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Letter of Intent to Serve - City Council District 13

The Mayor/Council and Officers

I, James D. Carter Jr and seeking the appointment to fill the vacancy left by the recent resignation of the City Councilor for district 13. If appointed I will run for this seat in the fall, if I am not appointed now I intend to run in the upcoming election. Attached I have included employment history and a brief summation of my time serving this community.

Respectfully Yours

James D. Carter Jr



Employment History

2008-2018 Sales and Marketing -The Lake City Advertiser

2019- Present Sales and Marketing - Vann Carpet One Floor and Home

“Local” Matters To Me

I plan to continue working for, and proudly representing a local business operation in the heart of downtown Lake City, that provides for many employees and their families

I have been a member of The Kiwanis Club of Lake City for over 14 years and have just finished my second term as Club President. Through this membership I have been a part of many efforts to improve the lives of children in my community, and plan to continue for the rest of my life.

Community Matters

As previously stated, I've been a member of The Kiwanis Club of Lake City for over 14 years. I've also served on the marketing committee of the United Way, served on the Chamber Of Commerce Board as liaison for the Chamber Ambassadors program (I was voted Chamber ambassador of the year in 2018) and Currently I am serving as Vice Chair for the City of Lake City Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustments, and the Historic Preservation Agency.

I believe intensely that if you want to have a nice place to live, you should dedicate a portion of your time to help make it so. I do my best to improve and strengthen my community whenever and however I can.

In my roll as a member, board member, and president of The Kiwanis Club of Lake City I have been a part of many fundraising endeavors over there the past 14 years but my greatest pride has been my work on our annual event Kiwanis Kids Day, held for the last 7 years at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. I've had many roles through the time we've been holding this event from coordination of vendors and site prep, to helping make sure the children are safe on our various activities, finding and managing sponsors, to helping oversee the event as a whole. We have raised tens of thousands of dollars with Kiwanis Kids Day all used to help feed, clothe, and support the less fortunate children in our community.

Leading by Example

I do my very best to be involved in community projects and organizations and to lead by example- Never asking of others what I would not also do.

My greatest hope in potentially being appointed to this position is that I may inspire citizens to join the conversation, to come to council meetings and take part in the process. Our city has faced its fair share of issues in recent years and I believe a government serves best, when it listens well. The first responsibility of our elected officials is to listen to what's important to their community and work hard through proper communication to help make our community's dreams a reality.

It is my belief that Lake City, Florida stands on the precipice of great things and I would be honored for the opportunity to help lead it there.