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Professional Summary	Dedicated and experienced professional with a diverse background in real estate, construction, and entrepreneurship. Proven track record of success in managing complex operations, fostering client relationships, and driving business growth. Adept at problem-solving and strong leadership skills.	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project Management- Client Relations- Team Leadership- Conflict Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Construction Management- Financial Management- Social Media Growth and Marketing
Work History	<p>Country Club Homes (Custom Home Builder), Middleton, WI Office Assistant 1996 – 1999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Managed administrative duties for a 92-unit condo development project.- Handled client communication, scheduling, and attended city planning meetings.- Coordinated with subcontractors, obtained permits, and assisted with basic bookkeeping.- Represented the company at charity events and sponsored outings. <p>First American Title, Madison, WI Title Researcher (3 months) 1999 Underwriter Assistant (6 months) 1999 Escrow Officer, 1999 – 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conducted property title research both in-office and at county recorders.- Assisted underwriters in file preparation and organized documents for closings.- Closed home transactions, prepared closing documents, and disbursed funds. <p>DR Horton – DHI Title, Scottsdale, AZ Escrow Officer, 2003 – 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Managed a high-volume escrow schedule, handling up to 8 home closings per day.- Recognized as the top producing escrow officer nationally in 2003 and 2004.- Awarded President's Club honors in 2003 and 2004 <p>DR Horton – DHI Title, Phoenix, AZ Operations Manager, 2004 – 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Led daily operations of a top-producing escrow office, managing a team of 20-25 employees.- Oversaw hiring, training, performance evaluations and termination.- Resolved conflicts between buyers, mortgage providers, builders and title services- Managed daily operations, audits and maintained relationships with county recorders- Achieved top producing title office status in 2005, 2006 and President's Club honors in 2004, 2005, 2006 <p>Stay at Home Parent 2007 – 2013</p> <p>Wisconsin Farmhouse, LLC Owner, Designer, Builder, 2013 – Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Founded and operated a woodworking business specializing in custom projects.- Self-taught through various learning methods and expanded operations into a dedicated shop.- Developed a strong social media presence and garnered media recognition for work.- Completed projects for individual clients and businesses such as Longtable Café, Perennial Yoga, and Duluth Trading Co. <p>RiverHouse, LLC Owner, 2018 – Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Merged with Riverside Construction to form RiverHouse, LLC, overseeing new home construction, remodeling, and rental property management.- Manages daily operations, including budgeting, project design, selection, and coordination with lenders.- Recognized for effective leadership and business growth.-	
Education	<p>Mount Horeb High School, Mount Horeb, WI 1993 - 1997 Edgewood College, Madison, WI 1997 – 1999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Studied Biology <p>Ashford University Online 2010 - 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Studied Psychology and English- Golden Key International Honour Society- High Honors	

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City of Sheboygan Common Council
c/o City Clerk Meredith DeBruin
via email: Meredith.debruin@sheboygan.gov

Dear City of Sheboygan Common Council,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as alderperson for District 3 of the beautiful City of Sheboygan. My husband Joe and I discovered Sheboygan during a fishing trip in July of 2016, and we were immediately captivated by its charm, particularly the harbor, Deland Park, Ellis Historic District and downtown area. Shortly after, we became invested members of the community, purchasing our first boat and our home at 427 Niagara Ave.

While I currently split my time between Sheboygan and Dane County, spending most Thursdays through Mondays in Sheboygan along with summers and extended weeks during the holidays, our long-term goal is to transition our business and residence fully to Sheboygan. We own a custom home building company with over 30 years of experience, and we also manage rental properties in Sheboygan, on Niagara Ave and N. 10th Street.

Since becoming part of the Sheboygan community, my husband and I have been actively involved in its improvement. We have invested in properties on Niagara Ave and N. 5th Street, working diligently to revitalize them and contribute positively to the neighborhood. We have also taken proactive measures to address issues such as illegal activity and tenant safety, collaborating with local authorities and evicting problematic tenants when necessary.

In the wake of a tragic fire that affected our tenants at 414/416 Niagara Ave., I initiated a crowdfunding effort to support them, which garnered attention from FOX6 Milwaukee and further highlighted our commitment to community welfare. Additionally, we have recently commenced new construction projects on Niagara Ave with the intention of building homes that enhance the aesthetic and functionality of the neighborhood.

As a prospective alderperson, I am keen to address various issues pertinent to District 3 and the wider Sheboygan community. These include fostering better landlord-tenant relations, regulating multi-unit properties within historic districts like Ellis, promoting affordable housing initiatives with accompanying services, enhancing the historical significance of the Ellis district through improved infrastructure, community events and seeking government grants to preserve and improve our historical areas.

While my part-time resident status may raise concerns, I assure you of my unwavering dedication to Sheboygan and my readiness to fully commit to the responsibilities of the alderperson role. My family's temporary stay in Dane County is primarily for our childrens' educational and extracurricular pursuits, but we are committed in our plan to make Sheboygan our permanent home in the next few years.

I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion to serve the residents of District 3 and the City of Sheboygan as a whole. I am committed to fostering positive change, promoting community engagement and ensuring that Sheboygan continues to thrive and prosper. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as your alderperson and humbly request your consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to the possibility of discussing my candidacy further.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie McDonald". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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