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Dear Members of Lakewood City Council,

I submit my name for your consideration for the unexpired term of Mayor of the City of Lakewood. I understand that one year will remain in this term. Further, I commit to running for the full term of Mayor, to be decided in the November 1st, 2011 General Election.

I have had the opportunity to reflect on the possibility of this application for several months. It is with great enthusiasm, and commitment that I pursue this appointment and the subsequent campaign.

I offer my leadership experiences gained from the following:

- Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Summers Rubber Company
- Member of the Board of Education of Lakewood City Schools
- Chair of Ohio's Work Force Policy Board
- Chair of Cleveland Growth Association's (Cleveland's Chamber of Commerce) Workforce Initiative
- Founding member, Board Member and past Board Chair of Wire-Net (Westside Industrial Retention Initiative)
- Leader and facilitator of numerous strategic planning initiatives including the City of Lakewood, Lakewood Alive, Lakewood High Alumni Association and Foundation,
- Member of Lakewood City Council

I believe Lakewood is uniquely positioned to capitalize on several positive trends. These include new urbanism, more sustainable life styles, restoration vs. sprawl, housing stock transitioning to its second century of ownership, and lean organizational practices and behavior. All of which, properly leveraged, will enable Lakewood to overcome several adverse trends, create a city government that provides exceptional value and be the community of choice for citizens who desire to live in a vibrant, diverse, cosmopolitan community.

I firmly believe that all of my collective experiences provide me with the ability to be a team leader that harnesses to maximum extent the phenomenal resources and intellectual capital that resides in our city toward mutually agreed upon goals.

I look forward to discussing Lakewood's future with you.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Summers