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Jennifer Anderson, Town Clerk
Town of Saratoga
110 E Spring Ave
Saratoga, WY 82331

Subject: Letter of Interest for Vacant Town Council Seat

Dear Ms. Anderson, Mayor, and Members of the Saratoga Town Council,
Please accept this letter as formal notification of my interest in applying for the vacant seat on the Saratoga Town Council. As a 5th-generation native who has lived in Saratoga for a total of 37 years, my commitment to this community is deeply personal. I am eager to bring my unique blend of municipal experience, local leadership, and professional expertise back to the council to serve our residents.

My background provides me with a rare foundation that will allow me to contribute effectively from day one:

- **Prior Municipal & State-Level Leadership:** Having served on the Saratoga Town Council in the late 1990s, I thoroughly understand the mechanics of our local government. During my tenure, I also served on the Board of Directors for the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM), giving me a broad, statewide perspective on municipal best practices. Additionally, my time as chairman of both the Recreation and Zoning committees gave me direct insight into managing community infrastructure and balancing responsible growth.
- **Professional Expertise:** Professionally, I work as a Cybersecurity Architect and Engineer, with a career that includes designing resilient systems for a Fortune 10 company. I can bring this high-level problem-solving, strategic planning, and technological insight to town operations and infrastructure planning.
- **Active Community Stewardship:** I currently serve as a board member for the Platte Valley Arts Council and as the secretary of the Saratoga Masonic Lodge #14 AF&AM. These roles keep me closely connected to the diverse needs and vibrant culture of our valley.

My primary objective is to preserve the rich heritage and culture of Saratoga while actively expanding sustainable opportunities for the citizens who call it home. I believe we can honor our town's history while modernizing our approach to municipal challenges.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to our community. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background can best support the town's goals during the review process.

Sincerely,



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