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Dear Council Members,

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Please consider me for serving in Town Council to fill the vacancy created when we lost Council Member Bill Thorpe. In 1981 I first visited Chapel Hill while on leave from the Peace Corps. I liked the people, downtown, University, trees and the general atmosphere and I still do. In 1984 I graduated from UNC with a M.A.T. in science education. In 1992 I moved back to Chapel Hill. My wife works at UNC Campus Health Services, my son is a 7th grader at Culbreth and I teach at Chapel Hill High School.

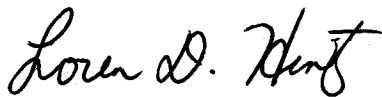
I have served first as a member and then as Chair of the Chapel Hill Transportation Board from 1997-2004. This experience gave me a good understanding of the operations of the town and how our local government works. I have also served on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force and the Fordham Blvd. Safety Task Force. I've attended numerous town, county and university meetings, forums and hearings on a variety of issues including energy, housing, parks, transportation, budget, and development.

As a Council Member I would want to continue the progress our community has made in a variety of areas. I support a strong, diverse community. I want to promote safe ways of getting around town that minimize using cars and reduce our carbon footprint. I want to create more areas where children can play. I want to make it easier for the public to understand how to obtain information and assistance from local government. I want to make sure that we plan appropriately for the growth that will occur in Chapel Hill. I want our town to be an example of social justice and progressive actions. Finally I want to continue the town government efforts to communicate with the University, businesses, schools and neighborhoods.

My work in El Salvador and Honduras as a Peace Corps Volunteer taught me how to listen and learn from others. It has given me a greater appreciation of the contributions and needs of recent immigrants to our community. As a teacher in Northampton and Granville counties and now in Chapel Hill, I have worked with students of diverse backgrounds. This gives me a feel for the needs of families and ideas on how local

government can help meet those needs. I have been active in numerous environmental and community organizations. Currently I am president of the Kings Mill - Morgan Creek Neighborhood Association and Co-Chair of the Orange Chatham Sierra Club Group. These organizations give me additional insight into potential solutions to the problems in Chapel Hill.

Professionally my training is in Biology with a concentration in Political Science (B.A., College of Wooster) and Ecology (M.S., University of Arizona.) This background helps me to analyze governmental problems and understand the long term or broader implications of our decisions. My service on Town Boards and other organizations demonstrate my ability to work with others and create thoughtful solutions. I look forward to answering your questions.



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