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To Whom it may concern:

My name is Lincoln McCardle and I am once again writing today to advise that I am interested in filling the recently vacated Ward 13 seat. I had previously sent an email once I realized that a campaign had been launched whereby 50+ letters were sent advocating that someone be appointed right away but apparently missed the previous deadline. I should perhaps state here that I actually like Mr. Fyfe-Millar, and even consider him a friend - but even I find it hard to believe that this many coincidentally decided to write him a letter in support of this appointment. I hope each member of council has taken some time to consider who exactly asked all these people to write these letters. And why. Had it even crossed my mind that something like this was even being considered you certainly would have heard from me well before this. I mistakenly thought, like many of my fellow citizens, that the previous committee meeting would have been about figuring out how the vacancy was to be filled. Not by who. Council had never even had a chance to determine who all was interested yet.

There seems to be some sort of argument taking place that ranked ballots from the previous election has somehow provided a mechanism for how to fill the seat when things like this take place. In fact, I almost fell for this logical fallacy myself but let me assure you this was never the intention and likely does not reflect voter intention. I'm of the opinion that a by-election is your best option -- however, it has since has become apparent that you are determined to appoint, I ask that you consider those with no intention of running in the next election. The incumbency advantage is too strong to just hand over to someone. To be clear, I would in fact support ANY person (within reason) who is willing to take on this role - as long as they do not intend to run in future municipal elections. To clarify, if not me then at the very least someone who has no intention of running in the next election.

I'm happy to provide additional information or answer any questions in the future but for now I would only like to offer the following four facts about myself about why I should be seriously considered to fill the vacant Ward 13 seat:

- 1) I have lived in Ward 13 for almost my entire life, including currently.
- 2) While I have never served on council, I am familiar both with the rules and procedures as well as the issues that face the ward and the city as a whole.
- 3) I believe my opinions and votes would closely match that of the outgoing councilor and therefore those who elected her.
- 4) I have no intention of running in the next or any future municipal elections.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you for taking the time to read this and you have my permission and ask that you please attach this correspondence to the public agenda. Thanks in advance and all the best!

Take care,
Lincoln McCardle
Ward 13 resident