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Application for the Vacant Position of the Chapel Hill Town Council

Chapel Hill is the most eclectic town I have ever lived in, representative of a cornucopia of cultures. Gay/lesbian, business owners, artisans, academics, single, parents, families and free thinkers - a collage of ethnicities, religions and lifestyles – and each year, with each freshman class of students comes a newness of energy, drive, ambition and hope. Chapel Hill is a spring board for innovation and individual pursuits of happiness, these things and countless other thoughts rests in the care and trust of the – the seat of democracy – the Town Council.

Safety, security and the preservation of quality of life are the core concerns of the council and the individuals charged with protecting these ideals. Council members are to be conscious, alert and armed for action, and ready for fierce debate and empathy against the challenges that threaten this town's mission and its core values.

I am such an individual, one who will openly discuss any subject, informed and aware of my neighbors and their concerns. I have known service, as a member of the Armed Forces, a community organizer as a businessman, a wage earner, a student, a single parent and as a homeless person. I know struggle, first hand, the spoils of victory and defeat, and yet a prisoner of hope and optimism. I firmly believe in the Power of God and know Faith as a guiding principle and force in my life. I have walked, rode the bus and rode bikes to every corridor of this fine town, enjoyed many conversations with its residents and small business owners; discovering many differences of opinion and ideologies. Ultimately, to realize a common desire in each resident is to live a life of quality, security and a fair chance for prosperity with the trust that Chapel Hill, North Carolina is the place to achieve their goals.

As a council member my platform is built on the equality of all citizens; specifically, the economically depressed, the small business owner, the community and religious organizations that serve their communities. To be the advocate voice for the veterans, homeless, parents and business owners that struggle from month to month to meet payroll and receivables; not for personal agenda but for fairness, equality and reasonable debate in defense of the ideals they hold true to the success of their endeavors. Ever cognoscente that every proclamation, law and decree that passes the floor of the council has a rippling like affect on the citizens that call Chapel Hill home. To be a voice, an informed objector and a champion for the hopeless, to make known to the leaders of this town what the citizens hold dear to their quest for a life of quality, security and prosperity. A servant first and a fierce warrior for democracy, thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted by,
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