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LAWRENCE CITY COMMISSION VACANCY APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving your City in this capacity. Information including process to fill the vacancy, key dates and additional details are available on the City's website: www.lawrenceks.org/vacancy.

Instructions: Please complete this brief form and other required items listed on the checklist to help provide sufficient information to the City Commission, which will fill the vacancy. Completed applications must be received by the City Clerk's office no later than Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 5 pm in order to be considered. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Process: Applications will be reviewed by an advisory committee appointed by the City Commission. The committee will forward a list of no more than six candidates to the City Commission, selected from the pool of qualified applicants. The City Commission will then select an individual to fill the City Commission vacancy from qualified applicants, including but not limited to the six candidates provided by the advisory committee. Applicants will be required to participate in the advisory committee and City Commission process.

Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, a qualified elector of the City of Lawrence, and a resident living inside the Lawrence city limits at the time of appointment and during the term duration.

Public Information: Any and all information provided as part of this process, including but not limited to the application and supporting documentation, is public information and will be made openly available on the city website. The process will be entirely public, including any interviews held with applicants.

Name: Dr. Terry Riordan

Address: 1613 Tennessee St, 66044

Phone number: (785) 218-6391 **E-mail:** riordan346@gmail.com

Occupation: Pediatrician

How long have you lived in Lawrence? 32 years

Tell us about yourself. Please describe, in 200 words or less, your reasons for seeking a position on the Lawrence City Commission, and why you believe you can represent the citizens of Lawrence as a member of the City Commission.

This is a critical time in Lawrence as we are without a permanent City Manager and have lost a city commissioner under dubious circumstances. This calls for an experienced, dedicated citizen who has been vetted to step forward. Because of my previous service on both the City and Planning Commissions and finishing fourth in the most recent election with over 4000 votes, I believe I can work well with the current commission and bring some stability as we work through this transition as a community.

I care deeply about what happens to this City and it is apparent that this commission will have profound effects on the future of Lawrence. I understand the history of our City and the complexities of its citizen makeup. This will help guide me toward good decisions while lessening unintended consequences.

As a recent City Commissioner and past Planning Commissioner, I learned to listen, analyze and then proceed in an effective manner. I can use this experience in a positive way. Every commission has strengths and weaknesses. I see my experience as a complimentary piece that makes our commission stronger as it copes with the complexities of leadership and works together to move our City forward in a stable, productive manner.

Education/Experience. Please provide a brief summary of your education, and any training or experience that you possess which would be beneficial to the City Commission position.

1. Bachelors of Science at Rockhurst University and Student Government President
2. Medical degree from the University of Kansas
3. Residency in Pediatrics at Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco
4. Board Certified and Recertified in Pediatrics
5. Chief of Pediatrics at Reynolds Army Hospital with patient and administrative duties
6. Represented Lawrence at the National League of Cities conference in 2013
7. Two Years as a City Commissioner and three as a Planning Commissioner, one as Chair
8. Owner and senior partner of a small Business with over 50 employees and \$5 million in revenue

Work History. Please provide a brief summary of your work history.

1. 1966 - 1974 - High school and college - Employee at Hicks Ashby Co in KC Mo. Warehouse, front office, delivery and installation of casework and Library shelving
2. 1977 - 1980 - Captain then Major in the US Army in training at Letterman Army Hospital- Chief Resident
3. 1980 - 1983 - Chief of Pediatrics at Reynolds Army Hospital
4. 1981 - 1983 - Emergency room physician at Duncan Hospital and Lawton Memorial Hospital
5. 1983 - present - Owner/Pediatrician at Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine in Lawrence
6. 1983- 2015 - Twice Chief of Pediatrics at Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Public Offices Held. Please provide a brief summary of elected service or service as a member of a public board/commission/committee/task force. Please list city, state and dates of service.

1. City Commission, Lawrence 2013 - 2015
2. Planning Commission, Lawrence 2003 - 2006
3. Planning Commission Chair 2005 - 2006
4. Douglas County Health Department
Board Member 1984 - 1987
5. Citizen Representative for all phases of the planning for the Waste Water Treatment Plant
6. Steering committee for 1994 sales tax initiative
7. Citizen Representative on ad-hoc committee for Historic preservation
8. Homeless shelter committee to replace retiring CEO - 2014

Community Involvement. Please provide a brief summary of your involvement in service to your community.

1. Trinity Community Service Board Member
2. Member of the St. Johns Parish Council
3. Member and Chair of St. Lawrence Center Parish council
4. President of the Oread Neighborhood Association

Top Issues. Please describe, in 500 words or less, what you believe are the top issues affecting the City of Lawrence.

1. Filling the vacancy on the City Commission is the first issue that needs to be addressed so the City can move forward with important business on behalf of the citizens, including the search for a permanent City Manager. I believe my experience, moderation of ideas, dedication to serving, and the fact that I am a known commodity will help ensure the public as we move forward.
2. Choosing a new City Manager to help move our City forward is the next most important decision for our community. This requires experience in selecting potential candidates and understanding the complexities and requirements of the City Manager's position.
3. Encouraging development and the creation of primary jobs in Venture Park to increase and diversify the tax base and citizen employment.
4. Continuing the discussion of looking for the best police-facility solution to address the public safety needs of our community.
5. Encouraging redevelopment of older parts of the City while ensuring that downtown development allows it to grow and change without infringing upon the surrounding neighborhoods. We must be vigilant so as not to change the flavor of our downtown.
6. Continue to improve our City's infrastructure including water, waste water, streets and sidewalk repair.
7. Receive the recommendations of the Horizon 2020 Committee and work with all stakeholders to identify appropriate amendments to our land use document in order to create a consistent and reliable plan that encourages growth in a logical manner.
8. Re-evaluate the bus system and find a bus station location that helps minimize transit time in a safe manner while demonstrating care and understanding of any neighborhood concerns. It is important to have a transit system that aides our population who do not have access to a private vehicle. We also need to plan for future funding of this important service as the special 10-year transit sales tax is scheduled to sunset in 2018.
9. Oversee the construction and implementation of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

10. Create an environment that encourages improved High-Speed Internet connectivity for all Lawrence citizens and actively seek companies to expand the high-speed network.
11. Work with all stakeholders to come up with real solutions to develop affordable housing stock for the citizens of Lawrence.
12. Work with the Lawrence Community Shelter to ensure that this safety net is available to citizens in their time of need to help them become self-sufficient again.
13. Encourage better citizen education and involvement by expanding outreach efforts like "Lawrence Listens", town hall meetings, and expanded use of social media.

Your Approach to Governing. Please provide, in 500 words or less, a summary of your approach to handling issues that would come before you as a member of the Lawrence City Commission, and your approach to working with other City Commissioners on these issues.

This is an area that I pay special attention to and have gone to great efforts to better understand. First it is important to listen to citizen input about any decision because one must understand how we as a City feel about items that come before the commission. I respectfully listen whether I'm at a meeting, stopped on the street or through email. I always try to answer back so citizens know I'm listening. Time and experience has helped me gain tools and learn methods to provide good governance. Listening to other commissioners is also important because we each have different backgrounds and bring important views and analysis to the table. Professional city staff guidance is particularly important as they are the professionals who can help provide the practical, long-term effects of past projects in Lawrence and similar projects around the country.

Each item requires in-depth study by reading all printed material, listening to staff reports and gathering citizen input. I consider all of this and then apply my experience in an effort to make decisions that benefit the City as a whole and not just isolated groups or individuals. It is important to seek out information from those with dissenting opinions in order to fully understand an issue. Good governance is being flexible and open to new ideas. One cannot be weighed down by strict ideology or ego. It is not about those who govern but about those who are governed and all decisions should be made accordingly.

Good governance should not be rushed and established processes should not be circumvented or this can lead to poor results. One must be patient in order to have the desired outcome. Governing is listening, analyzing, consulting, and gathering information to make the best decisions possible. It is also learning from missteps. Great effort must be put forth to create an environment of trust and to encourage input from all points of view.

Your Approach to Land-Use Planning. Please provide, in 500 words or less, a summary of your approach to handling issues that would come before you as a member of the Lawrence City Commission, and your approach to working with other City Commissioners on these issues.

1. Good planning is paramount when tasking our City with growth questions.
2. Needs to be predictable, following our guidelines and implementing them consistently.
3. It is not a static concept but changes as our City's needs change.
4. Requires a good understanding of how our process works for planning and development. Being on the Planning Commission for three years (serving as chair for one year) is an invaluable experience since land use is one of the most important recurring items on City agendas.
5. Requires weighing the benefits for the City versus the needs of the change in land use in order to reach a decision which is best for the City and the group who is requesting a change.

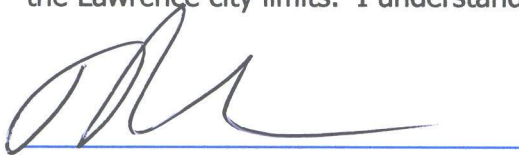
6. Requires serious deliberation whether a small or large project.
 7. If public assistance is required or requested then the project should benefit the community as a whole. To determine this, I would consult our land use documents, utilize the Public Incentive Review Committee, review staff and applicant presentations, engage the public for input, and draw from my previous experience as both a Planning and City Commissioner. We must ask "what is the goal of our land use document for incentives?" and then carefully achieve that identified goal.
 8. We need to encourage development which emphasizes walkability, greenspace and safe motorized and non-motorized travel. Complete Streets is a program I support.
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Application Materials Checklist. All applicants must complete the following forms and return application materials to the City Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor of City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street, no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015** to be considered for the vacancy.

- Complete Lawrence City Commission Vacancy Application
- Statement of Substantial Interest for Local Office
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Statement of Verification

I hereby certify that I am qualified to serve as a member of the Lawrence City Commission. I am a U.S. Citizen, am 18 years of age or older, am a qualified elector of the City of Lawrence, and a resident living inside the Lawrence city limits. I understand that my application and materials will be a public record.



Signature



Date

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR LOCAL OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS. This statement must be completed by each person required to do so by K.S.A. 75-4301a. Upon completion, mail or hand deliver your completed statement to the office where you filed your declaration of candidacy. If appointed to fill a vacancy in a local elective office, file this form where your predecessor filed for office.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

A. IDENTIFICATION:

Riordan Terrence P

Last Name First Name MI

Elaine M Riordan

Spouse's Name

1013 Tennessee St

Number & Street Name, Apartment Number, Rural Route, or P.O. Box Number

Lawrence KS 66044

City, State, Zip Code

785-842-1900

Home Phone

785-842-4477

Business Phone

B. OFFICE SOUGHT, HELD OR APPOINTED TO:

Lawrence City Commissioner

List Name of Office

Commissioner

Position

District

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Date received (Official use only)

C. OWNERSHIP INTERESTS: List any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture and every other business interest, including land used for income, and specific stocks, mutual funds or retirement accounts in which either you or your spouse has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5%, whichever is less. Please attach additional pages if necessary to complete this section.
 If you have nothing to report in Section "C", check here ____.

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS	DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS HELD	HELD BY WHOM
1. Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine PA	Medical office	25% owned	me
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D. GIFTS IN THE FORM OF GOODS OR SERVICES: List any person, business or combination of businesses from which you or your spouse either individually or collectively, have received in the preceding 12 months, without reasonable and valuable consideration, goods or services having an aggregate value of \$500 or more.
 If you have nothing to report in Section "D", check here ____.

NAME OF PERSON OR BUSINESS FROM WHOM GIFT RECEIVED	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY:
1. None		
2.		
3.		

E. RECEIPT OF COMPENSATION: List all places of employment in the last calendar year, and any other businesses from which you or your spouse received \$2,000 or more in compensation (salary, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on you or your spouse in return for services rendered, or to be rendered), which was reportable as taxable income on your federal income tax returns.

1. YOUR PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"1, check here ____.

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.	<i>Pod & Adol Med</i>	<i>346 Maine St</i>	<i>Medical Office</i>
2.			

2. SPOUSE'S PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"2, check here ____.

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.	<i>Oakland Park Regional</i>	<i>10500 Quinna</i>	<i>Hospital</i>
2.	<i>Medical Center</i>	<i>O.P.H.S. 106715</i>	

F. OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS: List any organization or business in which you or your spouse hold a position as officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing, irrespective of the amount of compensation received for holding such position. Please insert additional pages if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "F", check here ____.

	BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	POSITION HELD	HELD BY WHOM
1.	<i>N/A</i>		
2.			
3.			
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5.			


G. RECEIPT OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS: List each client or customer who paid fees or commissions to a business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions you or your spouse received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year. *The phrase "client or customer" relates only to businesses or the combination of businesses.* In the case of a partnership, it is the partner's proportionate share of the business, and hence of the fee, which is significant, without regard to the expenses of the partnership. An individual who receives a salary as opposed to portions of fees or commissions is generally not required to report under this provision. Please insert additional pages if necessary to complete this section.
 If you have nothing to report in Section "G", check here ____.

	NAME OF CLIENT / CUSTOMER	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY
1.	KAMMED - KANSAS		ME
2.	Medical Mutual Ins Co -		
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H. DECLARATION:

I, Terry Rowell, declare that this statement of substantial interests (including any accompanying pages and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of all of my substantial interests and other matters required by law. I understand that the intentional failure to file this statement as required by law or intentionally filing a false statement is a class B misdemeanor.

9-7-15
Date


Signature of Person Making Statement

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PAGES ____.

John Nalbandian
2006 Riviera Court
Lawrence, KS 66047

September 6, 2015

To: Joe Harkins and members of city commission nomination committee
Fr: John Nalbandian 
Re: Support for Terry Riordan

Dear Joe and committee members,

It is my pleasure to write this letter supporting Terry Riordan's interest in filling Jeremy Farmer's place on the city commission. I supported Terry in his two campaigns, and my support has not diminished even in light of his fourth place finish in the Spring election. I hope Terry's interest will be considered on its merit.

Here is what I know about Terry and why I support him. First, he is a learner. He listens and not just to those who agree with him. I suggested to him that an electronic platform like "Lawrence Listens" could enhance opportunities for citizen engagement, and the next thing I know the city is offering it. I think we need commissioners who are exposed to what is happening in cities throughout the country, who want to attend National League of Cities conferences, who want to converse with elected officials from a consortium of university communities, and commissioners who will ask questions like: "what policy goals are we enhancing with our tax incentives?" So rather than a blanket yes/no to tax incentives, we have guidance that goes beyond "advancing economic development." What kind of eco devo? Terry is this kind of person.

Second, I think Terry is ready to review our tax incentive policy. This is important. Given the exercise of commission discretion over the past few years, it appears as if the policy guiding those decisions is too broad.

Third, experience counts. Because we do not have substantial commission orientations to roles, responsibilities, and processes; nor do we encourage our commissioners to attend national meetings where this kind of training occurs; our commissioners must learn about governance through experience. Terry has that experience, and as I said before, my experience with Terry is that he is eager to learn.

And last, Terry can be counted on to act responsibly and with integrity. He has hundreds if not thousands of patients/former patients who can attest to his commitment to act on their behalf. While some may disagree with decisions Terry has made as a commissioner, I don't think anyone would say he has made those decisions to enhance his own standing. He has the best interests of Lawrence at heart and mind.

September 8, 2015

Sandy Praeger

3601 Quail Creek Court

Lawrence, Kansas 66047

Lawrence City Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of Terry Riordan's expressed interest in returning to the Lawrence City Commission through the appointment process to replace Jeremy Farmer who recently resigned.

As a former city commissioner Terry has the experience to step in and provide meaningful leadership at this important time for our city. He is dedicated to Lawrence and his past service demonstrates that he will try to find solutions that benefit the community as a whole. He has run for election so has been vetted by that process. He certainly understands the challenges that face our community and, I believe, will provide thoughtful decision-making to the collegial process that governs our city.

I encourage you to give strong consideration to Terry Riordan as your appointee to ensure the smoothest possible transition to a full panel of commissioners.

Sincerely,


Sandy Praeger

Former City Commissioner and Mayor

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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
LAWRENCE, KS

**Paul T. Davis
1536 Alvamar Drive
Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

September 8, 2015

Lawrence City Commission Search Committee
c/o Mayor Mike Amyx
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

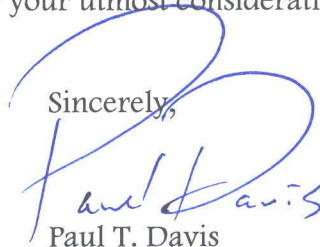
Dear Members of the Search Committee:

I write to offer my recommendation of Terry Riordan for the vacant seat on the city commission. As you are aware, Terry served as a member of the commission for the past two years and finished fourth in the most recent city commission election. During his time on the commission Terry earned the respect of his fellow commissioners and developed a reputation as a consensus builder.

Terry has a strong passion for Lawrence and wants to continue to serve our community. He is a pediatrician with deep roots in Douglas County. Terry has been active in numerous organizations and would bring a lot of knowledge about the community to this position. I have never known Terry to be an ideologue or someone who makes decisions in rash manner. He also studies the issue, seeks input from stakeholders and makes what he believes is the best decision for Lawrence. This is exactly the kind of person we need on the commission.

I hope you will give Terry your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul T. Davis