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Letter of Interest for the Vacant Assemble Seat

This is a letter of interest for the Assembly seat recently vacated by Dave Miller.

The hour is late. The Mayor calls for Assembly Liaison and Staff reports. As I look around the room not a creature is stirring, just me, the last citizen standing or rather sitting. I daresay, I am unique in Sitka for having attended virtually every Assembly meeting as a citizen over the last two years, in addition to having been a seated Assemblyman for three years. So to answer the question am I interested in the now vacant seat? — the answer is Yes!

My answer can be seen at every Assembly meeting — my commitment is visible and the views that I express at these meetings are researched and are a matter of public record. Though my bid was not successful in the recent election, I did garner 925 votes or 40% of the votes cast. Running for elected office is no small task, it takes time and effort. It is the ultimate demonstration of interest.

The constitution of the Assembly should not be based on unanimity of opinion. Diversity of opinion is healthy and only adds to the conversation and improves the deliberative process. I therefore place my hat in the ring, and I ask the Assembly to grant my request to be appointed to the now vacant Assembly seat.

Regards,
Richards Wein