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Dear Mr. Black;

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Italian Village Commission. I understand that there is an open seat and hope that you will consider me for the position.

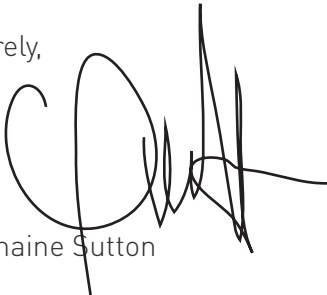
The Short North is a very special place. This was most evident when my husband and I moved to Columbus five years ago – he moved home to join the family business, and I (at the time) unwillingly came with him. We knew we wanted to live in the Short North. We searched high and low and finally settled on a condo in the Victorian Village.

Over the years of living in the Short North we have found ourselves drawn to the Italian Village. Its charm, some grittiness, and proximity (close enough to High Street, yet far enough to not get trapped at every event and festival), led us to purchase a property on 1st and Hamlet in 2011. It has been a rental for the last two years, but we are looking forward to moving in at the end of this summer.

I have been fortunate to have visited and lived in many cities - large and small - in my life. From this experience I have now established a set of criteria for the type of community/neighborhood I would like to live and grow in. It's one very much like the Italian Village – walkable, close to many amenities, has character, history, is community oriented, and open. The Italian Village is unique in that there are still many opportunities for growth and restoration. It has definitely captured my attention, changed my tune about Columbus, and made me a very proud transplant. I would very much like to be a part of its future development and fill the seat on the Commission.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Charmaine Sutton', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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EXPERIENCE

CMYS CRAFTING DESIGN COLUMBUS, OH JUNE 2012 - PRESENT

CRAFTER . DESIGNER

After spending much time designing and marketing for architecture and construction firms in Seattle, Saint Louis and Columbus, I decided to step away from the hustle and bustle of office life to rediscover my love of making, and have now transitioned into exploring the art of hand crafting.

DESIGNGROUP COLUMBUS, OH JANUARY 2009 - JUNE 2012

MARKETING COORDINATOR

Managed proposal and presentation activities. Developed new branding strategies for printed collateral. Tasks include: developing strategies for branding, generating creative materials for marketing opportunities.

HOK SAINT LOUIS, MO JUNE 2007 - DECEMBER 2008

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN . DESIGNER

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SAINT LOUIS, BENTON STADLER SCIENCE COMPLEX

CONCESSION STANDARDS FOR CHICAGO O'HARE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO - DENVER PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

STATE OF MISSOURI - BUILDING 2.0

AFFILIATIONS

THE CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, COLUMBUS OHIO

2012 - Present: Board of Trustees, Event Chair

2011 - 2012: Marketing Committee

DISCOVERY DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION, COLUMBUS OHIO

2012 to Present: Vice President, Trustee, Programming Chair

2010 - 2012: Marketing Committee

THE ATHLETIC CLUB OF COLUMBUS, COLUMBUS OHIO

2009 - Present: Membership Committee

2009 - Present: Family and Childrens Planning Committee

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN SAINT LOUIS SAINT LOUIS, MO AUGUST 2003 - MAY 2007

M. ARCHITECTURE

DRAKE UNIVERSITY DES MOINES, IA AUGUST 1998 - MAY 2002

B.A. INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE & B.A. MAGAZINE JOURNALISM

KINROSS WOLAROI SCHOOL NSW, AUSTRALIA JANUARY 1994 - DECEMBER 1997

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - EMPHASIS IN BUSINESS STUDIES