

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:55 AM
To: ! Miller, Jared; Mitten, Carol
Cc: Brickman Levy, Kathryn
Subject: RE: Ward 2 Applications

Fine by me.

Diane Wolfe Marlin
Mayor

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From: ! Miller, Jared <jtmiller@urbanaininois.us>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Marlin, Diane <dwmarlin@urbanaininois.us>; Mitten, Carol <cjmitten@urbanaininois.us>
Cc: Brickman Levy, Kathryn <klbrickmanlevy@urbanaininois.us>
Subject: Re: Ward 2 Applications

Okay, thanks for the update.

Any chance we could just go ahead and extend the deadline until Friday?

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:51 AM
To: ! Miller, Jared; Mitten, Carol
Cc: Brickman Levy, Kathryn
Subject: RE: Ward 2 Applications

I have received one application and expect another any day. I am open to extending the deadline until at least Friday.

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From: ! Miller, Jared <jtmiller@urbanaillinois.us>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Marlin, Diane <dwmalin@urbanaillinois.us>; Mitten, Carol <cjmitten@urbanaillinois.us>
Cc: Brickman Levy, Kathryn <kbrickmanlevy@urbanaillinois.us>
Subject: Ward 2 Applications

Hi Diane & Carol,

Have we received any applications for Ward 2?

I'm working on a couple of folks that may be interested in applying on my own but I don't know if I'll get them to do so before the deadline.

If there are not many applications would it be possible to extend the deadline for the position?

Thanks!
- Jared -

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:12 AM
To: 'Christopher Hansen'
Subject: RE: Application for Vacant Ward 2 Council Seat

Thank you for your application for the Ward 2 City Council seat. We will contact you soon re: next steps.
Diane Marlin

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From: Christopher Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 2:46 AM
To: !City Clerk <CityClerk@urbanainllinois.us>; Marlin, Diane <dwmarlin@urbanainllinois.us>
Subject: Application for Vacant Ward 2 Council Seat

City Clerk and Mayor Marlin,

Attached, please find my application for the Ward 2 City Council seat, left vacant by Eric Jakobsson's early resignation.

The provided fillable pdf document had multiple errors that made entering text impossible, so I provided the bulk of my application as an attachment to the signed application form. Since we are rather near the application deadline, I would appreciate a confirmation of receipt of the application.

I believe I am in a unique and strong position to help the residents of Urbana, and I look forward to discussing my appointment with the Mayor and the Council.

Regards,
Christopher Hansen



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**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR VACANCY IN WARD 2**

Name: Christopher Hansen
Address: [REDACTED] Urbana, IL 61801
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Employer: Self Employed
Occupation: Electrical Engineer
How long have you lived in Ward 2? 18 years

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Urbana City Council?

--- See Attached ---

2. Please list education, training, work experience, community involvement, service on municipal boards and commissions, or any other experience which has prepared you to serve on the Urbana City Council. Attach CV, if desired.

--- See Attached ---

3. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Urbana?

--- See Attached ---

4. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Ward 2?

--- See Attached ---

Please list three personal references:

Name --- See Attached ---

Occupation

Address

Phone

Name --- See Attached ---

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Name --- See Attached ---

Occupation

Address

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Signed: 

Date: 7/14/2024

Please return completed application via email to CityClerk@urbanaininois.us or by mail to:

Urbana City Clerk 400 S Vine St
Urbana, IL 61801

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Urbana City Council?

The Urbana City Council needs leadership that more accurately represents and reflects the voices of the public. During the past few months, it has become clear to me that Urbana needs fresh leadership – individuals who are not strongly tied to existing government and who can stand without constraints. The elected officials of Urbana have largely lost the trust of the community, and we must not continue down this path. The public is demanding responsibility and accountability of their elected officials and public employees. This aligns strongly with my own principles and I wish to see that the residents of Urbana have a more responsible and responsive government.

I have invested myself substantially in the issues of local government over the past few years, and I believe it is incumbent upon me to step up and adjust our path for the better. I do not take this position lightly, and when appointed I expect to expend a substantial portion of my time in this effort. I look forward to the challenges at hand and intend to engage those challenges rigorously. It will bring me substantial meaning to shoulder responsibility at a time when the residents of Urbana really need it.

My primary goal is to close the gap that has been widening between the public and our government. I plan to substantially increase government transparency and accountability, and ensure that Urbana residents do not feel ignored when they approach the Council.

2. Please list education, training, work experience, community involvement, service on municipal boards and commissions, or any other experience which has prepared you to serve on the Urbana City Council.

I received my degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois. I started my own electronics business in high school, and continue to run that business today. My business acumen is unique and derived from decades of self-training.

I have attended and participated in numerous municipal meetings, including various boards and commissions in Urbana, Champaign, and Champaign County. I have never served in any official governmental capacity, which is exactly what makes me uniquely qualified for the vacant Urbana City Council seat. The residents of Urbana will not be well-served by yet another politician who is deeply ingrained in the status quo. At this time, what the public needs most are fresh voices who are not constrained by cronyism and political alliances.

I have lived in Ward 2 as an undergraduate student in the student dormitories, I have lived in Ward 2 in an apartment building as a young professional, and I now live in Ward 2 as a homeowner and business owner. I am intimately familiar with the area, the homes and businesses, as well as the spectrum of residents who reside within Ward 2.

I am well-suited to represent the interests of our large student population, who are often poorly represented in Urbana government and rarely heard.

I have spent countless hours attending police review board meetings in Champaign and Urbana, and have worked hard to see reforms in the police complaint processes. I have been through Urbana's police complaint process as a complainant. I am one in four people, in a decade, to have experienced

the CPRB appeals process. I am already in the process of working with the Urbana CPRB members to see their process improved, and I look forward to doing the same in my capacity as a City Council member.

Urbana desperately needs police reform and I am uniquely qualified to participate in this reform process. I have been arrested, charged, jailed, and put through the local justice system. Having been completely vindicated in regards to charges for a crime that never even occurred, I am all too-familiar with the mechanisms of corruption and incompetence that are taking place in our justice system.

3. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Urbana?

Clearly, police reform is currently the most important issue to many Urbana residents. The people of Urbana have spoken more loudly and persistently about this issue than any other issue in decades. This issue must not be kicked down the road again, as it has been so many times. Thus far, the residents of Urbana have been deeply dissatisfied with their attempts at communicating with their own government. I wish to change that trend.

The racial disparities, undeniably evident in our justice system, continue to be a deep and long-felt pain among many in our community. The origins of these disparities are not just causing individual injuries and injustices, but are so pervasive and detrimental that they are responsible for widespread damage to the well-being of the community as a whole.

Urbana, like many municipalities, is facing a serious budget crisis. Urbana was already working through a budget deficit before the pandemic, and now with decreasing revenues, budget issues will become even more difficult. The City will need creative solutions and leaders who are not afraid to make difficult decisions.

Due to the pandemic and the resulting economic slowdown, the budget crisis will not just be institutional – it will also extend to many individual residents of Urbana.

Economic growth will be one of the most important issues going forward, to help alleviate both the governmental budget problems, and elevate the economic well-being of individual residents. Any opportunities to lower property taxes (or at least limit increases) will also help attract investment and ease housing costs for everyone.

4. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Ward 2?

The MCORE Project has been of major significance to Ward 2 and Urbana in general. I look forward to the new opportunities that Project 5 will bring, but we need to honor the historic neighborhood and make efforts to listen to the concerns of nearby residents.

Infrastructure, particularly roads and sidewalks, remains a noticeable issue throughout Ward 2.

Properly balancing the desire for economic growth with the desire to keep intact the historic charm of the neighborhood has always been an important issue for Ward 2.

Crime is always a concern, and the public wants new solutions to reducing crime that put greater emphasis on solving problems of crime at their origins.

Please list three personal references:

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Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Julie R. Laut - [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Marlin, Diane
Subject: Re: FW: Application for Ward 2 City Council Position

Dear Diane,

I look forward to speaking with you as well!

Sincerely,

Julie

On 7/15/2020 at 9:11 AM, "Diane Marlin" <dwmarlin@urbanaillinois.us> wrote:

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your application. I'm looking forward to speaking with you! Diane

Diane Wolfe Marlin

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From: !City Clerk <CityClerk@urbanailinois.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Marlin, Diane <dwmalin@urbanailinois.us>; Brickman Levy, Kathryn <klbrickmanlevy@urbanailinois.us>
Subject: FW: Application for Ward 2 City Council Position

From: Julie R. Laut [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:20 PM
To: !City Clerk <CityClerk@urbanailinois.us>
Subject: Application for Ward 2 City Council Position

Hello,

My name is Julie Laut and I am please to submit materials for the open Ward 2 position on the Urbana City Council. As a home owner in Ward 2 for the past 8 years, a parent of two teens who went through the Urbana public schools, and a deeply invested community member, I would relish the opportunity to bring my wealth of experience and my love for this city to the Urbana City Council. Please note that due to a glitch in the PDF, I was unable to include my answer to question 3 on that form. I have included question 3 as a separate document, along with my full CV.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Julie

Julie Laut





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URBANA CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR VACANCY IN WARD 2

Name: Julie Laut
Address: [REDACTED] Urbana, IL 61801
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Employer: Self-employed
Occupation: Freelance writer and historian; community volunteer
How long have you lived in Ward 2? 8 years

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Urbana City Council?

My name is Julie Laut and I am pleased to submit my candidacy for consideration for the Ward 2 Urbana City Council seat. As a home owner, parent, and deeply invested community member, I would relish the opportunity to bring my wealth of experience and love for this city to the Urbana City Council. Urbana has been my home for the last decade, and I have lived with my family in Ward 2 for 8 years. Urbana is where my children have grown up, where I finished my education, where I purchased my home, and where I have become happily embedded into the life of the community. At each of the various stages of my life, I have found ways to utilize my energy and experience to improve the conditions of my peers, beginning with my first career as a high school teacher in Portland, Oregon. I am proud to have fostered a partnership between the union and the district to create a mentor program for new educators. Once I became a mother, I took on leadership in a local breastfeeding advocacy organization leading the way toward a successful federal grant that provided lactation support for low-income mothers. Here in Urbana, I served for three years on the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign's Board of Trustees, leading a highly successful year as board chair in my final year. My organizing was instrumental in the effort to raise over \$70,000 to install solar panels my first year on the board. And as board chair, I provided strong, clear leadership during the Rev. Florence Caplow's first year as our settled minister while also moving forward several other crucial agenda items including increased accessibility and a re-imagined budget process. My dedication to service continued during my time as Outreach and Development Coordinator at the University of Illinois Press, I helped establish several endowments, created a Friends of the Press program, developed a robust internship program, and created one day publishing symposia on both the UIUC and UIC campuses.

2. Please list education, training, work experience, community involvement, service on municipal boards and commissions, or any other experience which has prepared you to serve on the Urbana City Council. Attach CV, if desired.

Relevant Work Experience

Outreach and Development Coordinator and Acquisitions Assistant, University of Illinois Press, September 2015 - November 2019

Social Studies Teacher, Grant High School, Portland, Oregon, 1997-2001

Volunteer/Leadership Experience

Host, Little Free Pantry at our home, Spring 2020-Present

Member, Committee on Shared Ministry, UUCUC, 2019-Present

Chair, Board of Trustees, UUCUC, 2017-2018

Member, Board of Trustees, 2015-2018

President, History Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2010-2011

President, Nursing Mothers Counsel, Portland, Oregon, 2003-2005

Chair, Instruction and Professional Development Committee, Portland Association of Teachers, 1999-2000

Chair, New Educators Conference Committee, Oregon Association of Teacher, 1998-2000

Education

PhD in History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016

MA in History, Miami University, 2008

(See full CV attached)

3. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Urbana?

4. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Ward 2?

Ward 2 is a wonderful microcosm of Urbana in all of its diversity. It encompasses a wide range of housing, bumps up against the Northeast side of campus, and touches on the downtown business corridor. As a result, the residents of Ward 2 cover the spectrum of our college town - undergraduates close in to campus, graduate students in the quieter Main St. area, home owners in a beautiful historic district, townies who were born and raised in the public schools, and a wide range of small business owners. Ward 2 is also crossed by several major thoroughfares, revealing the issues of safe transport, especially biking and pedestrians. The vibrancy of this area is what drew me to it as a home owner. Since the shut down began in March, I have run a Little Free Pantry out of my front yard, a project that has put me in closer touch with my neighborhood than ever before. Here I see the community spirit of people giving as they are able, but I have also witnessed the great needs faced by our fellow citizens who are jobless or otherwise food insecure. And so, Ward 2's issues are reflective of those of Urbana as a whole. We need to focus on providing affordable housing to all, ensuring adequate access to food, developing safe transportation corridors for all modes of transport, attending to zoning in a responsible manner, and creating a new, community policing system that is responsive to the true needs of our citizens rather than reflective of a historical system of violence.

Please list three personal references:

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[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Name

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Occupation

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Signed:

[REDACTED]

Date:

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3. What do you believe are the most important Issues facing Urbana?

I believe that the City should continue to develop strategies to ensure safe transportation corridors for all modes of transport. Downtown remains an important focus for small business development. And, of course, Urbana faces the need to assess critically the role of policing in our community. The increased momentum of community input and demonstrations over the last few months point to the need for deep listening and an openness to consider alternatives to the norm. Many of the most important issues facing Urbana can be folded into the broad categories of access and equity. Urbana, for all its beauty and diversity, has not achieved equity for its citizens in terms of housing, food, education, transportation, technology, health, and safety. We are the beneficiaries of centuries of structural racism that have embedded within these systems and require us to work for equitable structural transformation. Adequate housing remains unaffordable to many in our community, not only renters but also the high property taxes paid by home owners. Too many in Urbana also face food instability, a particularly dire situation for young people. Not all households have access to fast, reliable internet, which more and more is an essential service in our society.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only served to heighten the challenges facing Urbana. It is more important than ever for our City leaders to be engaged with our constituents and aware of the evolving needs as unemployment remains high, health and safety feels ever more precarious, and business owners face difficult decisions regarding ongoing operational decisions. We will also need to work together to continue to provide essential municipal services despite a reduction in revenues as a result of the pandemic. This is a time for addressing current issues with an eye on the vision we have for the future of our community.

JULIE R. LAUT, PHD

PHONE [REDACTED] URBANA, IL 61820
EMAIL [REDACTED]

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Outreach and Development Consultant, January 2020-Present
Outreach and Development Coordinator & Acquisitions Assistant, University of Illinois Press, May 2017-November 2019
Conference Coordinator, Society for Historians of American Foreign Policy (SHAFR) August 2015-June 2017, January 2019-June 2019
Instructor, University of Illinois, Summer & Fall 2014
Research Assistant, UIUC, various, 2010-2015
Teaching Assistant, UIUC, Spring 2011, Fall 2012
Teaching Assistant, Miami University, 2006-2008
Social Studies Teacher, Grant High School, Portland, Oregon, 1997-2001

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Creator and Host, CU Lockdown Trivia, Urbana, IL, 2020-Present
Host, Little Free Pantry, at my home in Urbana, IL, 2020-Present
Member, Care Core Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign (UUCUC), 2020-Present
Member, Committee on Shared Ministry, UUCUC, 2019-Present
Chair, Board of Trustees, UUCUC, 2017-2018
Member, Board of Trustees, UUCUC, 2015-2017
President, History Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, 2010-2011
President, Nursing Mothers Counsel, Portland, Oregon, 2003-2005
Chair, Instruction and Professional Development Committee, Portland Association of Teachers, 1999-2000
Chair, New Educators Conference Committee, Oregon Association of Teacher, 1998-2000

EDUCATION

PhD in History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016
MA in History, Miami University, 2008
BA in History, Secondary Education, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1996

PUBLICATIONS

Article. "'The Woman Who Swayed America': Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, 1945." In *DEP: Deportate, esuli, profughe (Deported, Exiles, Refugees - Journal of Women's Memory Studies)*. 37:7 (2018).
Article. "A Collaborative Approach to Undergraduate Engagement," co-authored with Mara Thacker. In *portal: Libraries and the Academy* 18:22 (2018).

- Book Chapter. "Imperial Surveillance and the Mobile Body: Policing Transnational Anticolonial Activism in the Interwar Period." In *A Passionate Life: Writings By and On Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya*, edited by Vinay Lal and Ellen DuBois. Zubaan Books: 2017.
- Book Review. Review of LeeAnn Whites and Alecia P. Long, eds., *Occupied Women: Gender, Military Occupation, and the American Civil War*. In Coordinating Council on Women's History Newsletter. 2016.
- Book Review. "Unsettling the Discipline: Rethinking Transnational Feminism." Review of Leela Fernandes, *Transnational Feminism in the United States: Knowledge, Ethics, Power*. In *Women's Studies Quarterly: Solidarity* 42:3-4 (2014).

OTHER WRITING

- "Feminist Reflections on the 2016 Presidential Election." *The Public i*, January 2017.
- "Equal Pay Now, We Can't Afford to Wait." *The Public i*, April 2017.
- "Activists Among Us," ongoing series. *The Public i*, 2016-2017.
- "Radical Women – An Historical Perspective." *The Public i*, April 2016
- "Where is My Radical Gender Equity?" *The Public i*, March 2016.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Days Like This." Service Co-Organizer and Speaker, Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign (UUCUC), May 2020.
- "Career Diversity for Humanities PhDs." Invited panelist. Women's and Gender History Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 8 March 2019.
- "The Evolution of a Vision: Reflections on the University of Illinois Press at 100." Paper presented through the Spurlock Museum Third Thursday Series, Urbana, Illinois, August 2018.
- "#MeToo." Service Co-Organizer and Speaker, UUCUC, 29 April 2018.
- "UIUC Scholarship and the University of Illinois Press: A Century of Partnerships on Campus." Panelist. University of Illinois Archives Sesquicentennial Speakers Series, Champaign, Illinois, February 2018.
- "When Things Fall Apart." Service Co-Organizer and Speaker, UUCUC, 4 February 2018.
- Roundtable discussant. Screening of "India's Daughter" as part of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and International Week at the University of Illinois, 5 April 2016.
- "Gender-Based Violence in the Global South: South Asia and Beyond." Co-Organizer, Discussant, and Moderator for the Chai-Wai Event Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign International and Area Studies Library, November 2014.

REFERENCES

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Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Marlin, Diane
Cc: City Council
Subject: Recommending Chris Hansen for Ward 2 Council Appointment

Dear Mayor Marlin,

I am writing to convey my strong support for selection of Mr. Christopher Hansen for the vacant Ward 2 City Council Seat.

Based on my conversations with Mr. Hansen these past few months and from hearing his public input to many city meetings, I believe he would be a valuable addition to the council and a strong proponent for the public interest, particularly through increased transparency in city operations. I have been quite impressed by his persistence and the depth of knowledge of city functions that he has achieved as a private citizen. I believe that his energetic and engaged presence on the council in this time of increased public scrutiny would be incredibly valuable for Urbana Residents, the City Council, and your administration. While it is clear that you and he have some disagreements on points of policy and execution, I believe you both want what is best for the city and its residents, and am eager to see you 'on the same team'. In closing, I think Mr. Hansen's appointment would send a strong message that the city values resident input and is committed to bringing everyone together to improve Urbana.

As a side note: I hope you will make the selection process as transparent as possible. I ask that the Mayor and council please publicly discuss and make clear:

- The number of applicants
- Receipt of messages of support such as this one and any role that plays in your decision.
- Final selection criteria that were used.

Prior to voting on the final recommended replacement.

Best Wishes,
Bijal Patel
Resident of Ward 2, 2017+

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Marlin, Diane
Cc: City Council
Subject: support for Christopher Hansen's application

Dear Mayor Marlin,

I am writing to convey my strong support for selecting Mr. Christopher Hansen for the vacant Ward 2 City Council seat.

I've gotten to know Christopher over the last few months through his work around reform of the criminal justice system and citizen access to the CPRB. I find him to be diligent, trustworthy, and intelligent. His presence on the City Council would be of lasting benefit to the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rohn Koester

[REDACTED]
Urbana

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:13 AM
To: 'tditman@wdws.com'
Subject: RE: [Fwd: Re: Ward 2 applicatons]

We extended deadline to Friday at 5 pm. So far, there are two applicants. Will do press release after that.

Diane Wolfe Marlin
Mayor

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Ditman <tditman@wdws.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Marlin, Diane <dwmalin@urbanailinois.us>
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Ward 2 applicatons]

Are you planning to release the applicants' names?

-Tim

On Mon, July 13, 2020 7:28 am, Marlin, Diane wrote:

> Yes, WDWS is always included in releases.

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>> On Jul 13, 2020, at 6:50 AM, Tim Ditman <tditman@wdws.com> wrote:

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>> Hi Mayor,

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>> If you plan to release the names of the ward two applicants after
>> Wednesday's deadline, could you please include WDWS? Thanks, and
>> looking forward to chatting at 4:20 tomorrow. No heavy stuff :)

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>> -Tim

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>>> On Tue, June 30, 2020 12:16 pm, Tim Ditman wrote:

>>> Have you received any applications? The website says they go to the
>>> clerk but Phyllis told me they go to you.

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>>> -Tim

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>>>> On Mon, June 29, 2020 3:41 pm, Marlin, Diane wrote:

>>>> Yes.

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>>>> Diane Wolfe Marlin

>>>> Mayor

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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Tim Ditman <tditman@wdws.com>

>>>> Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:40 PM

>>>> To: Marlin, Diane <dwmalin@urbanaillinois.us>

>>>> Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Ward 2 applicatons]

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>>>> Thanks. Should I infer that there's been difficulty attracting applicants?

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>>>>> On Jun 29, 2020, at 3:23 PM, Marlin, Diane

>>>>> <dwmalin@urbanaillinois.us>

>>>>> wrote:

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>>>>> To give more opportunity for people to apply.

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>>>>> Diane Wolfe Marlin

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>>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>>> From: Tim Ditman <tditman@wdws.com>

>>>>> Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:00 PM

>>>>> To: Marlin, Diane <dwmalin@urbanaillinois.us>

>>>>> Subject: [Fwd: Re: Ward 2 applicatons]

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>>>>> Hi Mayor,

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>>>>> Can you help on this? Just curious. Thanks.

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>>>>> -Tim

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>>>>> ----- Original Message

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>>>>> Subject: Re: Ward 2 applicatons

>>>>> From: "Broihahn, Bridget" <bbbroihahn@urbanaillinois.us>

>>>> Date: Mon, June 29, 2020 2:33 pm
>>>> To: "tditman@wdws.com" <tditman@wdws.com>

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>>>> Hi Tim!!

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>>>> I'm not sure, to be honest. I was just asked to update the site.

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>>>> Stay healthy, my friend!

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>>>> Bridget Broihahn
>>>> Communications Specialist
>>>> City of Urbana

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>>>> From: Tim Ditman <tditman@wdws.com>
>>>> Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:44 PM
>>>> To: Broihahn, Bridget
>>>> Subject: Ward 2 applicatons

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>>>> Hi Bridget,
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>>>> Just curious - why was the deadline pushed back to 7/15?

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>>>> -Tim
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Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Janak, Christine Marie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Marlin, Diane
Cc: City Council
Subject: I recommend Chris Hansen for Ward 2 Council Appointment

Dear Mayor Marlin,

I am writing to convey my strong support for selection of Mr. Christopher Hansen for the vacant Ward 2 City Council seat.

Chris has been dedicated and active in addressing issues of police violence for years, and we need more people like this on our council. I believe he would be a strong proponent for the public interest, particularly in increasing transparency in city operations and decisions. I think Mr. Hansen's appointment would send a strong message that the city values resident input and is committed to bringing people together to improve Urbana.

I and many others hope that you will make the selection process as transparent as possible. I ask that the Mayor and council please publicly discuss and make clear:

- The number of applicants
- Receipt of messages of support such as this one and what kind of role they play in your decision process
- Final selection criteria that were used.

We ask that these items are shared and discussed publicly PRIOR to voting on the recommended placement.

This is a decision that will greatly shape the future of the council and its ability and commitment to work **FOR** and **WITH** the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Janak

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Lara Jobe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Marlin, Diane
Cc: !City Council; ! Roberts, Dennis
Subject: Recommending Chris Hansen for Ward 2 Council Appointment

I am writing to **convey my strong support for the selection of Mr. Christopher Hansen for the vacant Ward 2 City Council Seat.** Based on hearing his public input to many city meetings, I believe Mr. Hansen would be a valuable addition to the council and a strong proponent for the public interest, particularly through increased transparency in city operations. I have been quite impressed by his persistence and the depth of knowledge of city functions that he has achieved as a private citizen.

While it is clear that you and he have some disagreements on points of policy and execution, I believe it is ever important to work with those that think differently than you and to allow new voices on the council to get to what is best for the city and it's residents. In closing, I think Mr. Hansen's appointment would send a strong message that the city values resident input and is committed to bringing everyone together to improve Urbana. As a side note: I hope you will make the selection process as transparent as possible. I ask that the Mayor and council please publicly discuss and make clear:

- The number of applicants
- Receipt of messages of support such as this one and any role that plays in your decision.
- Final selection criteria that were used.

Prior to voting on the final recommended replacement.

Thanks,
Lara Orr, Ward 5

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: !City Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Marlin, Diane
Cc: Brickman Levy, Kathryn
Subject: FW: Ward 2 Vacancy Application - Jake Fava
Attachments: UCCWard2ApplicationJakeFava.pdf

Good afternoon,

See attached.

Thanks,

Wendy

From: Jake Fava [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 1:00 PM
To: !City Clerk <CityClerk@urbanaininois.us>
Subject: Ward 2 Vacancy Application - Jake Fava

Good afternoon,

Attached is my application to fill the Ward 2 vacancy in the Urbana City Council.

Let me know if you need anything else!

Jake

JAKE FAVA (HE,HIM,HIS)

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URBANA CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR VACANCY IN WARD 2

Name: Jake Fava
Address: [REDACTED] Urbana, IL 61801
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Employer: Siebel Center for Design (at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
Occupation: Design Strategist
How long have you lived in Ward 2? 4 years in August

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Urbana City Council?

Like many others, I was introduced to this community when I first came down to CU for school, and I had no intention to stay in town even a minute longer than I needed to. Little by little, however, Urbana started to grow on me. It began with attending local theatre and music performances, which before long turned into auditioning and performing myself. A couple years ago, when my plans changed and I knew I wasn't going to be completing my intended degree program in the typical 4 years, going back to the Chicago suburb I grew up in wasn't even an option - I had too many connections to this place and it's people to just pick up my things and leave.

It was at that point I decided Urbana was going to be my home for (at the very least) the next few years. I've fallen in love with this community - it's arts, it's events, and, most of all, it's people. I'm proud to be a resident here and I want to do everything in my power to make our community the best it can be for everyone that lives in it.

This somewhat-recent committment to sticking around has coincided with a dramatic uptick in calls to action and change across the country (and world) in response to the COVID-19 crisis and the murder of George Floyd. It's becoming increasingly apparent that many of the systems this country has been built on do not treat every individual equally, a fundamental requirment of a successful democracy. I want nothing more than to use my position and my priveledge to empower others and work towards creating a more equitable society.

2. Please list education, training, work experience, community involvement, service on municipal boards and commissions, or any other experience which has prepared you to serve on the Urbana City Council. Attach CV, if desired.

My work at the Siebel Center for Design revolves around "human-centered design," a problem-solving methodology that puts the people you're designing for - their wants, needs, and desires - at the center of the design process. The skillsets of collaboration with a diverse group of constituents, leading and managing projects with multi-disciplinary teams, and, perhaps most importantly, starting from a place of empathy and keeping an open mind to the lived experiences of others are integral to my work, and would be extremely beneficial in the context of the City Council, especially when it comes to understanding the real needs of the community and implementing meaningful change in response to those needs.

In the arts, I've been fortunate enough to have been cast in several recent theatre productions in the community, at both the Station Theatre and Parkland College. I've also worked myself into the local music scene, attending (and occasionally hosting) the Canopy Club Open Mic Night, which has led me to numerous opportunities to collaborate with other local artists and perform around town at various venues and events.

This year, I was also appointed precinct committeeperson for a neighboring precinct, and have been serving on the Voter Registration and Political Education committee, using my talents as a presenter (and experience with Zoom) to run training sessions for other precinct officers. This led to a similar involvement in Democratize This!, a webinar series accompanying a book co-written by local organizer and former City Council member Danielle Chynoweth.

3. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Urbana?

[This box doesn't work properly; my answer has been attached below]

4. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Ward 2?

Again - I want to explicitly acknowledge this is coming from just my perspective in just this moment, and it would be a top priority for me as Alderman to conduct direct conversations with my constituents in an effort to start understanding their challenges.

Off the top of my head - Ward 2 does contain some of the worst roads in the area; some of the streets with the original brick still showing (Busey Ave. in particular) could pose a threat to vehicles traversing it.

On another note, lots of Ward 2 residents are UIUC students, which makes me think there might be an opportunity to work towards bridging the gap between the student/campus community and the surrounding community, which are sometimes viewed as entirely separate groups - I'd like to change that.

Please list three personal references:

Name [redacted]
Occupation [redacted]
Address [redacted]
Phone [redacted]

Name [redacted]
Occupation [redacted]
Address [redacted]
Phone [redacted]

Name [redacted]
Occupation [redacted]
Address [redacted]
Phone [redacted]

Signed: [redacted]

Date: 7/17/20

Please return completed application via email to CityClerk@urbanaininois.us or by mail to:

Urbana City Clerk 400 S Vine St
Urbana, IL 61801

First off, I want to explicitly acknowledge that this is coming from just my perspective at just this moment in time, and that my first priority on City Council would be to talk to more of my constituents and get a more accurate picture of some of the challenges Urbana residents are facing today.

That being said, the largest issues that come to mind are those that are also currently playing out around the country - specifically regarding the coronavirus pandemic and the structural inequities it's bringing to light. Many Americans don't have access to adequate healthcare, and as a result are waiting as long as possible to seek help, potentially exasperating their conditions and costing more of the healthcare system and themselves. The moratorium on evictions may be providing temporary relief for Americans out of work, but it will be over in a couple of weeks, and renters (many of which are now out of work) will be required to come up with back-pay for the rent they missed.

Additionally, the pandemic is reducing numbers of polling locations across the country, and with our administration explicitly discouraging citizens from voting by mail, we're approaching one of the largest crises of voter suppression in the history of the United States.

Finally, the experience of black Americans today is filled with daily reminders of racial inequity, even in our own community. Just last month, a black female delivery driver was harassed and attacked by a racist Urbana citizen. Beyond the actions of just a few racist actors, this inequity is sustained and perpetuated by the very systems meant to protect our citizens, as clearly demonstrated by the beating of Aleyah Lewis and gross mishandling of the situation by the Urbana police department.

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Gastanaga, Kacie Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Marlin, Diane
Cc: City Council
Subject: Christopher Hansen for Ward 2 Seat

Dear Mayor Marlin,

I am an Urbana resident from Ward 3 writing today to express support for the nomination of Christopher Hansen for the vacant Ward 2 seat on the Urbana City Council.

Hansen has been an outspoken and involved advocate for police reform in Urbana, something we desperately need to explore at this moment. He is always engaged and speaking up at meetings on important issues. While other members of the council seem to resist desperately needed change or to want others to come up with solutions for them, Hansen clearly takes matters into his own hands and is willing to do the research and the work necessary for progress to happen. Now more than ever we need council members who reflect our young, progressive community members.

Finally, please make the selection process as transparent as possible by making the number of applicants public as well as the public input you receive in messages such as this and the criteria that are used to make the final decision.

Sincerely,
-Kacie Gastanaga

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Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Josue David Cisneros [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Marlin, Diane; !City Council
Subject: Support for Hansen for Ward 2

Hello,

I'm writing to support the application of Chris Hansen for the open seat in Ward 2. This is such an unprecedented time in the city and in the nation. There is so much to do and so many citizen concerns to respond to. I think it's important to choose a person for the vacant seat who doesn't have to take time to get up to speed but can jump right into the key work of the Council. Chris Hansen is a person who can do this, as is evidenced by his regular presence at Council meetings, his regular public comments, and his familiarity with the crucial work going on right now, such as reforming the CPRB. It is also important to get some unconventional voices in the City Council, somebody who has been working in community activism outside of the levers of government, and who can bring that experience into the city government as well. Mr. Hansen can bring this perspective.

Whatever the Mayor and Council's decision, I hope you'll make this selection process as transparent as possible.

Thanks for reading my comment.

Best,

David Cisneros
Ward 4

Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 12:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: City Council Application: Ward 2 Residency Requirement

Dear Jake,

After reviewing your application for the Ward 2 City Council vacancy, I regret to inform you that your residence at [REDACTED] is not within the boundaries of Ward 2. Your residence is in Ward 1. State statute requires that you must have lived in Ward 2 for at least one year prior to the appointment. (The southern boundary of Ward 2 is the north side of Illinois St.) Thank you for applying, your thoughtful consideration of issues important to Urbana, and your active involvement in the community. Diane Marlin

Diane Wolfe Marlin
Mayor

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Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 12:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ward 2 City council application: Residency requirement

Dear Karen,

Thank you for applying for the Ward 2 City Council vacancy. I regret to inform you that your residence at [REDACTED] is outside the boundaries of Ward 2. State statute requires that candidates must live within the boundaries of the ward for at least one year prior to the appointment. I appreciate your interest in the seat and all that you do for the community. I encourage you to consider applying for one of the open seats on our Boards and Commissions as another way to serve the community.

Sincerely,
Diane Marlin

Diane Wolfe Marlin
Mayor

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Brickman Levy, Kathryn

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:28 PM
To: ! Miller, Jared
Subject: FW: Ward 2 Vacancy

The woman lives in Ward 5

Diane Wolfe Marlin
Mayor

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From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:28 PM
To: ! Miller, Jared <jtmiller@urbanaininois.us>
Cc: Mitten, Carol <cjmitten@urbanaininois.us>; Brickman Levy, Kathryn <klbrickmanlevy@urbanaininois.us>
Subject: RE: Ward 2 Vacancy

There were 4 applicants. One was a woman who lives in Ward and Jake who lives in Ward 1 [REDACTED]

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From: ! Miller, Jared <jtmiller@urbanaininois.us>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Marlin, Diane <dwmarlin@urbanaininois.us>
Cc: Mitten, Carol <cjmitten@urbanaininois.us>; Brickman Levy, Kathryn <klbrickmanlevy@urbanaininois.us>
Subject: Re: Ward 2 Vacancy

Got it. He was the third applicant then yes?

From: Marlin, Diane
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:15 PM
To: ! Miller, Jared
Cc: Mitten, Carol; Brickman Levy, Kathryn
Subject: RE: Ward 2 Vacancy

Jake currently lives at [REDACTED] This is south of Illinois St., and is not in Ward 2. It's in Ward 1. The southern boundary of Ward 2 is the north side of Illinois St.

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Mayor

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From: ! Miller, Jared <jtmiller@urbanaillinois.us>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Marlin, Diane <dwwmarlin@urbanaillinois.us>; Brickman Levy, Kathryn <kbrickmanlevy@urbanaillinois.us>
Cc: Mitten, Carol <cjmitten@urbanaillinois.us>
Subject: Ward 2 Vacancy

Hi all,

I was expecting to see an application from Jake Fava in the mix for the vacancy. Was this the 3rd application for someone that did not live in the Ward?

I believe Jake had been at his current address in Ward 2 for less than a year but his previous address was also within Ward 2 and between both there was more than 1 year.

Please let me know, thank you.