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City Council Members

City of Port Lavaca

Re: Letter of Interest – Recreation and Parks Board

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Port Lavaca Recreation and Parks Board. As a Port Lavaca resident, I would be honored to contribute my leadership experience, passion for community service, and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Port Lavaca families.

For more than thirteen years, I have worked with young people through athletics, serving as a head volleyball coach for five years and as an assistant coach in softball, basketball, and track. During college, I also coached summer sports leagues, served as a Resident Advisor, and worked as a Peer Mentor and Residential Programming Coordinator for Upward Bound programs. These experiences taught me how to lead teams, organize programs and events, mentor students, and create environments where young people can grow, succeed, and build meaningful relationships. I also had the opportunity to participate in a month-long international sports ministry program, which reinforced my belief that recreation has the unique ability to bring people together and strengthen communities.

Today, I serve as the Director of the Jackson County Special Services Cooperative in Edna, overseeing special education services across multiple school districts. My role includes strategic planning, budgeting, program oversight, staff leadership, collaboration with families and community partners, and coordinating initiatives that improve services for children. While my career is based in Edna, Port Lavaca has always been home. I understand that serving on a board requires listening to different perspectives, making thoughtful decisions, and working collaboratively for the benefit of the community—responsibilities I would be honored to take on.

Outside of work, my husband and I are raising our family here in Port Lavaca. We enjoy spending time at the city's parks, splash pads, fishing around Chocolate Bayou, visiting

the driving range, and gathering for family picnics. Becoming a parent has given me an even greater appreciation for the role parks and recreation play in creating healthy, connected communities where families can make lasting memories.

Throughout my career and volunteer service, one thing has remained constant: I enjoy bringing people together. Whether through athletics, education, community events, or supporting local families, I have always believed that strong communities are built by creating opportunities for people to connect. I believe parks and recreation are an important part of Port Lavaca's future, helping improve quality of life while making our city an even more welcoming place for young families to live, grow, and invest.

Port Lavaca isn't just where I live. It's where my family is building memories, and where I hope to help create even more opportunities for families for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Service has always been at the center of both my career and my personal life, and it would be an honor to continue that commitment by serving the City of Port Lavaca as a member of the Recreation and Parks Board. I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Natalie Trevino Gonzalez