

Mary Hagan  
Clerk of Council  
Lakewood City Council  
12650 Detroit Avenue  
Lakewood, OH 44107

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Dear Mary:

My name is John Litten. The purpose of my correspondence is to express my interest in filling any vacancies within Lakewood City Council in the coming months. My resume is included as well. I am available to answer any questions you or council may have.

Through the combination of my recent service on Lakewood's Community Development Advisory Committee, the mentorship of former Mayor Madeline Cain, and my current experiences as the director of a non-profit camping facility, I have fostered a desire to make a difference in both the lives and the environment of the people around me. I see a great deal of potential for Lakewood's present and future. Please allow me to tell you a little bit about my history as well.

My earliest years were spent in a small Cove Avenue apartment and the surrounding area. Later, growing up in nearby West Park, I saw the benefits Lakewood offered in treasure and talent, from Swimming Lessons at Foster Pool to the obligatory visit to Dr. McEvoy's office to a trip to Geigers for cheap sneakers, to eventually attending St. Edward High School and graduating in 1997. Lakewood has always been a destination for me.

Since my days at St. Edward High and then Ohio University, I've married a Lakewood High and St. Luke grad, whose family has deep roots here. My In-Laws founded Nature's Bin in the 1970's and, by coincidence, my beloved pediatrician Dr. McEvoy turned out to be my wife Carrie's Grandfather! We bought our first and only home on Wyandotte in 2003 and can't bear the thought of ever leaving, despite jobs out of county and the like. Our two oldest children of three attend Lakewood Catholic Academy and just love it. We even switched to St. Luke Parish after attending an open house in 2008 so that our oldest son could go there for Kindergarten.

Currently, I am the Director of CYO Camp Christopher, our Diocesan summer camp located in Bath Township. My passion for this place and helping people do what they never thought possible is a large reason why I enrolled at CSU to attain an MPA. My wife Carrie, whom I met at the camp when we were both in College, is now a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner part-time at Akron Children's Hospital. She was the camp nurse when we met. Like Lakewood, the camp is central to who we are as a family.

It would be an honor to be appointed to Lakewood City Council. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to contact you in this way. If you should have any questions, please contact me at 216.536.7176

Sincerely,

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# John Litten

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**Education** Currently pursuing **Master of Public Administration** 3.94 GPA  
Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University  
**Bachelor of Fine Arts** (Graphic Design) Ohio University 2001 3.4 GPA

**Professional Experience** CYO & Community Services ~ Camp Christopher ~ 2001 - Present  
**Camp Director** ~ 2005 - Present

Manage 1 million dollar + budget for summer and off-season programs serving over 6000 individuals annually.

Recruit, interview, train and supervise over 100 seasonal employees annually

Supervise all aspects of summer camping programs including resident, day, family, senior and special needs camps

Facilitate all aspects of program marketing including press releases, newsletters, advertising, campaign implementation and more

Supervise all aspects of off-season programming including school environmental education, high & low ropes course groups, holiday winter camps and outside group rentals

Oversee 165 acre camp facility including over 20 buildings, high & low ropes course, four lakes, dining hall and three full-time staff

## **Camp Program Coordinator** ~ 2001 - 2005

Assisted Camp Director in management of all aforementioned programs and personnel

Created and supervised new off-season programs such as 8th grade diversity camps, holiday camps, corporate high & low ropes course use and after-school programs

Managed transition of environmental education program from another agency to Camp Christopher

Art Direction of agency newsletter along with nearly all print media related to CYO, including billboards, brochures, flyers and more.

## **Litten Design** ~ 2001 - Present

**Graphic Designer** - Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite, Quark XPress, MS Office (OSX & PC)

Freelance Design business working with various web, identity, video & print clients

Work includes all printed promotional materials for CYO Camp Christopher

Extensive work done for local client Sweeney Communications includes Capabilities brochure cover, premium mailings, business reply cards, brochures, promotional materials, websites and logo designs

Design work also completed for American Greetings, KCH Design, North Coast Health Ministry and other clients

**Volunteer & Community Service** Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee, 2010 Appointee of Mayor Ed Fitzgerald  
At Large Board Member of American Camp Association, Ohio Section  
Board Member of Keep Lakewood Beautiful Volunteer Organization  
Annual presenter at American Camp Association conferences on topics such as developing young leaders, family camping, camp marketing/PR, camp graphic design and others  
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