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Dear Rob Pettit,

I would like to request consideration as a candidate to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Victorian Village Commission. I feel that my professional background and practical experience as well as my vested interest in the Victorian Village neighborhood will benefit me in augmenting this valuable service to the community.

I was introduced to the Short North and the historic districts as a social destination in the late 1980s. My appreciation for the neighborhoods made it my selection to locate a business I owned on High Street north of Warren in the early 1990s. In 1998, Meredith Simpson and I bought our current residence on West Hubbard Avenue. Having significant experience with construction techniques and materials, we have worked extensively on renovations as well as building a new garage to make the house as enjoyable to live in as we find our surroundings.

I own a motorsports consulting firm focusing on operational efficiency and special projects implementation. I have an extensive background in planning, organization and alternative problem solving. The nature of my clientele dictates precise, expedient solutions to varied complications. I am also currently in-contract to purchase a Victorian Village commercial property and business in the interest of expanding my involvement in the community and contributing to the growth of the district.

I have had a long-time interest in the Victorian Village Commission. I have worked with them on many of my own projects and have attended several recent meetings to observe the proceedings. I am a firm believer in understanding an existing system prior to attempting to alter or improve it. As an outsider, it can be difficult to judge the root of procedural or implementation errors without benefit of inner knowledge of the mechanisms and relationships governing them. That said, I feel that I would bring a number of positive qualities to the Victorian Village Commission. I am organized, detail-oriented and meticulous. I feel that the preparations and actions of the

Commission would better serve the neighborhood if approached more proactively. I would like to improve the communication between the Commission and the Victorian Village Society in order to accurately represent the residents and property owners. I would like to work to ensure that the Commission is properly informed and prepared for the consideration of each application. This would result in the most productive recommendations to applicants, best assisting them in attaining their goals and developing their understanding of the purpose and benefits of the Architectural Review Board.

It is my belief that the existence of the Historic District and adherence to the guidelines of the Commission present the opportunity for a cohesive, appreciating community in which all residents, property and business owners are rewarded. In order to realize the reward however, the Commission's efforts must be communicated and understood, with consistent implementation and an appreciation for their benefit to Victorian Village and the City of Columbus as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Paul Walter