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Re: Head Start Policy Council

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm pleased to submit my application for the Head Start Policy Council vacancy and am grateful for your time and consideration. I believe my experience and abilities make me a good fit for the role.

I have spent over a decade working in education. During that time, I've had the privilege of working with many expert researchers and authors to publish K-12 curricula, programs, and courses. Through that work, I have seen first-hand the impact that access to quality education can have on a child. There is not a starker example of that than early childhood education. In collaboration with its author, I managed the development of *We Can*, an early learning curriculum that aligns with the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework. That experience not only deepened my understanding of early childhood education, it convinced me of the important role communities must play to advance it.

My passion for community engagement expands beyond the education arena. Earlier this year, I was elected to board of Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN), Stapleton's Registered Neighborhood Organization. In addition to the education committee, I serve on SUN's sustainability committee. I have also recently joined the Quebec Street Multimodal Improvement Project, which will enhance mobility along Quebec Street from East 13th to East 26th Avenues. My time with SUN, in particular, has given me the opportunity to interface with passionate community members who often have competing interests. I've enjoyed hearing from these people as it almost always gives me more empathy for all involved.

I believe I can bring this spirit of collaboration, compassion, and communication to the Head Start Policy Council. I'm a good teammate and I strive to be a good ambassador for those I represent. I have strong interpersonal, communication, and public speaking skills that have helped me to efficiently develop ideas while working in cross-functional groups. I'm someone who thrives on taking the lead and I'm a reliable, hard-working person. I bring a positive and energetic attitude to my work and I am organized and reasoned in the way I approach my responsibilities.

I believe that my background, skill set, and enthusiasm for this work make me a good fit for this council. I look forward to continuing the conversation. Thank you very much for this opportunity and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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