved. I came purely out of social pressure. My friends in the community inspired me to come see what my counterpart was doing. Upon arrival and seeing our chief of police present a power point presentation of what she was doing and her approach to crime I became emotionally charged. It brought to the forefront of my mind all of the crime in my neighborhood and our community that has not been resolved. I was motivated to tell a story that was hard for me to tell. The visions in my mind while telling the story of the brutal attack of my pet were gruesome and shocking at least. I tried to give a recollection of the violence witnessed by my neighbors and the insouciance of our police department. I was dismayed by the acquiescence of this council. This lack of concern from this council of this type of violent crime coupled with the outlandish lack of communication demonstrated by our police department caused great concerns. These actions I witnessed have spawned me to get involved. Had a proper Police response and follow up to my call for help been conducted this assailant would have been arrested. Possibly this persons mental status could have been identified and addressed. However, because of the lack of communication this did not happen and this assailant committed more violent acts. These new crimes unfortunately were involving our citizens. This behavior of our leadership must be put in check! We must have action!

Let's talk about what I learned. learning of the open position for my district was a big concern. Why did our former Councilman quit? Why all the conflict Downtown? Why were people quitting? I needed answers to this question and went on a fact finding mission. I started asking questions. Who, what, when, why, and how? I needed to see body

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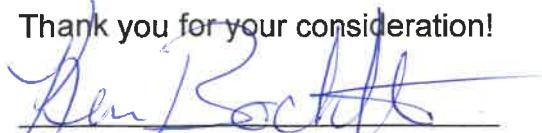
language as well as the words used. I hit the streets. I poke and prodded all involved. I went behind the scenes and I talked to everyone. I was shut out by a few so I turned up the game and bridged that communication gap. This is what I do. I'm a salesman at heart. Solving problems is what I've always been good at. Time was of the essence in this endeavor. Sometimes it takes a little nonsense to bridge a communication gap. The things I learned are why you are reading this report/application today. My conclusion is that this council is as divided as our community. We need a catalyst to start a positive reaction.

Now we come to what I can bring to this Council. I've worn many shirts in my life and worked every type of job you can imagine. My talents and knowledge of tools are extensive. I know my way around an office as well as a construction project. It's always been easy for me to rise to the top of any field I endeavored. Mainly because I love to learn and I love people. The people of this city have watched me come and go. They have seen me at my worst and at my best. They watched me go to prison. Many thought I got a bad deal and tried to help me. They have seen me fall down and watched me get up brush myself off and get back at it. They watched me put on my painters clothes on and paint shopping centers. They have seen me sit down at the drawing board and design buildings and homes that stand in our community today. They have seen me in the law office helping our Veterans. Many have known me as their landlord. They all know me as a man with a conviction of doing the next right thing. I owe my community a huge debt for making me the man I am today!

I believe I possess the ability to bring good common communication back to our community. I believe I have the ability to look beyond the words a man uses and hear what he is really trying to say. I know I have the ability to communicate with every walk of life. My understanding and knowledge of building trades, mechanics, engineering, math, men and the law will be an asset to this Council and our Community. My undying devotion to problem solving will be noticed by all. Let's not overlook the education I received from the FDOC. This experience with the criminal element will definitely bring knowledge and workable solutions to the violence we are seeing in our streets today.

To sum up my desire to serve this community I will say that it is my life experiences that will be the most valuable asset that I can bring to this counsel.

Thank you for your consideration!



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