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Common Council
Sheboygan City Hall
828 Center Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Dear Common Council Members,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant District 3 seat on the Council. I am a current resident of Ward 6, where I have owned a home for the last 7 years and a business for the last 13 years. I grew up in Sheboygan and am proud to call this community my home.

Though I have thought about becoming more involved in governing, I have never been active in politics or governance. However, I have always looked for ways to make Sheboygan a better community, through various boards, organizations, and activities. Owning a small business in the Uptown District has provided me with opportunities to engage with many different members of different backgrounds of this city. It has also given me insight into some of the problems facing Sheboygan small business owners and how the city can help to alleviate some of those issues.

The dynamic of this city is constantly changing. My desire to join the Council stems from wanting to be more involved in making sure that change moves in the correct direction of inclusion, sustainability, and accessibility. Until recently, I felt my District was well represented in those regards and felt no need in throwing my hat in the ring. In filling this vacancy, I feel I can maintain the standards and goals of my predecessor, while adding my personal experiences and dedication to this city.

Sheboygan is my home, my family's home, and my child's home. Please consider me for this vacant seat, so that together we can continue to make it feel like home for everyone in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Jensen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kurt Jensen

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Professional Summary

Passionate, community-oriented, small business owner with a track record of positive events, successful marketing, and satisfied customers. Experienced in dealing with day-to-day problem solving and long-term solutions.

Skills

Staff Management

Financial Oversight

Marketing Strategies

Employee Motivation

Small business operations

Work History

Co-Owner, 06/2010 to Current

8th Street Ale Haus – Sheboygan, WI

- Opened one of Sheboygan's first craft beer bar/restaurant
- Oversee all aspects of business ownership
- Collaborate with other business and organizations to foster community spirit

Lab Animal Supervisor, 01/2008 to 06/2010

University Of Wisconsin - Madison – Madison, WI

- Oversaw six lab animal facilities of UW's Lab Animal Resources
- Fostered relations between researchers and animal techs
- Sat on oversight board, insuring proper animal experiment procedures

Education

Bachelor of Arts: English, 06/2004

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