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

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to apply for the Council-at-Large position that will become available in January, 2011. My resume is enclosed for your review.

As you can see, I have been very involved in many aspects of Lakewood city life during my 15 years as a resident. I have served the community as a youth sports coach, grade school volunteer and as a Trustee in my Church, as well as a trustee and volunteer for other civic organizations. In addition, I was appointed to and sat as an active member on the 2005 Charter Review Commission. I'm a homeowner, a small business owner and my children attend Lakewood City Schools.

This experience, along with my 25-year history as a practicing attorney, would make me an ideal candidate to be an at-large councilperson. I am prepared to address the challenges Lakewood is facing now and over the next several years, particularly in housing and business development. I am a positive, innovative community activist who will help to lead Lakewood into its second century.

In my 2009 run for Lakewood City Council-at-Large, I was fortunate to have received a tremendous amount of support throughout the community. I am also proud to say that the Lakewood Police, the Lakewood and Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and many other community leaders also endorsed me in this and previous attempts.

I look forward to discussing my qualifications, background, and ideas with each of you personally and would welcome your thoughts and input, as well.

Sincerely.

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**Enclosure** 

# DANIEL E. SHIELDS

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1985 – Present	Attorney at Law - Admitted to Practice, State of Ohio
	and United States Federal District Court, Northern
	District of Ohio
1987 – 1988	Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – City of Bedford Heights
1986 – 1988	Attorney - Law Office of William J. Shields, Esquire
1986	Staff Attorney - Ohio State Department of Health

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Wide range of experience in all levels of city, county, and federal courts, from case inception to trial and appellate work.
- Extensive background in all phases of both civil and criminal casework.
- Trial counsel in over 100 non-jury and jury trials representing Plaintiff and Defendant in the following types of cases: Plaintiff personal injury, criminal defense, landlord/tenant disputes, preparation of wills and trusts, bankruptcy, small claims, purchase/sale of real estate, civil rights law, juvenile law, and corporate law.
- Represented approximately 3,000 individual and corporate clients.
- Experienced in reviewing and drafting legislation and all types of court documents.

## **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctor – Case Western Reserve University School of Law Bachelor of Arts in English – Bowling Green State University Graduate – Saint Ignatius High School

## **OTHER**

2	:005 – Present	Lakewood United Methodist Church – Member, Volunteer,
		Board of Trustees (former Chair)
2	2005 - 2005	Lakewood Charter Review Commission - Member,
		Appointed by Mayor
2	2001 – Present	Lakewood Democratic Club – Member and Volunteer
1	995 – 2000	Lakewood Youth Soccer - Volunteer Coach and Board of
		Trustees Member
1	990 – 2008	Rotary Club International - Member and Officer
1	990 – 2007	Ohio Canal Corridor - Volunteer and Board of Trustees
		Member