

June 26, 2023

Common Council
75 N. Bonson Street
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Dear Common Council Members:

I am writing to you to express my interest in the District 3 Alderperson seat. It is my understanding that this position is still vacant and I believe that it is important for all districts to have representation. Having lived in Platteville for the past twenty-two years, I believe that I know the town well enough to take on this roll. I also plan to stay in Platteville for the foreseeable future, so I have a vested interest in the decisions that affect our community.

I thoroughly enjoy living in Platteville and feel that it has an amazing amount to offer for a town of its size. My wife and I have raised two daughters who have gone through the public school system and we couldn't be happier with it. Our family has also taken advantage of a number of great resources such as the pool, the library, the park system and a variety of events and programs offered by the university. As a member of the Common Council, I would hope to help maintain the quality and accessibility of these resources and to assist in maintaining the more "behind-the-scenes" areas that make our community great.

Although I do not have a specific agenda or platform that is drawing me to the Common Council, my primary area of interest would be the Platteville Family Aquatic Center. This is a resource that benefits persons of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds and it needs to receive the necessary attention and funding to maintain its place among Platteville's top attractions.

Finally, I believe that I have the characteristics necessary to be an effective member of the Common Council. I am willing to learn; I am a good listener; and I am accepting of views and ideas that differ from my own. Moreover, I have a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in counseling, so I will be comfortable with both the financial and social aspects of the position. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Bob Gates