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Dear Westlake City Council,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Westlake City Council. As a long-term resident of this city, having lived in the original neighborhood for many years, I have witnessed firsthand its remarkable growth and the accompanying growing pains. I am deeply invested in our community's future and believe my unique experiences and qualifications make me an ideal candidate for this important role.

My 20+ years of service in the fire department, including my experience as a fire inspector, have provided me with invaluable insights into the inner workings of municipalities. My fire inspector role has given me a working knowledge of building construction, codes, and safety regulations, crucial for responsible urban planning and development. Furthermore, my leadership roles within the fire department have honed my abilities in team management, problem-solving, and decision-making under pressure – skills essential for effective governance.

Beyond my fire service experience, I currently serve on the Village of North Palm Beach Police and Fire pension board as a trustee. This position has provided me with a deep understanding of financial management, investment strategies, and fiscal responsibility, which I believe are critical for sound city budgeting and long-term financial stability.

My time in the fire service has also afforded me an intricate understanding of the vital connection between planning and public safety. I recognize the importance of proactive planning to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents as our city continues to evolve.

Additionally, my experience as a substitute teacher has given me valuable insights into our education system. I understand the challenges and opportunities facing our schools and am committed to supporting policies that ensure our children receive a high-quality education.

As a long-term resident, I've had the opportunity to observe the growth of our city and analyze the growing pains of a new city and I intend to remain here as a resident for the long term. I am deeply committed to seeing our city flourish and grow into a culturally diverse and vibrant place that all residents will be proud to call home. I look forward to carrying on the work of council member Martinez and keeping the momentum that the entire council has worked hard to build. I believe my diverse background, coupled with my passion for our community, makes me a strong candidate for City Council. I am confident that I can contribute meaningfully to shaping a bright future for our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further.

Sincerely,

Frank J Winewski