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Sitka Assembly
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Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to the Sitka Assembly

Dear Mayor and Members of the Sitka Assembly:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Sitka Assembly. As a long-term Alaskan, local business owner, mariner, and resident who has invested deeply in the future of our community, I would be honored to serve the people of Sitka and help guide the decisions that will shape our city's future.

Sitka is a unique place. Our community's strength comes from the people who live and work here, the small businesses that drive our economy, and the natural resources that support our maritime industries, tourism, fishing, and recreation. As someone who has built businesses, managed employees, and worked directly in Southeast Alaska's marine environment, I understand both the opportunities and challenges facing our community.

From an experience standpoint, I am a licensed Certified Public Account with many years of experience working around government and non-profits, giving me a thorough understanding of fund accounting and the budgeting processes localities go through. Additionally, I have extensive experience as a business owner, giving me thorough knowledge of corporate style budgeting, corporate finance, financial accountability, infrastructure needs, workforce challenges, and economic development. Every day, business owners and residents must balance competing priorities while making responsible decisions with limited resources. I believe those same principles should guide local government. Taxpayer dollars should be managed carefully, public services should be delivered efficiently, and long-term planning should remain a priority.

Sitka faces several important issues in the coming years, including housing availability, economic diversification, infrastructure investment, utility costs, harbor and marine facilities, and maintaining a sustainable tax base while preserving the quality of life that makes our community special. I believe these challenges require thoughtful leadership, open communication, and a willingness to listen to differing viewpoints before making decisions. This is exactly why I joined the Tourism Task Force several years ago and still

serve as the Chair on the City of Sitka Tourism Commission since its inception. I believe this experience makes me uniquely qualified for serve on the Assembly.

If appointed, I would approach every issue with independence, common sense, and a commitment to transparency. I believe Assembly members should be accessible to the public, willing to ask difficult questions, and focused on finding practical solutions rather than advancing personal agendas. My decisions would be guided by what is in the best long-term interest of Sitka and its residents.

I am committed to supporting policies that encourage responsible economic growth, strengthen local businesses, maintain and improve critical infrastructure, promote public safety, and ensure that Sitka remains an affordable and desirable place to live, work, and raise a family. I also believe strongly in protecting the natural resources and environment that are central to our community's identity and economy.

Serving on the Sitka Assembly would be an opportunity to give back to a community that has provided so much to my family and me. I understand the responsibilities and time commitment involved and am prepared to dedicate the effort necessary to serve effectively and thoughtfully.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to serve the residents of Sitka and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Plank