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Dear Common Council,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Common Council in Platteville. I moved to Platteville in August of 2021 and have been working as a Resident Director at UW – Platteville. Prior to moving to Platteville, I was living and working in Eau Claire, WI and attend UW – Eau Claire where I received my bachelor's degree in organizational communication. During my time at UW – Eau Claire I served on student senate as a senator for two years and as the Communications Commission Director for one year. This experience taught me a lot about meeting processes, policy writing and implementation, and using the feedback and concerns of students to make changes on our campus. I would enjoy using this experience to add to the Common Council and continue learning as well.

When applying for the Resident Director position two years ago I was unfamiliar with Platteville and the community. Since being here, I have enjoyed learning more about it and exploring the area. There are many things that I like about Platteville. One of the main things being the welcoming atmosphere and care for others displayed by the community. The Platteville Inclusive Playground is a great example of this. I was able to see some of the hard work and community effort that went into this, and it encouraged me to begin seeking out ways to be more involved in this community that I am calling home.

If I were to be appointed to the Common Council, I would like to focus on inclusion, diversity, and equity in the community. I have experience serving on and working with committees and groups focusing on inclusion, diversity, and equity both in a college and community setting. I believe that I can bring what I have learned from these to the Common Council and offer different perspectives as well.

Some characteristics I believe are important to be an effective member of the Common Council include communication, collaboration, adaptability, planning, and empathy. I believe these characteristics allow us to plan, change course when the unplanned occur, understand the community and individuals, and work together as a team to best serve the Platteville community.

I appreciate your time and consideration for this position on the Common Council.

Sincerely,

Lucas Dresden