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Mary Hagan
Clerk of Council
12650 Detroit Road
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Dear Ms. Hagan and Members of Council,

I write to request that Council consider granting me the privilege and honor of serving the residents of the great City of Lakewood as an active council member.

My wife Katie and I have been fortunate enough to raise our three children in this wonderful community over the past fourteen years. We are proud of Lakewood's excellent school system and the educational and extracurricular opportunities it offers. We value the cultural and socio-economic diversity that are uniquely woven into the character of this community and the institutional gems, such as The Beck Center and the newly renovated public library.


Lakewood, like many inner ring suburbs, has several ever-pressing issues that remain at the forefront of importance to me. The need for efficient utilization of ever dwindling resources in the shadow of increasing demand is apparent, as is the need for maintenance and improvement of Lakewood's abundant housing stock. Creative utilization of our public spaces and revitalization of our commercial base remain necessary components of any effort to attract and maintain residents. These challenges, combined with the always present need to maintain and improve infrastructure, have been handled well by the current council and administration, who have done more with less, thus positioning Lakewood to make great strides.

In my service as a Mayoral appointee to the Citizen's Advisory Committee I have been exposed to many of these issues and have heard, first hand, how Lakewood's citizens and elected officials, have endeavored to tackle them. Pride in this community and compassion for its people has always served as the underlying current to these discussions. This same current flows through the people at the community meals and community garden where I volunteer, and amongst the parents of the children in the Sunday school classes I teach and on the teams I coach.

As a litigator I am often charged with the responsibility of arguing a particular position on behalf of a client. I must say, however, that I derive a much greater sense of accomplishment when I am able to mediate an amicable resolution to a pressing dispute. If granted the opportunity to serve the people of Lakewood, I hope to utilize the experience I have gained from both roles in tackling the challenges facing this great city.

I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you in the near future and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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EXPERIENCE

- 2002- Present **Ritzler, Coughlin & Paglia, Ltd. – Attorney** Cleveland, OH
- Served as primary trial attorney in approximately fifty jury trials in courts throughout Ohio
 - Effectively manage large volume of civil litigation files in local, state and federal courts from inception to resolution including responsibility for handling:
 - Investigation of the merit of claims
 - Evaluation and Analysis of risk
 - Discovery via depositions
 - Drafting of Motions and legal opinions
 - Negotiations of settlements at mediations and settlement conferences
 - Preparation for and appearance at hearings
 - Extensive experience in research, writing, and presentation of argument at appellate court level
 - Successfully resolved multiple foreclosure cases on behalf of individuals at risk of losing their homes while serving as a volunteer attorney with the Legal Aide Society.
- 1993-2002 **Allstate Company-Claim Manager** Pittsburgh, PA-Hudson, OH
- Managed team of casualty claim representatives and additional support staff charged with investigating, evaluating and resolving injury claims against insured entities and the company.
 - Managed Medical Payments Office with responsibility of handling all claims throughout Ohio
 - Responsible for performance management, strategic planning, legal compliance.
 - Developed relationship between Pittsburgh offices and Habitat-for-Humanity
 - Selected to assist in team development of company wide systems

EDUCATION

**Cleveland-Marshall College of Law,
Cleveland State University**
J.D., August 2000

Cleveland, OH

The University of Pittsburgh,
B.A.: Major: Liberal Arts, 1993

Pittsburgh, PA

LICENSURE AND MEMBERSHIP

- Admitted to Ohio State Bar (May, 2001)
- Admitted to Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (2002)
- Member: Ohio State Bar Association; Cleveland Bar Association

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

- Lakewood Citizen's Advisory Committee, Mayoral Appointment, 2009-2010
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Council Secretary and other positions, 2000-current
- Lakewood Soccer Association, Coach, 1998-2008
- Lakewood Department of Recreation, Youth Coach, Multiple Sports, 2004-current
- Lakewood YMCA, Coach, Multiple Sports,
- Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach, Volunteer
- Panel Arbitrator, Cuyahoga County Alternative Dispute Resolution Department
- Preparation and Service of Community Meals at Trinity Lutheran Church
- Construction of Community Garden at Trinity Lutheran
- Volunteer Attorney, Legal Aide Society of Cleveland