Brian K. Thaler

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Dear Nicole Washington,

I am writing to express my intent to serve on the Planning Commission for the Town of Mineral, Virginia. I am deeply committed to fostering a community where every voice is heard, and I believe my passion for local engagement and my understanding of our town's unique needs will provide fresh insight to the body and community as a whole.

In today's rapidly changing landscape, it is essential that all members of our community feel represented in the decision-making processes. I am dedicated to ensuring that the Planning Commission reflects the diverse perspectives of our citizens. I believe that true progress occurs when we actively engage with our community and prioritize their needs and aspirations.

Visibility and accessibility to local government officials are critical for building trust and collaboration within our town. I envision a Planning Commission that not only develops and implements strategic initiatives but also acts as a bridge between the government and the citizens of Mineral. By fostering open lines of communication, we can ensure that the concerns and ideas of our community are not just acknowledged but are integral to our planning efforts.

With my background previously working for The Department of Social Services for Stafford County, and a lifelong resident of central Virginia, I have witnessed first-hand the rapid growth within our area over the past 30 years and the need for a clear and united vision when decisioning the expansion and progress of rural planning. My goal is to work collaboratively with fellow commission members and the community to create plans that enhance the quality of life in Mineral while being mindful of our environment and heritage.

Thank you for considering my appointment to the Planning Commission. I am eager to contribute and serve the citizens of Mineral in a meaningful way. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can help shape the future of our town.

Sincerely,

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