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APPLICATION FOR LANSING CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – WARD 2

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This appointment is to fulfill a City Council Ward 2 term remaining through January 2028. Applicants must be a resident of Ward 2, 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen, and registered to vote.

Please attach a one to two page written statement expressing your interest in being appointed to the Lansing City Council. Your written statement should address the following four topics:

1. Qualifications for the position.
2. Personal philosophy of city government.
3. Desired accomplishments as a City Councilmember.
4. Willingness to attend governmental training.

Also, attach the name, address, and telephone number of three (3) personal references.

*All applicants will be interviewed by the Governing Body at a Special Meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

****All applications must be returned to Lansing City Hall, 800 First Terrace, marked "Attention of the City Clerk" by 12:00 PM on Friday, June 28, 2024.**

Lansing City Council,

I am a lifelong Leavenworth County resident. I graduated high school from Leavenworth High in 2005 and have called Lansing home since 2008. My wife is set to begin her 13th year of teaching, all of which have been with USD 469, the same district she graduated from in 2005.

I am a graduate of the 2018-2019 Lansing Citizens Academy. During that cohort, I was an active participant and did not miss a session. In January of 2019 I was elected to the Lan Del Water District board of directors where I am currently serving my second term and am the sitting Chairman. Beginning April 2019 I was appointed to serve on the City of Lansing Planning Commission. I've been fortunate enough to have received a second appointment in May of 2022 and have been the Chairman since 2021. In addition to these activities, I also completed the 2021-2022 Leadership of Southern Leavenworth County program.

During my Citizens Academy graduation, the Council emphasized the need for volunteers and active citizen participation with the city. The items outlined above show my dedication to civic engagement, personal development, and commitment to service. City Council is the next logical step in my journey of servant leadership. I am willing and eager to continue learning and training in governmental activities.

Professionally, I am a utility and project manager for water, wastewater, and stormwater. I feel this experience has given me a perspective on what roles infrastructure contributes to a municipality. I've served in roles as General Manager, Director of Operations and Maintenance, and Business Development Manager. My professional experiences have helped me build a strong foundation of stakeholder engagement, contract management, and organizational planning. My knowledge, skills, and abilities are directly transferable to the work the Council performs.

My philosophy of city government is rooted in community. Decisions made by the council should always be in the best interest of the city and its citizens. Removing personal beliefs and bias for the betterment of all are necessary actions needed to achieve selfless decision making. Community centered governing should include participatory governance, transparency, and collaboration. These three traits are things I feel the current Council and City Leadership do a remarkable job of embodying.

Accomplishments I'd like to achieve as a Council Member include helping economic growth both commercially and residentially. The need for affordable housing is high and I think the work Lansing has done with UDO amendments and RHID considerations have set us up nicely for much needed residential development. Forward thinking infrastructure development to include the McIntyre interceptor extension and the pursuit of grant funding for 4H Road are efforts that I believe will help with commercial growth.

The vision and strategy around a safe and healthy community are something else I believe strongly in. I am a big advocate of the aquatic center and am looking forward to purchasing season passes once available. Lansing's trail and sidewalk interconnectivity are a unique feature that I feel allow for safe leisure activities for all. Development at Bernard Park has created a fantastic atmosphere for outdoor activities.

I am looking forward to an opportunity to discuss this vacancy with you. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Kowalewski". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jake Kowalewski

References:

1. Ron Patterson

Lan Del Water District – Field Manager

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2. Richard Hannon

Lan Del Water District Board Member, Lansing BZA & Planning Commission

████ Pine Ridge Court

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3. Michael Spickelmier

Director Public Works – Lansing KS

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